

Billy Graham's 'Doubts' on the

Washington

The Rev. Billy Graham, the evangelist, said that the Vietnam War is a "judgment of God on America" and that he'd had "grave questions" about it from the very beginning.

Graham, who is a close friend of President Nixon, was one of three preachers at a White House church service yesterday.

In an interview later, Graham also said that he feared some of the side effects of American involvement. "I thought that we were beginning to destroy that which we went there to save," he stated.

He said that he had avoided making public his person-

al reservations about the war because "then I would be forced to take sides in every war in the world."

Asked about his reaction to news of the renewed bombing of North Vietnam's cities last month, the evangelist replied: "I'll be honest with you. I felt gloomy. Like all Americans, I thought a cease-fire was imminent. I think that this was what caused the reaction across the nation."

Asked about his thoughts on the war, he said, "I doubted from the beginning over sending American troops anywhere without the will to win. We entered the war almost deliberately to lose it.

"You see, when the Rus-

sians went into Czechoslovakia they went with such overwhelming power that there was no battle. Nobody was killed. I don't think we should ever fight these long drawn-out half-hearted wars. It's like cutting a cat's tail off a half inch at a time."

He explained that over the years he had kept his reservations quiet because "all through this period I have not been sure whether our involvement was right or wrong" and "didn't want to get involved on either side."

Graham proposed at the White House yesterday the daily reading of the Judaic-Christian Ten Commandments in the nation's schools as a less controversial reli-

gious exercise than the offering of classroom prayers.

"I believe that every Jew, Catholic and Protestant would agree that the Ten