Good Evening Everybody:

On this final day before the New Hompshire

primary - one interesting turn of events concerns a

man who hasn't done a bit of campaigning, and - isn't

even in the country. One poll indicates that Cabot

Lodge could win tomorrow - because of a massive

write-in vote.

However, the actual leader at the moment seems to be - I repeat seems to be - Senator Goldwater. The Arizona Conservative, as you know, has been campaigning in his special way. And his backers tonight claim a lead - over the rest of the G.O.P. hopefuls.

But the Rockefeller camp also is talking up

optimistically tonight - because they are sure the New

Hampshire educated New York govern-or is reaching

The American Secretary of Defense -- made one thing clear today. The Vietnamese regime of General Khanh -- has the full backing of the United States.

Secretary McNamara, saying this at every stop -- during his tour of South Viet Nam. He seems convinced the General knows what he is doing, and will use American aid skillfully in the war against the Red guerrillas.

That aid, to be continued -- until the war is won.

"More optimistic than during my last visit." says

Defense Secretary McNamara.

the New Hampshire electorate. And will pass Goldwater - and all of the other candidates tomorrow.

On the other hand, firm predictions also are being made -- by supporters of Richard Nixon who are saying that Nixon will have to be considered a major candidate for the nomination -- after tomorrow's write-in vote.

Virtually out of the running, according to the pollsters - Senator Margaret Chase Smith, who may get three per cent of the votes. And Harold Stassen - with maybe one per cent.

CIVIL RIGHTS

To nobody's surprise, the Senate failed to

call up the Civil Rights Bill - unanimously. Democratic

leader Mike Mansfield - made the suggestion. And

Senator Hill of Alabama - said "No" to that. So

Senator Mansfield had to make a formal motion - that

the Senators debate the measure. "As long as is

necessary" - were the words of the Montana Democrat.

Which means a long, long time - according to the southerners in the Senate. For they vow to fillibuster the bill to death - if they can.

The statement that Cyprus is close to Civil

War -- sounds like an understatement. As far as the

city of Paphos is concerned -- the civil war is already

on, and a hand-to-hand battle -- has left the center of

Paphos a shambles. Fires raging -- out of control.

A pall of dense black smoke -- towering into the sky.

Plus the rattle of machine guns, and the roar of hand

grenades -- as Greeks and Turks continue the battle.

Casualties? All anyone knows is that there have been

The danger tonight is that Turkey will send an expeditionary force -- to support the Turkish Cypriots. Which might caust Greece to intervene -- on the side of the Greek Cypriots. A development that could lead once more to war between Turkey and Greece. Which Britain, America, and the U.N. hope to avert.

If you are driving a space vehicle, and you run into trouble -- what do you do? Why - you S.O.S. just as if you were in a ship or a plane. At least, that's what you'll do - if the American proposal is accepted by the Geneva Conference on Space.

Our prople are suggesting that the present system of emergency regulations be extended - from the earth to the sky. An S.O.S. to indicate that spacemen need help somewhere between the earth and the sun.

With other space vehicles in the area duty bound - to fly to the rescue.

Interesting thought - an S.O.S. from the vicinity of Mars or Saturn. Help, this is Venus - I'm in trouble.

A group of Italian missionaries -- have just returned from Booted out - by the Sudanese government. the Sudan. Among them, Father Guido Giudice (Joo-dee-chay) eighty-six-years old. Sixty years a missionary in the Sudan, he arrived only fifteen years after General Gordon was cut down in Khartoum - by the whirling dervishes led by the Mahdi. He got there on the heels of - General Kitchener. Kitchener of Khartoum, who revenged Gordon - by defeating the dervishes in the great Battle of Omdurman in 1898. He saw Kitchener renovate the Sudanese capital. And he remained in Khartoum all during this century - until he was expelled last month. Italian Father Guido Giudice, who vividly recalls the great days of the British Empire.

A chivalrous robber. Place - London.

Stan Lardner, deciding to rob Mrs. Agot Balensi - wife of a Norwegian television executive. He got into the plush Balensi flat in Park Lane - not with a jimmy - but with a bouquet. While the maid was putting the flowers in a vase - the gentleman robber tied Mrs. Balensi - on the bed. When she said she was uncomfortable - he paused to place a pillow under her head.

Then he began to rifle her jewel case. When she begged him to leave her diamond earrings because they were of sentimental value - Stan gallantly put them back. But he took the rest of the tems - a haul worth ten thousand pounds sterling.

But the robber wound up at London's Old Bailey after the bobbies caught him. Where his gallantry brought him - a light sentence. The Judge, telling this latter-day raffles - "I don't wish to be hard on

a gentleman who knows how to treat a lady - even if
he is rather casual about other people's belongings.

Okay - Dick!

WEATHER

Flood warnings in the Ohio Valley below

Louisville, with the Ohio River at an elevation of thirty-five feet, six feet - above flood stage.

Louisville is protected - by a wall built to the uncertain Ohio from flooding the city, but some of the suburbs - already are under two feet of water.

Out here in the West where I am - snow, snow and more snow. I'll be bucking a snow storm when I leave this studio in a few minutes.