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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A flat denial today -- from White House Press

Secretary Bill Moyers to published charges that he talked

officials of the National Council of Churches -- into

toning down a statement on Viet Nam. The charge --

"ridiculous and untrue" -- said Moyers. Adding simply:

"it did not happen."

DRAFT

A drastic cut in the scheduled March draft quota was ordered today by the Defense Department. A Cut of ten thousand five hundred men - reducing the monthly draft call to some twenty-two thousand men. Lowest number since last August. Reduction of the quota - in the face of expanded war needs - credited to a ^{major} ~~startling~~ jump ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ voluntary enlistments.

FIGHT

Plans for a Chicago title bout next month -
between heavyweight Cassius Clay and Ernie Terrell -
were kayoed today ~~in~~ by the state of Illinois. State
Attorney General William Clark, voiding the fight
contract on a legal technicality. The action following
by half an hour - Clay's refusal to apologize for
so-called "unpatriotic" remarks, ^{that came} ~~these~~ in the wake
of his recent reclassification - to one-A in the draft.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam -- a Viet Cong defector played pied piper today -- to two hundred and seventy six fellow villagers. Persuading them by loud speaker from a Marine helicopter -- to leave their homes for a new life -- free from Viet Cong-Chinese Communist domination. The villagers were met by Marines -- who later escorted them to a refugee center near Tam Ky -- about three hundred and fifty miles northwest of Saigon.

INDONESIA

Sukarno who earlier today was reported ousted as President -- tonight appears to be still firmly in command in Indonesia. At any rate he ordered dissolution of an anti-Communist student group that led two days of rioting against his new leftist cabinet clamped a curfew on Jakarta: and there are more signs of a new thaw -- in relations between Indonesia and Red China. Radio Jakarta announcing plans to reopen a consulate in Canton to replace the Indonesian mission closed in Shanghai last November.

GHANA

Was yesterday's revolt against President Kwame Nkrumah the real thing? Nkrumah himself says no - but jubilant Ghanians held a ~~victory~~ victory celebration today in the streets of Accra, smashing with elaborate ceremony - a ten foot statue of the self-styled ~~king~~ "redeemer" - a statue right in the center of the Gold Coast capitol. It was the most conspicuous of the thousands of portraits and statues of himself - that Nkrumah had posted throughout the country.

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Furthermore, today there was a mass round-up of Nkrumah's political followers. The defacto National Liberation Council now in control - moving quickly to consolidate its power. It's the old old story of what happens when a dictator is bold enough to leave his country.

Nkrumah himself issued a statement today

at Ghana's Embassy in Peking, where he was visiting Communist cohorts - when the lightning coup took ~~xxx~~ place at home. In it he asserted that he's still President of the bankrupt Gold Coast country. From far off Peking he insists he's still supreme commander of Ghana's armed forces - and that he will return to Ghana - soon.

To do so now, however - would mean almost certain death. So it's expected he will ~~join~~ join his wife and family - who already have fled to Egypt.

THOMAS

Another two years was added today to the prison sentence of Eugene Thomas. One of three Klu Klux Klan -- implicated in the night rider slaying of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo of Detroit.

The new sentence ordered by a federal judge at Birmingham, Alabama -- following the Eugene Thomas conviction on a charge of illegal possession of a sawed-off shotgun. The gun in question -- taken from his home by FBI agents -- the day after Mrs. Liuzzo's death.

The two year term be added to the ten year sentence -- imposed last August, when convicted on an earlier charge of -- violating Mrs. Liuzzo's civil rights.

TELEVISION

By order today of the federal Trade Commission - a lot of television sets are suddenly going to ^{appear} ~~set a lot~~ smaller. The F T C decreeing that, henceforth, the advertised size of a television set - must conform ^{precisely} ~~precisely~~ to the actual size of the viewing area. For example, a set that previously boasted a twenty-one inch picture ^{that is -} ~~measured~~ diagonally," now becomes a flat "nineteen inch set" which it really was - all the time.

SUICIDE

A famous one-time Soviet army officer -- who defected to the United States during World War Two -- today finally ended his long self-imposed exile. Former Major Victor Kravchenko -- who lived in America under the name of Peter Martin -- shooting himself in the temple at his New York apartment. A friend later reporting he had been "very unhappy" -- depressed about the war in Vietnam.

Kravchenko was the author of "I Chose Freedom" -- a highly controversial book published during the early days of the cold war. Later he found a rich Inca gold mine high in the Andes. He was sixty-one.

MARRIAGE

From Brussels comes news of an attempt ~~in~~
at long last - to scrap a Napoleonic decree that goes
way back to the year Eighteen Hundred and Eight.

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A Napoleonic decree forbidding marriage by officers
and men of the Belgian army - unless granted government
permission.

Under the law - penalties have ranged from
loss of pay to loss of ~~pension~~ pension rights. All soon
to be changed - by a bill cleared for action today, in
the Belgian Parliament, a bill permitting Belgian
military men - the right to marry whomever they please,
with ^{or without} ~~official~~ - official government permission.

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It took a century and a half - but love has
finally found the way.

OXFORD

Speaking of love and marriage in Belgium, here's a related item from across the Channel. It comes today from Oxford, England, and reports adoption by an overwhelming vote -- of a motion presented before the famous Oxford Union Debating Society. The motion to wit: "That sex is too interesting -- to be left to married people."

And, now -- for comment, if any -- here's the number one bachelor around here -- Warren Moran.

MILWAUKEE

From Milwaukee -- the story today of a teen-age auto thief -- who won a rather surprising sentence from the judge who heard his case.

The boy -- in court -- admitting that he stole six cars over a period of months -- and took them joyriding all over town. Whereupon, the judge commented: " I am delighted to see a person of such strong will and determination."

"But remember" -- said the Judge -- "remember that success doesn't mean taking other people's property." And, with that, he suspended sentence -- on condition the boy enroll in a school for the handicapped.

The judge's helping hand extended to a boy born -- without hands -- in fact born without arms. And now from WBRK, Pittsfield, Massachusetts -- Solong until Monday.