

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Hundreds of clergymen and laymen -- from America's major religious faiths -- marched on the Pentagon today. Their peaceful demonstration -- a call for peace. Nine members of an inter-religious committee later meeting with Defense Secretary Robert McNamara; to express what they called "the sincere desire of the American people -- for a peaceful settlement in Viet Nam."

But in Viet Nam itself -- no peace as yet. And in the meantime -- another Fourteen hundred Marines and a thousand Paratroopers -- landed there today; raising U.S. military strength in that embattled area -- to a total of forty-five thousand men. A new high.

## NATO

A heated clash between France and the United States -- reported today at that NATO Council Meeting in London. Today's session -- closed to newsmen. But French Foreign Minister Couve de Murville <sup>is</sup> ~~λ~~ said to have renewed the French attack on U.S. policies in Viet Nam. Warning that the stepped-up war in Viet Nam could well lead to an all-out war with Red China. And perhaps even the Soviet Union.

This reply from Secretary of State Dean Rush. The President's offer of unconditional peace talks -- still stands. But the Communists -- said he -- apparently want no part of a negotiated peace -- at this time. Or if they do <sup>he infers that</sup> ~~λ~~ it's the best-kept secret in the world.

## SPACE

For the first time in seven years of space exploration -- the Russians pinpointed their goal in advance. The Russian Luna-Five-headed for history's first featherweight landing -- on the moon. So said the Soviets. Estimated time of arrival -- ten-fifteen tonight -- Moscow time.

But at ten-fifteen -- no word. Indeed, it was nearly eleven when the Soviet News Agency Tass -- ~~was~~<sup>9</sup> issued a terse sixty-word announcement. The Luna-Five had hit the moon near the Sea of Clouds -- five minutes ahead of schedule -- said Tass. Adding only that the flight had gathered -- "a great deal of information." Information needed -- said Tass -- "for further elaboration of a system for a soft landing on the moon."

Translation -- the Luna-Five -- a flop. One explanation offered by Western scientists -- who monitored the flight. The Luna-Five's retro-rockets -- apparently failing to function as planned. So the scheduled "soft" landing became a hard one; with red Red faces -- all around.

## PAY

*Nearly a billion dollars in federal-pay-increases -- proposed by President Johnson today -- in a special message to Congress. The projected wage hike -- based on the report of a special federal salary review board.*

*Proposed pay increases averaging out to Three per cent -- for civilian government employees. Four-point-eight per cent -- for officers and enlisted personnel with more than two years of military service. And Two-point-seven per cent -- for enlisted men with less than two years' service.*



## SEARCH

GUTA

**The Coast Guard today launched a sea and**

**air search -- for a thirty-two-foot ketch -- believed**

**lost in the Gulf of Mexico. The boat carrying three**

**young Ohioans -- on a return voyage from Colombia.**

**Last reported near Cozumel, <sup>Island</sup> -- off the Coast of Mexico, <sup>Yukatan</sup>**

**and headed for Key West. But now -- more than a week**

**over-due.**

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## CUBA

*In Havana -- Cuban authorities today announced the arrest -- of thirty-one so called "counter revolutionary spies". The alleged spy ring -- said to be in the service of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. Their reports supposedly routed to Washington -- via the Guantanamo Naval Base. Those arrested include two women -- but apparently no Americans.*

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## IRAQ

The government of Iraq today ordered an immediate break -- in diplomatic relations with West Germany. This in anticipation of the final step -- in West Germany's plan to establish diplomatic ties -- with Israel.

Iraq thus the first nation of the Arab world -- to split with the Bonn government. ~~But certainly not~~ All the others -- save three -- have promised to follow suit -- the minute West Germany recognizes Israel. And official announcement of that recognition is expected tomorrow.

## BEIRUT

Two American correspondents -- hurt in a jeep clash while covering the Yemeni civil war. Dana Adams Schmidt of the New York Times -- and John Rigos of the Christian Science Monitor. Schmidt the more seriously injured is said to have a cracked vertebrae -- and now immobilized in a cast.

The two men confined to a Red Cross Hospital in North Yemen -- near the border of Saudi Arabia. To be flown shortly to a hospital in Beirut.



## MOSLEMS

Ten thousand blood-drenched Moslems --  
marched through the streets of Karachi today, <sup>all</sup> ~~these~~  
members of the Shia sect -- commemorating the death  
of Caliph Imam Hussain in the Iraqi desert -- thirteen  
centuries ago.

Among the marchers -- hundreds of men and  
boys -- bare to the waist, Who flailed themselves with  
knives -- attached to long chains -- while their fellow-  
faithful counted in cadence. This flagellation intended  
to symbolize -- the agony of Caliph Hussain. Tortured  
and finally slain on the banks of the Euphrates -- in  
the year Six-forty.

## INDIA

In New Delhi -- some hard talk today from General Cariappa -- retired commander-in-chief of the Indian Army. The General declaring that India -- forced to rely on its own resources -- would be hard put to defend itself against Red China -- or any of her satellites. Pakistan apparently considered -- one of these satellites.

However, the general offers this partial solution. A pact with the Western Powers -- to guarantee -- India against Nuclear attack.

## INDONESIA

The vast island-nation of Indonesia was declared "off limits" today -- by the American Society of Travel Agents. Indonesia's travel delegates also banned -- from the Thirty-fifth Annual World Travel Congress, to be held this September --in Hong Kong.

The travel agents expressing their vital interest -- in promoting travel at home and abroad -- "for greater global understanding"; but adding: "We cannot with clear conscience ignore the abusive attitude of Indonesia -- toward the United States".

Indonesia no longer a place to visit, Dick, not even lovely Bali, home of the topless.

## FIRE

A fire today -- at Buckingham Palace; in London -- but confined to staff quarters at the back of the palace -- the part of that huge building overlooking the Royal Gardens. Nevertheless, a bonus for the fireman. They were treated to a close-up of Queen Elizabeth -- watching them -- as they put out the fire.