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GOOD EVENING.

The famed "Freedom Bridge" between North and South Vietnam -- symbol of hope in that embattled land. The one remaining place -- where friend and foe may meet one day -- to talk of peace. Yet the gateway today -- for a sudden, diversionary raid by North Vietnamese troops.

Enemy forces storming across the bridge -- charging into an empty military compound -- and generally tearing things apart. Until they were driven back -- by U.S. artillery. The bridge normally so peaceful -- it had been left totally unguarded.

Meanwhile, the main raid -- a much more deadly attack -- at Quang Tri, twenty miles to the South. Viet Cong guerillas stabbing to the heart of the city -- there freeing two hundred and fifty of their comrades -- held

captive in a local jail.

At least eight American Marines and a number of government troops -- were lost in the action. However, the enemy also paying dearly -- leaving behind at least ninety dead.

ABRAMS

General Creighton Abrams Junior -- a hero in Europe and later in Korea -- America's new Number Two military man in Vietnam; by appointment today -- from President Johnson.

Abrams to serve as chief deputy to General William Westmoreland -- currently U.S. military chief in Vietnam. The White House calling his assignment -- part of continuing effort to beef up Westmoreland's command strength.

Rumors persist, however, that Abrams will eventually succeed Westmoreland -- as U.S. commander in Vietnam. With the latter returning home -- to become Army Chief of Staff.

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## BERLIN

Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- smiling and confident on his arrival today in West Berlin. Ignoring threats against his life -- in the glow of a cheering crowd of West Berliners.

Mayor Heinrich Albertz calling the visit -- a "new sign of the indivisible ties of friendship -- between the United States and the people of Berlin." Hubert Humphrey replying -- that the American people "love freedom; and we intend to see that free cities and free men -- continue to live in freedom" -- said he.

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## BEVERLY HILLS

Little Kenneth Young of Beverly Hills, California -- happily reunited with his parents today. Except for a shaven head and lack of sleep -- apparently unharmed by three days in the hands of kidnapers.

The boy's father -- Herbert Young -- head of a major California banking concern; who paid a quarter-of-a-million dollars -- for his son's safe return. Highest ever -- where the victim was returned alive.

But the only thing the money is likely to buy -- is a good long trip to prison. The ransom consisting entirely -- of Hundred dollar Federal Reserve notes. Serial numbers of which -- are now being circulated throughout the country.

## NEW YORK

In New York -- a new defection today -- in the AFTRA strike against the three major radio and television networks. About ninety per cent of the staff writers at ABC -- joining engineers and others in a sympathy strike. Leaving their jobs -- to executive and supervisory personnel; many of whom -- are now in their second week of double duty.

However, both sides in the main dispute -- were summoned late today to a mediation meeting in N.Y. tomorrow night. And both sides -- have agreed to attend.

## CAIRO

Leaders of five leftist African nations -- were holding a "Little Summit" conference today in Cairo. Colonel Nasser of Egypt -- Houari Boumedienne of Algeria -- Julius Nyerere of Tanzania -- Moktar Ould Daddah of Mauritania -- and a personal representative of President Sekou Toure of Guinea.

In the end -- the delegates releasing each other from a mutual pledge; not to restore diplomatic relations with Britain -- until Britain itself topples the breakaway government of Rhodesia. All five reportedly agreeing that a continued break with Britain -- would serve no practical purpose.

Not stated -- but readily apparent -- the fact that Nasser is now most anxious to restore contact with Britain. In hopes of improving the position of Cairo-backed Arab nationalists -- in the current crisis in the British colony of Aden.

ADEN

Speaking of Aden -- another battle-royal there today. With British troops in armored cars -- joining native forces in the suburb of Sheikh Othman. Trying to quell new violence -- ordered by rival Arab nationalists.

Center of today's saction -- a Moslem mosque. The British blasting away at snipers on nearby rooftops -- while native troops cleaned out the houst of worship. Rounding up fifty persons -- but apparently missing the terrorists who started it all.

One touching irony: As the native soldiers entered the mosque -- perhaps to face death -- each of them removing his shoes -- as required by Moslem law.



## PALM BEACH

This next -- a double-barreled item -- beginning in Palm Beach, Florida. Where a group of top medical scientists -- were discussing the hazards of cigarette-smoking.

Principal speaker -- Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond of the American Cancer Society. Presenting latest figures -- on lung cancer, heart disease and emphysema; showing a death rate among smokers -- nearly double that of non-smokers.

Then why do people keep on smoking? At least one possible answer -- found today in a British scientific journal. Reporting that cigarette-smoking -- can be a very important factor in a person's "will to succeed."

Reason -- we're told -- because nicotine releases in the brain -- a chemical called acetylcholine. Which is said to reduce tension -- and thereby permit full effort "to accomplish some demanding task."

The full effect -- different, of course, for  
different smokers. The article concluding, however,  
that for many people -- cigarettes thus satisfy "an  
apparently deep-seated appetite."

A final story -- in a moment.

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**TORONTO**

Believe it or not -- there are certain types of people -- who are literally thin-skinned; and others -- who are really thick-skinned. The proof -- in a study reported today from the University of Toronto.

A pair of Toronto scientists -- using X-rays -- actually measuring the skin-depths in a cross-section of Canadian citizens. Some having skin markedly thinner than average -- as, for example, those with over-active adrenal glands.

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