GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

More violent protest today in Saigon -- against the military government of Premier Ky. A teen-age Buddhist girl setting fire to herself -- a young boy swallowing poison.

Another thirteen-year-old boy shot in the leg -- in the fifth straight day of street riots. At the same time -- the National Buddhist Institute calling a three-day general strike -- to begin tomorrow.

And a showdown apparently brewing -- in the northern city of Hue. Government paratroopers and combat police today sweeping from the streets -- all rebel demonstrators as well as their Buddhist altars. Driving the dissidents back to the safety of their last stronghold -- the city's ancient imperial fortress.

In the war itself -- big American B-Fifty-Twos today struck at an area near the Cambodian border; where spotter

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planes had sighted about Fifteen Hundred Communists -- apparently planning a major offensive.

In Washington -- a new set of guidelines -- was issued today by the Food and Drug Administration; the better to regulate America's Half-Billion-Dollar-a-year market -- in so-called health foods.

The new rules providing: One -- that a food can be labeled "low calorie" -- only if it contains Fifteen or fewer calories per serving; Two -- that a food can be labeled "reduced in calories" -- only if it contains at least fifty per cent fewer calories than normal; three -- that promotion of "shotgun" multi-vitamin and mineral supplements -- that allegedly meet "no dietary need and ten to deceive the cunsumer" -- shall henceforth be barred; and Four -- that only under certain specified conditions -- may a food be listed as "fortified" with vitamins and minerals.

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson will travel to Washington late next month -- for another meeting with President Johnson. The announcement today from London -- quickly confirmed by the White House.

The planned talks described on both sides of the

Atlantic -- as just "another in their periodic meetings."

Intended to permit "a general discussion" -- of world affairs.

Nevertheless, the meeting will be the first between the two men -- since Wilson's solid victory in recent British elections. A fact expected to give him a far stronger voice -- this time around.

HELSINKI FOLLOW MEETING

Another call for a general European summit conference
-- comes today from Helsinki. Visiting Soviet Premier

Kosygin -- latest Russian official to take up the cry. In
the interest -- said he -- "of securing peace."

This -- said Kosygin -- "amatter affecting all European governments -- large and small." In line with past Soviet policy -- the Russians apparently still hoping to exclude the United States -- from any such meeting.

However, meeting or no -- Kosygin warned West Germany against false optimism over reunification. Europe must now recognize -- said he -- that there are Two German states.

LEAD IN TO THOMAS TAPE

Lowell Thomas is en route home tonight -- from the wilds of Alaska. Meanwhile, a special report -- asking a special question.

Thank you Lowell. And in answer to your question, yes, I have been in Greece recently.

ACROPOLIS (MR. THOMAS' TAPE)

Good Evening Everybody:

Greetings Dallas. Have you bee in Athens recently?

The curator of the matchless Parthenon says, alas, that

the Acropolis -- the Parthenon -- ancient and glorious

survivor of a hundred wars -- is fast crumbling under the

onslaught of man and nature. According to Greek and British

archaeologists -- the Acropolis already is so far gone -- that

it could fall to pieces at any moment.

and without. Inside -- from iron reinforcements added to the marble columns by conquering Turks -- in the early Eighteen

Hundreds; in one of many face-lifting operations -- down

through the centuries. The iron slowly swelling as it

oxidizes -- or rusts -- swelling to the point where it now

threatens to shatter the marble it was supposed to support.

On the outside -- a malady known as "marble sickness."

Layer after layer of the marble -- the stone -- peeling away

attack from wind, rain, salt air and, most

Athenean
expecially -- modern-day/smog.

The archaeologists agreed -- that restoration of the Acropolis must begin immediately or the symbol of the birthplace of Western Civilization -- will soon be little more than a pile of dust.

Now that we are saving Abu Simbel, far up the Nile, shall we do somthing about the Parthenon?

The "new look" in Russia -- a series of startling innovations introduced for the first time in Moscow -- at a government fashion show.

To begin with -- the Russian models were slim to the point of starvation -- instead of on the ample side -- as before. And the clothese they wore were typically Op art -- with lines, zig-zags, circles and squares going every which way. Most astounding of all -- skirts a good Two inches above the knee; where only a few weeks ago -- the government was urging Russian women to keep the kneecap modestly covered.

Unfortunately, the new styles will mean little to many Russian women -- who will contunue to wear heavy padded clothing.

But actually, when you get right down to it, Warren, it depends a great deal on the kneecap.

This next story -- perhaps best told in the words of an eyewitness -- a suburban Chicago woman. "I was sleeping" -- said Mrs. Lillian Hildebrand - - "when I heard a great commotion. It sounded like dragging chains, and when I looked I thought -- "Oh, my Meavens, -- am I going crazy?"

The answer -- happily -- no. What Mrs. Hildebrand saw was, indeed -- a pair of full-grown female elephants. Barbara and Kay -- escapees from a carnival in suburban Franklin Park; who wandered through backyards and busy streets for four hours -- before they were finally caught. After doing all kinds of damage and causing a great commotion.

Even so -- Kay managing one final gesture of defiance.

When her trainer drew near -- she squirted him with a trunkful of water.

Dallas Townsend saying Good Night.