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In Washington, Paris, Saigon, - right around the globe - a growing air of anticipation; all related to President Nixon scheduled broadcast address - which will be coming up in just a short time, tonight.

Chief topic, of course - the war in Viet Nam; with special emphasis on the outcome of that recent Laos offensive - also, the effect it will have on future U.S. withdrawals. Indeed, some predicting the President will announce plans to pull back - another quarter of a million U.S. troops by mid-Nineteen Seventy-Two; which would then leave in Viet Nam - a residual force of fewer than fifty-thousand G.I.'s. The President's address to be carried live - here on these CBS radio stations.

LOS ANGELES

For Vice President Agnew - a brief stop today at Los Angeles; where he decried the fact that a great number of citizens - have chosen continually to "accentuate the negative" in American life. The Vice-President calling this a symptom of increasing masochism in the U.S.; as further evidenced - said he - by a growing feeling "that we must cry out to the world - that we are guilty to great transgressions."

Maybe so - maybe so - says Spiro Agnew.

But it might help - he adds - if these same people would "accentuate the positive" once in a while. As for example, a fifty percent decline in the number of U.S. poor over the past decade - also a fifty percent decline in illiteracy. Vice-President Agnew noting - we must be doing something right.

KREMLIN

At the Kremlin's Palace of Congress - again - where seldom is heard a dissenting word - another case of just that today; with the chief delegates from Japan, Chile and Belgium - all addressing the Soviet's Twenty-fourth Communist Party Congress; all contending that the various Communist Parties around the globe - must be free and independent and not ruled by Moscow.

This, in effect, an echo of remarks made last week - by delegate from Rumania, Italy, Spain, and Yugoslavia. According to Kremlinologists, this is an indication of growing "Polycentrism" - as opposed to monolithic Communism; and thus a direct challenge to the so-called "Brezhnev doctrines" - as he presented them in Czechoslovakia.

NAGOYA

92/ Nagoy, Japan - the finals of the world
championship table-tennis tournament; won, as usual -
by Red China. But accompanied by that surprising
development, the Red Chinese extending an invitation -
to the entire U.S. table-tennis team and all it's
officials; an invitation to visit Red China - and there take
part in a series of friendly matches; which bid - was
promptly accepted by the U.S. team. The Chinese Reds
for years have been tops at table tennis.

A Red Chinese official later saying that
Peking - in his words - "still resolutely opposes the
U.S. government policy of aggression and war." Adding,
'however, that the Chinese people would like to "promote
friendly relations with the American people." The U.S.
State Department in Washington - promptly saying okay.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The White House again - another special message to Congress. The same as last year and the year before - President Nixon urging the approval of expanded "home-rule" for the District of Columbia. This - said he - in order "to stop tying the cities hands" - to stop "squandering Congress' valuable time."

The President adding; "let the new American revolution - which we seek for all Americans - let it begin here - in the nation's capitol; and now - in

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From George Meany president of AFL-CIA

an indictment of administration anti-inflationary policy; especially - said he - the application of wage restraints on construction workers - "while providing subsidies and aid for the banks and big business," said he.

George Meany adding that labor "wants inflation ended - wants full employment restored;" and is "willing to sacrifice these goals - as much as anyone else, for as long as anyone else." "But," he went on, we will not be the scapegoat for this administration's ill-conceived game plan."

WEST BERLIN

In a crowded courtroom in West Berlin - nearly thirty years after - a verdict at last, in the case of Kurt Venter, the man who served as Deputy Gestapo Chief in Berlin during World War II - the man accused of helping kill an estimated twenty-thousand Jews. He is found officially not guilty. This was followed immediately by cries of "shame"! and "scandal"! Whereupon the Judge - ordered the courtroom cleared. Later saying he knew the verdict would meet with strong

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ROME

April in Paris - multa bene, magnifico! Ah, but April in Rome - indeed, all of Italy not so magnifico. A nationwide general strike today idled an estimated eleven-million workers, including a host of factory employees, bus and streetcar operators, sales clerks, teachers, newspapermen and so on and so on.

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Tough on tourists; since hotel workers already were on strike. It was a bright sunshiny day in Rome, and the strikers seemed in a gay, holiday mood. As many tourists left for Greece, Spain, anywhere Warren, as they said ah revaderchi Roma.

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SAN FRANCISCO

The legendary Turner Catledge - former editor of the New York Times - a visitor to San Francisco; where he discussed his new book - "My Life and the Times"; and also allowed as how Calvin Coolidge - was his all-time favorite president. This - said he - because Coolidge's "calm, silent, quiet way of not doing things." And he added: "Why, Calvin Coolidge was so cool - he could get up at the final game of the World Series - with the score tied - and just leave.

The brilliant ex-New York Times man further saying - that he always tried to maintain a reasonable distance from celebrities. And the main reason - said he - the fact that newsmen "have to deal with these people sometimes - the same as, say, an undertaker with a body." That - from a man who did indeed know where many a body was buried.