

## Walker Meets the Press

# Ex-General Turns Verbal Guns on LBJ

By Hadley Roff

"Mr. Johnson's strategy as Commander and Chief is unsound and untenable," began Edwin A. Walker at a press conference this morning in the Olympic Club.

Four years ago, he resigned his commission as a major general in the Army rather than change his right-wing indoctrination of troops. He was in the Bay Area to address the Alameda Republican Assemblies at 7:30 this evening in the Oakland Auditorium Theater.

"I will stand on my quotes," he said at his press conference, his voice soft with the accents of his native Texas.

**AS HE WENT** on, another crackly edge came to his words.

His right hand trembled slightly, and his eyes—pale blue—rounded intently beneath thick black eyebrows. "Mr. Johnson only recently realized he could not negotiate a war he is losing," he underscored. "He should have known that bombers have never won a war and never will.

**"HE WILL** also find that a million men in Southeast Asia could not provide security for a revolution in the United States.

"There could never be a victory for the Free World or any effective portion of it without the opening of



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another front—not necessarily in Asia—outside of Vietnam which would include as a purpose the defense and future of our freedom as well."

"What do you mean by second front?" he was asked.

"I think it very clear that the present war could be called a partisan war and that the advantages and disadvantages only could accrue on the left side of the political spectrum — there would be no advantage to the Free World side or the right side in regard to the political spectrum—not only here, but in the world spectrum as well."

**WHAT SHOULD** we do to win in Vietnam?

"The first thing would be to send Henry Cabot Lodge home. . . . That would be worth killing 10,000 Viet Cong. If we sent him home, they might get the idea that we're not going to give Vietnam away as Eisenhower gave Cuba away . . .

"We don't have a policy that desires to win. We have a policy to lose."

**AGAIN, GENERAL**, what about the "second front." Where and when would it be?

"Well, it should be opened on our terms. It's about time we let the world know — on our initiative — let the world know. . .

"By the way, I expect Vietnam to fold any day.

"And I'm a little tired of Berlin . . .

"We don't have to have a nuclear holocaust—that's just something you press boys cooked up.

**"ACTUALLY**, all we have to do is blow hard and Castro would jump in a hole and shoot himself.

"You know I'm not sure why we have troops, ex-

cept, maybe, to clean up Martin Luther King's latrine."

What about the "second front?"

"Are you boys trying to hurt me? . . . You can't. I'm neither Democrat or Republican. You can be on your side and I'm glad I'm on mine. Eisenhower called me an extreme patriot.

**"WELL YOU KNOW** I refer to Eisenhower as an extreme moderate pollywog.

"Johnson is nothing but a puppet. Warren is the court Fascist of our day. King is a front for people with white skins.

"Bobby Kennedy should join the midget mountain climbers.

"Prince Bernhardt (of Sweden) is a foreign saboteur and he sends his children — turn on those (television) lights; get this! — he sends his children to a Communist school.

"If I had a horse called Democracy I'd put Mike Mansfield with a broom behind it to sweep up . . .

"OK, is there anything more? No? OK, then, I guess the conference is over."