GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At the United Nations, Russia today fully endorsed a resolution - by thirty-nine Afro-Asian states, calling for a world disarmament conference next year - to include Communist China. The Soviets arguing that there can be no true disarmament - as long as China is "artifically excluded" from negotiations.

The American reply - that China "must at an appropriate time - participate directly" in disarmament talks. But, that time- has not yet arrived.

Halfway round the world - a major battle brewing tonight in Viet Nam - near the big U S Marine Base at Da Nang.

Two battalions of Vietnamese troopers - met by withering ground fire. When they attempted to land by helicopter - in a counter-attack on the provincial capital of Hiep Duc, Where several anti-Communist defenders - yesterday were impaled on stakes.

American and Vietnamese air support - later bombing and strafing the Communists for two hours. The landing finally completed, more Viet Cong reported on the way, As government troops - dug time dug in for the night.

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Henry Wallace - one-time so prominent in

American politics - dead today at Danbury, Connecticut age seventy-seven.

Henry Wallace - one of the original New Dealers,

Secretary of Agriculture for eight years - Vice President

for four. Secretary of Commerce - under both Roosevelt

and Trumen - before he broke the administration and ran

for President in Nineteen Forty-Eight - with extreme left

support.

A gentleman farmer in recent years - he was concerned primarily with agricultural research. Developing new breeds of corn - giant strawberries - better eggs - and bigger flowers. Death the result of a long battle - with lateral sclerosis. Henry Wallace, a friendly, genial lowan who for years was one of the most controversial figures in American political life.

Britain's Princess Margaret completed her captivation of Washington today - and took off for New York, there to enjoy six more days of sight-seeing - and being seen.

The final act in Washington - the planting of a tree on the British Embassy grounds. Where the Princess was hailed - as another Lady Bird Johnson. Now in New York - a party tonight, a visit to the United Nations - and a non-stop social whirl to complete her American tour.

At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul today ordered the start of beatification proceedings - for his two immediate predecessors:—Pope John the Twenty-Third -- and Pope Pius the Twelfth. This the first step - toward sainthood. Also the first time in centuries - perhaps in all Catholic history - that a Pope has personally intervened to speed up the process.

At the same time - Pope Paul today authorized a six-month jubilee - or "Little Holy Year" - beginning December Eighth, To spread the spirit of the Ecumenical Council - throughout the world - said he.

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson charged today - that rebel Premier Ian Smith is guilty of "an act of treason" his attempt to replace Sir Humphrey Gibbs - as the Governor of Rhodesia.

Wilson asserting that Gibbs holds office - "at Her Majesty's pleasure - and can be removed only on her instructions." Under British law - the crime of treason punishable by death.

A later report - that Wilson will send a diplomatic mission to Zambia - formerly northern Rhodesia. In response to Zambia's request for British troops - to guard the Kariba Dam from possible Rhodesian sabotage.

The first of three drill instructors charged with brutal treatment of Marine recruits - went on trial today at Parris Island, South Carolina. Staff Sergeant Clyde Cornelison of Cocoa Beach, Florida - accused of mistreating his men in a "flagrant, planned and almost purposeful manner."

The case instituted by parents of six necon recruits

- in Cornelison's platoon, Who contend that he and his two
assistants - kicked, slapped, choked and beat their sons,
When it's illegal for an instructor even to touch a recruit "in a hostile manner."

Another session today - of that White House conference on Civil Rights. Setting as its foremost legislative goal for Nineteen Sixty-Six - enactment of a federal law to protect Civil Rights workers in the south.

Top negro leaders also voiced strong support of "fair jury" legislation - that President Johnson has promised for next year. Further urging the government to consider as a "last resort" - the possibility of appointing federal jury registrars - similar to federal voting registrars.

I intended to give a few more sidelights on this week's great flight around the world - but I am putting it off until tomorrow evening. Join me then and we'll fly around the world by both Poles - with airmen Austin and Finch.

An explanation today - from Lucy Baines Johnson,

About that ring she wore last night - third-finger, left hand.

Luci reporting through a White House aide - that it was not an engagement ring at all - as many had suspected.

The one she had had - since high school, a gold ring with two prexe pearls - set in a cluster of diamonds, which she described as a "bread and butter gift" - from a girl friend.

Bread and butter? Sounds more like champagne and caviar - wouldn't you say?

Prom London - news today of a reigning beauty

Queen - who has just turned her back on Hollywood. Britain's

Ann Sidney - Miss World for Nineteen Sixty-Five - rejecting

Instead Annia Journal

a high-priced American film offer. To join a British stock

theatre company - at a starting salary of twenty-two bucks

a week.

Her first role - that of a witch in Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

Two items out of Moscow today - that maybe reflect the so-called "glory" of Communism.

The first - a report that more than a hundred thousand Russians have been kicked out of the Communist Party - in the past three years. Chief reasons for expulsion listed as - abuse of party membership for personal advantage - undignified behavior in private life - embezzlement - and - alcoholism.

The second item - a government Kremlin call for a war on alcoholism - based on a recent medical report.

The report said to show that of every three Muscovites taken to hospitals for first aid - two turn out to be stoned - or Stew what is the present term for dead drunk.

A hair-raising scandal - today in Rome. Resulting in the arrest of American businessman Robert Lynn Akers - formerly of Decatur, Illinois. Atong with the indictment of two Italians - allegedly associated with his Italian enterprise.

All three - charged with "aggravated fraud and illegal practice of the medical profession". In the operation of hair and scalp studios - for the treatment of baldness.