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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Texas boots and a ten gallon hat awaited West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard - when he arrived in Texas tonight. He will spend the night in Houston and then tomorrow - on to the L.B.J. Ranch - for a weekend of talks with President Johnson.

Back at the ranch today - Mister Johnson spent long hours in conference with some of his top advisors - including Secretary of State Dean Rusk and John McCone - Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The L.B.J. Ranch - on the banks of a shallow river - and shaded by huge live oak trees - has been changed in decor for Erhard's visit. Christmas greenery and decorations have been replaced with bunting in the red, white and blue of the United States - and the red,

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black and gold of Germany. Outside - a huge picture of Chancellor Erhard - with a sign in German proclaiming "Welcome." For relaxation - the shot President has organized a Saturday night dinner for his guest at the ranch. On Sunday - it will be just like home for the visiting Chancellor - who will recur visit the village of Fredericksburg - a little bit of old Germany in a town settled by German immigrants - in an unusual setting - the rolling hill country of Texas.

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PROTESTS

This was a day of protest in Bonn, Germany - all the United States protested to the Soviet Union against the slaying of an East Berlin youth - shot by Communist border guards on Christmas Day - as he escaped to the West. It demanded that Moscow take action to assure that "such wanton acts...do not recur." The West Berlin city government also denounced the shooting.

In Washington - the State Department demanded payment for property damage to the U.S. Legation building in Sofia, Bulgaria. There - a mob of some three thousand Bulgarians hurled stones, pieces of coal and chunks of ice - smashing all windows on the first three floors of the building. The well organized rioters are believed to have been inspired by the Bulgarian Communist regime. The apparent reason for the outbreak: the disclosure of an arrested Bulgarian diplomat - who said he spied for the United States.

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Senate Parliamentarian Charles Watkins held a stop watch in his hand - while Democratic Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana presided today over an abbreviated session. "Under previous order" - said Metcalf - "the Senate stands adjourned until ten a.m. Monday next." Total time - two seconds - shortest session in the Senate's history. The House went through a similar abbreviated session - a few hours later. The meetings were held only to satisfy the requirement that both the House and Senate must meet at least once in every three day period while in session - unless there is a special arrangement. Monday - the Senate will act on final passage of the foreign aid money bill - and then will adjourn until January Seventh. That's the news. As Lowell Thomas would say - so long!