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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At the White House -- Republicans as well as Democratic congressional leaders -- were briefed today by Vice President Humphrey, just returned -- from Viet Nam and the Far East.

The Vice President's report later drawing support from members of both parties; especially -- Senate Republican Leader Dirksen and House Republican Chairman Ford; both firmly endorsing administration policy -- in Viet Nam. Adding that the American people are -- "somewhat aghast" -- at the spectacle of Democratic disunity on the same subject.

Dirksen and Ford also declaring -- that the major political issue of Nineteen Sixty-Six -- will not be the war -- but rather -- the threat of inflation.

VIETNAM

American and Australian troops beat back a pair of Viet Cong ambushes today in their drive on a suspected Viet Cong supply area -- thirty miles from Saigon.

The fighting so fierce at one point -- that the commander of a disabled American tank called for small arms fire on his own vehicle, to knock off a swarm of Communists -- attempting to blow up the tank with grenades.

The enemy finally routed -- by a barrage of artillery and machine gun fire, that killed at least eighty-nine guerrillas -- and sent others screaming into the jungle with their clothes afire.

But in fighting today near Bong Son, U.S. Air Cavalrymen encountering such heavy opposition -- that they were forced to pull back, leaving behind -- their dead and wounded.

NIGERIA

President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana - a man who liked to call himself "the redeemer" of his country - was swept from power today by a rising tide of popular resentment. A pre-dawn military coup - virtually unopposed by anyone except Nkrumah's personal guard, which held out for six hours in his fortress-like residence at Accra - and then surrendered meekly to the Ghanian Army.

By mid-afternoon - an army supported national liberation council - firmly in control of the government. The rebel-held Ghana radio - blaming the revolt on Kwame Nkrumah's long abuse of power. The absent "redeemer" said to have run Ghana - "as his own personal property," ^{and} bringing the country - "to the brink of national bankruptcy."

Leader of the ~~leading~~ coup - identified as forty year old army Colonel E. K. Kotoka. Who later appealed

to Ghanians abroad to arrest Nkrumah on sight -

and
~~presumably~~ return him to Accra, to stand trial.

NKRUMAH

As for Nkrumah -- he already had departed enroute to Red China, on a personal peace mission when the lightning struck at home. No mention of the coup -- when he landed at Peking where a cheering crowd, a brass band, a ~~XXXXX~~ twenty-one gun salute and a personal greeting from Premier Chou En Lai in no way suggested that the Ghana President ^{was} ~~was~~ President of Ghana no more.

However, a few hours later -- Radio Peking announced a flat rejection of Nkrumah's peace overtures. Citing his own previous statemtn -- that there can be no peace talks until American forces withdraw from Viet Nam.

Incidentally, Nkrumah's ouster marks the seventh government upheavel in Africa -- in less than four months.

Syria

Ousted Syrian President Amin Hafez -- captured yesterday by leftist army rebels -- is reported tonight to have escaped to "an unknown destination," where he is now supposedly in hiding.

Nevertheless, the rebels today relaxed a nationwide ~~curfew~~⁹ curfew -- apparently convinced their coup has succeeded. Some four hundred are said to have been killed in the fighting, with most of the casualties in a clash between the army and local National Guardsmen -- at the ousted President's home city -- Aleppo.

INDONESIA

In Jakarta - another violent demonstration today by Indonesian students. Attempting to halt the swearing-in of new ministers - in Sukarno's new leftist cabinet.

For the second straight day - police forced to fire on the rioters to prevent them from storming the palace grounds. At that, the Ministers had to be flown in and out of the ceremony - by helicopter.

And Sukarno's welcoming speech^{was} all but drowned out by the sirens of ambulances - racing to pick up wounded students.

JUSTICE

Military justice was tempered with mercy today - in West Berlin. In the case of two American soldiers - sentenced recently to a total of seven months at hard labor, for providing the American uniforms - used in a refugee escape from Communist East Berlin.

The American commander in Berlin - who reviewed the verdict - to day ~~suspended~~^{ed} the unserved portions of both sentences, ~~Because~~ - said he - of the soldiers' ~~many~~ youth, their good reputations, -- and their previously ~~an~~ excellent records.

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CHOLESTEROL

As you may have heard - there are some doctors who ~~do~~ consider cholesterol an ^{important} ~~xxxx~~ factor in heart disease. And, there are some - who don't. ~~well,~~ To add to the confusion ^{comes} ~~λ~~ this ~~provocative news~~ today from London:-

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A pair of British scientists reporting that the amount of cholesterol in a man's blood - may be markedly higher; if the blood sample used in the test - is taken while he is standing rather than lying down. Among a wide sampling of test subjects - the average cholesterol count was found to be about thirteen percent higher standing than lying. According to the ~~xxxx~~ Britons, - clearly enough to make the difference between normal and so-called abnormal.

DOG

From Chicago -- the story today of a national canine problem; drunken dogs. This reported by Dr. Harry Booth -- at a meeting of the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association.

According to Dr. Booth -- a plastered pooch generally gets his start around a cocktail party; when a guest allows him to lap up some hard liquor. Whereupon the dog begins to like it -- and thereafter hangs around to get more and more.

How can you tell when your dog is a secret drunk? Easy -- says Dr. Booth. The morning after he's bleary-eyed, listless and looks like he's got a headache. In short, hung-over.

The remedy? Warren -- a bit of the hair of the dog that bit him? I wonder?

UNIFORM

Put a young man in uniform - and like as not you get a soldier. Put a young woman in uniform - and like as not you get problems.

The ~~an~~ proof comes today from Jerusalem. In the finding of a recent poll - among Israel's shapely good soldiers. Asked if they had any complaints about Army food - the girls replied - emphatically: "yes - it's too fattening."

Result - a new starch-free diet for the girls infantry. *An* *evidently* *not*
~~One~~ army determined to travel ~~not~~
-- on its stomach.