

GOOD EVENING:

A startling plot against the life of Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- discovered and smashed today in West Berlin. Police arresting eleven left-wing German extremists -- who allegedly conspired to assassinate the Vice President. In the process -- authorities confiscating a number of bombs -- some plastic bags filled with chemicals -- and what are called "other dangerous objects."

The sudden round-up following a massive police investigation -- of rumors circulating throughout Berlin the past few days. Rumors that extreme leftists were getting tear gas from Red China -- to use against Hubert Humphrey on his scheduled visit to Berlin tomorrow. The investigation leading quickly to one plotter after another -- most of them students in Berlin.

The Vice President -- still in Bonn at the time. Conferring with West German government leaders -- before going on to Berlin.

## VIETNAM

Heavily-armed U.S. helicopters doubtless the deciding factor in many a battle in Vietnam which would seem to account for this next -- from Saigon. News today that Viet Cong guerillas -- are now using rifles, claymore mines and even crossbows; in an effort to down the deadly choppers -- credited with wrecking havoc among Communist forces.

Another report today from Saigon -- telling of record Communist defections last month. More than five thousand, five hundred of the Viet Cong -- turning themselves in to Allied Forces.

Here at home -- a further indication today that draft deferments for college students -- may soon be a thing of the past. U.S. Commissioner of Education Harold Howe -- saying the matter is still open for public discussion. But as far as he is personally concerned -- said Howe -- "undergraduate deferment is no longer justified."

GENEVA

Meanwhile, United Nations Secretary General U Thant -- attending a U.N. function today in Geneva, Switzerland. And there declaring that prospects for peace in Vietnam -- are no better now than they were a year ago.

Instead of lessening hostilities -- said Thant -- there is "increasing intensification" of the war. Carrying with it -- the greater threat of a still "larger war" -- said he.

Who's to blame? It's not "for me to pass judgment" -- said Thant. Adding, however, that he can act on Vietnam only as a private citizen -- and not as a U.N. official; because of, quote, "the attitude of one of the parties" --

*, of course,*  
meaning, Hanoi.

ADEN

For the first time in three days -- comparative quiet today in the strife-torn British colony of Aden. With ~~the~~ three ~~men~~ <sup>members</sup> of a visiting United Nations Commission -- daring again to venture forth from their heavily-guarded hotel. Trying to determine how best to facilitate self-rule -- without setting off a civil war between rival Arab groups.

Result: A pitched battle -- between British troops and Cairo-backed Arab nationalists

The three U.N. emissaries -- conferring with political prisoners in Aden's Mansour Prison; when the Arab terrorists attacked a British armored patrol -- guarding the road to the jail. One Arab killed -- three wounded -- and two British servicemen also injured -- in the hour-long battle that followed.

Elsewhere in Aden -- scattered sniper fire and several grenade explosions. With terrorists also firing two ~~mortal~~ <sup>mortar</sup> shells -- into a native Army camp at nearby Sheikh Othman -- wounding two children.

## RED CHINA

News from and about Red China -- a study in bedlam today  
With no one really knowing what's going on -- or especially  
what's going to happen next.

For example, official Red Chinese propaganda outlets --  
building to fever pitch today with their attacks on President  
Liu Shao-Chi. Urging the people of Red China -- to join in  
a "mass movement for denouncing, attacking and destroying  
him."

Liu apparently powerless to fight back -- so he's  
blamed for all the ills currently plaguing China. To the  
point where militant Red Guards in Canton -- are now said  
to urge a simple solution to the problem: Kill Liu --  
and all his followers.

Nevertheless, an authoritative report today -- from  
neighboring Nepal. To the effect that Chairman Mao -- is  
trying desperately to purge Liu; but he has been unable  
as yet -- to get the majority he needs in the Communist Party

Congress.

Whatever the reason -- Liu remains the nominal president of Red China. But for how long -- we can only wait and see.

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**NEW YORK**

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## MAIL

U.S. postal rates -- going up again -- if President Johnson has anything to say about it. The President today asking Congress -- for an across-the-board increase in postal rates. One that would raise to six cents -- the cost of sending a letter by first class mail; to nine cents -- the cost of sending it by air mail. Said Rates proposed to take effect -- beginning July One.

At the same time -- the President urging a Four-point-five per cent pay increase -- for military personnel and civilian government workers. At an estimated cost -- of about a billion-a-year. If approved -- the pay increase effective -- October One.

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## SEATTLE

No more will the spotlight seek out "the Flying Wallendas" -- to thrill and delight circus-goers the world over.

Young Steve Wallenda -- the last of The Flying Wallendas -- writing "finis" to one of the world's greatest circus acts. As he begins a new career today with the U.S. Army -- at Fort Lewis near Seattle.

"The Flying Wallendas" -- perhaps the most daring aerialists of all time. Their difficult and perilous stunts -- claiming the lives of four members of the troupe since Nineteen-Twenty. One of them -- young Steve's mother. In addition -- countless injuries. One of which left Steve's cousin -- Mario Wallenda -- permanently paralyzed at age Twenty-Three.

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practice session. All of which will serve him in good stead -- in his new profession.

"I'm going to be a parachute jumper" -- says Steve Wallenda. "I like heights" -- he explains. Adding that, after all, the highest he "ever got in the circus -- was only fifty feet above the ground."

So far -- at least one potential candidate has already turned down the job -- we're told. With the U.S. government further waiting -- unofficially -- that it may be against the law for any American to take the assignment.

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## EAST BERLIN

Here's a surprise. The government of Communist East Germany -- currently shopping for a very special man on Madison Avenue, according to word today -- from East Berlin.

**Purpose:** To hire the chosen party -- as a so-called "cultural representative." In reality -- a public relations man; whose job would be that of trying to improve -- East Germany's rather forbidding image in the United States.

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## DARWIN

From Darwin, Australia -- a follow-up today to that weekend story about a Frenchman and his wife; rescued from a sinking raft -- after spending two months shipwrecked on a desert island.

Only four days after he was returned to civilization -- Henri Bourdens setting out from Darwin today in a borrowed yacht. Heading back to Bathurst Island -- in the Timor Sea north of Australia; in an effort to recover expensive equipment and personal gear -- still aboard his own wrecked boat.

Bourdens' wife -- Jose -- staying behind this time.

And Bourdens admitting, for his part, that the trip could have waited awhile -- until he had completely regained his strength.

The Frenchman adding, however, that he simply had to get "some peace and quiet" -- away from all the newsmen who have been bothering him the past four days. Said he -- of civilization: "I'm just about worn out -- by all the fuss."

**ROCKFORD**

A final story -- from Rockford, Michigan. Where five-year-old Thomas Smith today called a telephone operator -- and hollered "help" -- his father was going to hit him with a baseball bat.

The operator quickly alerting police -- who rushed to the scene; only to find there was no baseball bat -- and the youngster was in no real danger. He was just trying to get out of a spanking -- for failing to go to school.

P.S. He got the spanking -- anyway.

This is Maurie Webster -- and that's it for tonight.