GOCD EVENING EVERYBODY:

"We have stopped losing the war in Viet Nam."

Statement today -- from Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

At a Saigon news conference -- marking the end of his latest visit to the battle zone.

Now comes the task -- of sinning the war. And toward that end -- said McNamara -- the United States since June -- has nearly tripled the number of its combat personnel in Viet Nam. And we will send whatever further men and material are needed -- to counter Communist aggression.

"It will be a long war" -- McNamara went on -- but one that we are determined will end -- in the destruction of all Communist forces in South Viet Nam.

M anwhile, two captured American soldiers set free by
the Viet Cong -- arrived today in neighboring Cambodia.
Their release called by the Communists -- a gesture of good will toward anti-war demonstrators in the United States.

In London -- Britain reported ready today -- to send units of the R.A.F. to Zambia. Rhodesia's northern neighbor -- and a residual staging area for guerrilla raids into the white-ruled colony.

The troops -- requested by Zambian President Kenneth
Kaunda, Who is said to be under heavy pressure from his
African neighbors -- to permit forays by Black Nationalists
across the Zambian border. Kaunda reportedly convinced that he
can contain the guerrillas -- only with British support.

Informed sources in both London and Africa -emphasizing, however, that the British troops would be used -strictly "for defensive purposes."

An unprecedented display of national unity today -in the West German Parliament. With government and opposition
deputies jointly demanding full German participation -- in NATO
nuclear policy, Encluding the right to wato the use of American
nuclear weapons -- located in Germany.

Supporters of Chancellor Ludwig Erhard -- declaring that this is not a matter of prestige -- but one of security.

Noting that West Germany at present is the only MATO nation -- that does not have the right of veto over American weapons.

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To smoke or not to smoke -- that's the question today in Denver. One that threatens open war -- between management and labor.

The issue raised by Jesse Schwayder -- Chairman of the Board of the Samsonite Corporation, when he ordered the posting of "no smoking" signs -- in all the Company's offices and production departments.

The Chairman specifically noting that there is to be no smoking -- even on coffee breaks or during lunch periods.

Further quoting statistics purporting to show -- that ten billion dollars is lost to American families each year -- because so many wage earners die from smoking."

Reaction -- instantaneous. The United Rubber Workers
Union -- immediately filing a formal grievance, Threatening to
carry the issue to arbitration -- unless the order is rescinded
within five days.

No smoking -- perhaps good advice -- said the local

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union president. But an outright ban -- "alien to U.S.tradition."

"Next" -- he went on -- "we will be told what we can drink or
eat."

GEMINI

An electrical "bug" in the guidance system of the

Gemini-Seven -- was cleared up today at Cape Kennedy, Kemoving,

the hoped,

the last serious obstacle -- to America's first space

doubleheader. Virtually assuring that it will start as scheduled

this Saturday -- weather and the fates permitting.

Here in New York -- Fordham University tonight unveiled a new -- million-dollar-a-year faculty development plan, To be known as -- the "Great Teaching Program."

Designed to demonstrate -- said Fordham -- that "primary educational strength lies in the effective teacher." Chief ingredient of the plan -- a new pay scale, Providing a top salary of twenty-two thousand a year -- for teachers with the rank of full professor.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey today urged the establishment -- of a permanent U.N. peacekeeping force.

Including regional peace machinery for our own hemisphere -- based on the existing Inter-American system. This at the start of a three-day -- White House Conference on International Cooperation.

Humphrey noting that at least nine nations -- have offered troops for a U.N. "standby" reserve, with the U.S. and Britain -- having pledged logistic support. Adding that such a force was called for in the original U.N. charter -- and it's high time we had one.

British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart -- arrived in Moscow today, For talks with Soviet Premier Kosygin -- and Foreign Minister Gromyko, At which he is expected to propose -- a joint British and Soviet peace effort in Viet Nam.

The visit -- according to many Kremlinologists -- a gesture in futility. Not so -- says Stewart. The Briton asserting -- "it is very important even when you can't agree -- to know what's in the minds of the people you're visiting."

A bloodless coup today in the former French colony of

Dahomey -- on the West Coast of Africa. Army Chief-of-Staff

General Soglo -- no relation to Alto Soglow -- ousting

Dahomey's President Prime Minister -- who have been feuding

for years. Installing instead-- a provisional civilian

regime. Warning, however, that the Army will take over full

control -- unless the civilians can establish a stable

government.

About the size of Pennsylvania -- Dahomey is Jocated between Togo and Nigeria. With two million people it is the most densely populated country in all of West Africa.

Oh yes, and it's the birthplace -- of West Indian voodoo.

It's name meaning literally -- "Belly of Dan." Dan being a Seventeenth Century king -- who ate his enemies.

What's in a name? Consider this next -- from Greenfield, Massachusetts.

A fifteen-year-old boy -- arrested there today in the slaying of his stepfather. Whom he shot in the head with a shotgun -- at the height of a violent family quarrel.

The stepfather's name -- Abel Parent.

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From Morrisville, New York -- news today that seven-yearold Myron Dudkiewicz, of Hadley, Massachusetts -- has won
irst prize in the Nineteen-Sixty-Five Big Pumpkin Contest.
sponsored by the Garden Clubs of America, at Morrisville,
New York.

Little Myron's pumpkin -- about four times as heavy
as he is. Weighing in -- at a hundred and sixty-six pounds.
Werren would you call that some punkin?

Plans for a high-speed "subway system" -- from Boston
to Washington disclosed today at a regional transportation
conference in Norwalk, Connecticut, A subway system -- with xiraling
equipped with trains running'
at five hundred miles an hour -- through a pneumatic tube.

capable of making the entire three hundred and fifty mile trip -in ninety minutes -- with six stops along the way.

The inventor -- L.K. Edwards -- of Palo Alto,

California, Claiming that all he needs to make it a reality -
is community authorization -- and federal money -- your

money and name.