ELECTION

Good Evening: Election Day, Nineteen-Seventy-One - another exercise in democracy; with millions of voters pouring forth - to cast their ballots in state and local elections; in some cases - braving rain, sleet and even snow.

This - an off-year election, of course; including, nevertheless, mayoral races in eight major cities - also, two governorships. But more than that, the first test of voter impact - from newly-enfranchised eighteen-to-twenty-one-year -olds; an impact that could have a profound effect - on next year's Presidential race.

Not many returns are in yet, of course - but here with some of the first ones is CBS Correspondent Stuart Novins.

At the White House - a strategy meeting today between President Nixon and Secretary of State William Rogers; aimed at bringing back for a second chance - that Senate-rejected foreign aid bill.

Rogers later saying the Senate vote was, - "a very serious blow to the foreign policy of the United States;" in that it jeopardizes Paris peace negotiations - also, Mideast peace efforts - as well as efforts to establish new diplomatic contacts with Russia and Red China.

Rogers adding, in short - a new foreign aid bill is

"essential to foreign policy." A theme he'll repeat tomorrow,

no doubt - in a scheduled appearance before the Senate

Foreign Relations Committee.

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Defense Secretary Melvin Laird - off again today on another trip to Saigon; where he plans to take a fresh appraisal - of how fast the U.S. can proceed with additional troop withdrawals.

Before he left - Laird also getting in a plug for a the model continuation of U.S. foreign aid. Noting that America's "Vietnamization" program - "has been made possible through the application of military assistance and foreign military sales."

Laird further expressing confidence - that a new foreign aid bill in some form will be enacted. Observing:

"The Congress acts in a very responsible fashion when the chips are down."

Re China's new Ambassador-designate to the United

Nations - is that country's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs,

Chiao Kuan-Hua. Announced today - in a telegram from

Peking.

Chiao Kuan-Hua - a man who has already represented Red China in several international parleys over the years; including a long-ago U.N. session - dealing with the Taiwan problem.

In addition, Peking naming as its permanent representative on the U.N. Security Council - its current Ambassador to Canada, Huang Hua.

At Belfast in Northern Ireland - a series of terrorist bombings today; ending in twin blasts - at a pub and a clothing store on either side of a police station.

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People in the clothing store - given sufficient time to evacuate the premises. In the pub though - only a few seconds and it wasn't enough. The blast there killing at less two - injuring some thirty.

LONDON FOLLOW BELFAST

This came almost simultaneous - with the opening of a new session of the British Parliament in London.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth - dressed in velvet and ermine robes and crowned with diamonds - pledged that "the violence in Northern Ireland shall be brought to an end."

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At Tel Aviv - a visit today from four African heads of state - describing themselves as "Ambassadors of Peace."

These include Nigeria's Yakubu Gowon - Senegal's Leopold

Senghor - and Zaire's Joseph Mobutu.

The peace delegates saying they had been assigned their task - at the last meeting of the Organization of African Unity. Urging a Mideast peace agreement - based on U.N. resolution number Two-Forty-Two; which calls for Israeli withdrawal - while extending a formal welcome - stating flatly it will not accept any outside dictation.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "ITALY #1"

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas; discussing tonight - another leg of his journey across Europe. Lowell...

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A final story - after this.

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The winner of this year's Nobel Prize for Chemistry
- a German-born Canadian; Dr. Gerhard Herzberg - age
sixty-seven; for his studies - dealing with "the chemistry of
space."

And the winner in physics - a one-man U.N.; Dr.

Dennis Gabor - age seventy-one; who was born in Hungary achieved his greatest success in Great Britain - now works
in the U.S. - and maintains a villa in Italy:

Incidentally, Dr. Gabor noting that he usually gets
his inspirations - while shaving. And then he added: "I
suppose people with beards do not have so many ideas - that's
something for young people to remember."

Now Lowell Thomas