GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A new American offensive -- under way today in Viet Nam.

Airborne troops of the U.S. First Cavalry -- in "operation Eagle's Claw." Another expansion of that massive hunt-and Hill mission -- along the coastal plain about three hundred miles northeast of Saigon.

The first wave or Americans -- although pinned down by
intense enemy fire by nightfall had won the battle.



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TOUR

While Vice President Humphrey was on tour today in Viet Nam -- one of his traveling companions seemed much distrubed. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman -- who was supposed to help improve local farming methods -- astonished at the shortage of qualified agricultural personnel; both Vietnamese -- and American. Also agrivated -- by the recent drafting of South Viet Nam's number one Director of Agricultural Research.

Said Freeman: "He's one of the few people in this country with a PH.D. -- and they have him cleaning latrines."

At GENEVA -- tHE HEAD OF AMERICA'S BIG UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WAS ELECTED TODAY TO THE TOP JOB IN WORLD FROTESTANTISM. DR. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE SUCCEEDING DR. WILLIAM VISSER-HOOFT OF HOLIAND .- AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

DR. BLAKE -- A ONE-TINE PRINGEION FOOTBALL PLAYER; MULIXX MORE REGANTLY -- A LEADER IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHIS MOVEMENT. INDEED, HE WAS EVAN ARRESTED IN NINETEEN SIXIT-THREE - FOR PICKETING AN ALL-WIIIE AMUSEMENT PARK II BALTIMDRE.

NOW TO BECONE A KEY FIGURE -- IN THAT HISTORIC ECUMENICAL

DIALOGUE BETWEEN WORLD PROTESTANT LEADERS -- AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

INDIA
THE NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT OF MADAME INDRIRA GHANDI -- under INCREASING FIRE TODAY AT JAIPUR; AT THAT CONTINUING CONVENTION -- OF

HER OWN RULING CONGRESS PARTY.
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DELEGATES FROM THE HUNGER STRICKEN STATE OF KERALA -SPEARHEADING THE ATTACK, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEIR DAILY RICE RATION HAS BEEN CUT TO FIVE OUNCHES -- WHILE THE REST OF THE COUNLITY STILL GETS EIGHT AND A HALF OUNCES A DAY.

THE KERALA MEN WEARING BADGES THAT READ: "WE WANT RICE." THEIR SPOKESMEN ACCUSING THE GOVERNMENT -- OF CREATING A "FRANKENSTEIN OF STATISTICS;" WITH OFFICIAL RED TAPE SAID TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD SHORTAGES -- WHERE THERE SHOULD BE NONE AT ALL.

## RUSSIA

From Moscow -- news today of a massive 1iterary undertaking. The Russian Academy of Sciences ordering preparation -- of a new twelve volume history of the Soviet Union. A socalled "objective" history -- by official decree -- to replace all other history books of the Stalin and Khrushchev eras.

Some two hundred and seventy distinguished Soviet Historians -- to take part in the vefture. With publication set for November -- Nineteen-Sixty-Seven -- Fiftieth anniversary of the Russian Revolution. Purpose -- said the Academy -- to rectify errors "of the 'thirties and 'forties -when Stalin's role was exaggerated and the names of other leaders were ignored."

The Russian writers-says the dispatch-to be told to be fair and impartial -- also to ignore contomporary politics -- In the true "party spirit". But, do you think it will all turn out that way?

IN THE MFANTIME -- This trial conitnued today for those two

OTHIRR RUSSIAN WRITERS -- WHO TRIED TO BE "OBJECTIVE" ABOUT RUSSIA,
AND WED NOW STAND ACCUSED -- OF DISSEMINATTNG "ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA."

THE DEFENDINTS -- ANDREI SINYADSKI AND YULI DANIEL -- BOTH

TAKIIG THE STAND TODAY TO DEFFEND THEIR LOYALTY TO COMMUNISM. BOTH FORCED

TO ADNIT -- HOWEVER, THAT THEIR WRITTNGS COULD HAVE BEEN USED -- BY

MISHES OF TEE SOVIET UNION.

THREE OF THEIR CLOSEST FRIENDS LATER TESTIFYING -- that thece two

WRITERS IGMORED REPEATED WARNINGS of ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DANGER -- OF

SMUGOLING THEIR WORKS TO THE WEST.

IN INDONESIA -- ALL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WERE BARRED TODAY FROM AN EXIRAORDINARY MILITARY TRIBUNAL SET FOR NEXT MONDAY. THE SO-CALLED "PUBLIC" TRIAL -- OF LEADERS OF THAT ABORTIVE COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT SUKARNO.

RADIO JAKARTA ANNOUNCING THAT ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED -SOLELY TO PERSONS INVITED BY THE INDONESIAN ARM; INCLUDING -. AMONG OT:IARS -- A FEW LOCAL NEWSMEN; BUT BARRING FOREIGNERS - - i SAID THE ANIOUNCEMENT -- FOR FEAR "THEY WOULD MAKE REPORTS HOT BASED ON FACT."

THE BRITISH DRIVE FOR A REVOLUTIONARY MEW CONCEPT IN HUNAN

RELATIONS -- CLEARED ANOTHER MAJOR HURDLE TODAY. IN LONDON. THE HOUSE

OF COMQDNS GRANTING ADDITIONAL APPROVAL -- TO A BILL THAT WOULD LEGALIZE

THE PRACTICE OF ROMOSEXIUALITY BY CONSENTING ADULTS. FINAL APPROVAL --

EXPECIYZD SHORTLY.

This next -- for the ladies. Want to be a beauty queen?

Well, maybe here's your chance.

The Loyal League of Yiddish Sons of Erin -- today accepting applications for its Annual Beauty Contest. The winner to reign over the group's St. Patrick's Day Banquet! Maybe a girl named Bedelia Ginsberg.

The rules provide only that a contestant -- must be young, beautiful, Irish and Jewish. In other words -- a fine Yiddish Colleen. And would that be something to cause the Hogans, the Hannigans, the Murphys, and the Moran's to do a double-take? How about it Mr. Moran?

The Nation's death toll last year -- an all-time record high of Forty-Nine thousand accident victims. According to an announcement today in Chicago -- by the National Safety Council. Up three per cent over Mineteen Sixty-Four. This past December the worst month -- on record.

I had intended to take you to a fabulous grotto tonight, three miles deep in one of the mountains of Utah, where scientists are at work. But this was a rather heavy news day -- so our trip into that silver mine at Park City, Utah Will have to be postponed. And now from WARN, Ft. Pierce, Florida -- solong until Monday.

