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m. and got so wrapped up in my writing I left 'til sleep longer than she had wanted. So, we were a bit later leaving and I heard the beginning of CBS a.m. TV news. Bernard Kalb again took his own independent line from Peking, as he had in the "special" of which I told you. This time it was on freedom of correspondents' movement. It is real. They have been able to see diplomats of other countries without restraint, have been able to pick and go on their own side trips, one he specified is of a man who wanted to know how it is to take a bus ride in China! I think there have been several cases of this kind of thing. Collingwood on CBS is another. It leads me to believe that the censorship and line is not so much net policy as the individual's belief of what is expected of him, what he thinks will best serve his interest in the future, or his own preconceptions. I tell you these things in the belief that most Americans if not most people outside Russia and the more underdeveloped countries will be getting their opinions fixed not by the printed press but by the electronic. I haven't heard/seen any NBC stuff, but I have the last 3/8 of Today turned on in case they go to China, live or taped, for it also goes interest me....I got a bit further in Kh on Mao. I suppose that there is a subconscious self-defense that accounts for some of it. Some I find hard to believe, like Mao wanting a Russian expert to correct any errors in Mao's interpretations of Marx, and some an incredible self-reflection of insensitivity in areas where he recognized identical errors by Stalin, or at least in retrospect says he did. H