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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A vigorous defense of the present selective service system was made today by veteran Draft Director General Lewis Hershey; on national television, and later before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

To begin with General Hershey urges extension of compulsory education -- beyond the age of sixteen. This -- said he -- to broaden the base of the draft. General Hershey further asserting that the greatest inequity of Selective Service -- is not that college youths get a break through deferments, but rather that there are so many -- a total of two and a half million so far -- who could not pass the mental test.

Before the Senate penal -- General Hershey defending the present draft as far better for national defense than any form of universal service, such as suggested last week -- by Defense Secretary McNamara.

ROMNEY

A news conference today -- at Lansing, Michigan; for the man considered by some -- to be the present front-runner in the race for the Republican nomination for President in Nineteen-Sixty-Eight.

As expected -- George Romney today announced his candidacy for a third term -- as Governor of Michigan. But deftly dodging the barrage of questions -- about White House ambitions. Said he: Who can foresee with certainty what will happen two to four months from now -- let alone two to four years from now?"

VIETNAM

Halfway round the world at Saigon -- Vietnamese Marines and riot police were spreading a blanket of tear gas to break up a demonstration by some four thousand Buddhists who were shouting "Down with Ky!" "Down with Ky!"

At Hue -- bastion of the Buddhists some seven thousand students were in a noisy demonstration -- on the banks of the Perfume River. Some even cutting their fingers -- to write messages in blood to President Johnson; demanding withdrawal of American support -- of the Ky government.

Aside from all that, American and Allied troops today took the initiative from the Viet Cong; on virtually every front; killing hundreds of the Viet Cong and possibly wrecking their plans for a monsoon offensive.

PEACE

Those long-awaited peace talks between Malaysia and Indonesia -- are now scheduled to get under way before the week is out. Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik announcing today at Jakarta -- that he will fly to Bangkok within forty-eight hours; there to meet with Malaysian Deputy Premier Tun Abdul Razak -- and pave the way to an end of their three-year-old undeclared war.

At Kuala Lumpur -- Premier Tun Abdul Razak himself adding -- "there is no reason the talks cannot succeed." Further predicting a meeting soon between Malaysian Premier Tengku Abdul Rahman and President Sukarno of Indonesia -- if all goes as planned. Quite different to that Sukarno when he vowed to "crush Malaysia."

UGANDA

Despite the arrest of dissident King Freddie of Buganda -- and apparent smashing of his plan to secede from Uganda -- that East African nation is reported tonight on the verge of all-out civil war. News from Uganda's capital city of Kampala -- telling of violent street-fighting between government troops and rebel forces.


According to the government -- some twenty killed so far -- including several Europeans. With unconfirmed reports that the death toll -- is more like two hundred. Tribesmen loyal to King Freddie -- the Kabaka of Buganda -- refusing to bow down to the President of Uganda.

NATO

A joint communique issued today - in Bonn and in London, following two days of talks - between West German Chancellor ~~Ludwig~~ Erhard and British Prime Minister ~~Harold~~ Wilson.

The two nations said to be in full agreement - on the need to "maintain and improve the effectiveness" of Nato's integrated defense system; in spite of DeGaulle's decision - to withdraw French forces from Nato, ~~command~~. Nevertheless, urging an attempt at agreement with DeGaulle - to assure the French a "continuing place in the alliance."

This apparently in line with DeGaulle's contention - that his military withdrawal from Nato - will have no effect on his other ties with that organization.



ADD NATO

Later - on his own - Chancellor Erhard

suggesting that Nato should become "a political platform".

*One - ^{On} said he: - from which to launch East-West
negotiations - to secure peace for all of Europe.*

KIDNAP

From Terryville, Connecticut comes the story of a six year old boy -- little Michael Albee, who as he waited for a school bus, was kidnapped by thirty-three year old Albert Bunn.

Whether to hold the boy for ransom nobody knows. Police quickly closing in on the kidnapper -- in a home made stone fort behind his home. One of the policemen -- wounded by Bunn, before the kidnapper finally traded the lad for a quart of water.

The end came minutes later with the police storming the fort -- and killing Bunn. Relatives later told police that he had been "despondent" of late.

As for little Michael, unperturbed, back at home he was last seen playing happily.

The arrest of sixteen persons in nine states - announced today by the Justice Department. All ~~of them~~ charged with using so-called "blue boxes" to avoid paying for long distance telephone calls.

The alleged violations said to have taken place - in New York, Maryland, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, California and New Jersey.

A number of the alleged violators - said to be ~~glam~~ gamblers involved in the transmission of ~~bad~~ betting information.

If convicted - subject to sentences ranging up to five years ~~in jail~~ -- along with a ten thousand dollar fine.

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The "blue box" - an electronic device more formally known as a multi-frequency signal generator - that blocks normal billing procedures - for interstate telephone calls.

SKIRTS

From Oxford, England -- news today of a strict ban on mini-skirts -- the latest fashion fad of British co-eds; at least -- during final exams.

The reason stated by Mrs. Mary Proudfoot observing that the short-short skirts -- "have a habit of riding up almost to the waist." The likely result -- said she -- that male students will let their eyes wander -- lose their concentration -- and possibly fail their exams.

Student reaction -- in a word -- ridiculous. Said one coed -- "Why I don't see how short skirts could embarrass a man in any way." Said one Oxford male; Stew -- "A distraction, they're an inspiration!"

BANK

Across the Atlantic -- five masked bandits today hijacked an armored truck -- outside a West London bank, escaping with a hundred thousand pounds -- two hundred and seventy-seven thousand dollars -- in cold cash. All done in about three minutes.

The robbery -- one of the biggest ever in Britain believed surpassed only by the Great Train Robbery of Nineteen-Sixty-Three -- when the haul was some seven million; most of which is still missing.