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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The official American position on the Panama crisis is that we intend to maintain control of -- the Panama Canal; but will negotiate concerning the complaints of Panama -- as soon as the good neighbor atmosphere is restored. President Johnson made both of these points clear -- in today's White House statement.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of the Army reveals -- that Castro Communists moved into the disturbances. Reds from Cuba, egging on -- the Panamanian mobs. According to Cyrus Vance, ten of these Castroites -- have been arrested by the Panamanian police.

As for the treaties affecting the Canal Zone -- there's a call for revision on Capitol Hill. Most articulate -- Senator Morse of Oregon, who points out that the Canal treaty is sixty years old, and should be brought up to date in the interest of-- both Panama and the United States.

CASTRO

British experts have come to the interesting guess that Castro is trying to persuade Khrushchev to give him a new job. To run Red revolutions in Latin America.

The argument--goes like this:--Castro has always predicted--that the nations of Latin America would eventually go the way of Cuba and now the Panama crisis convinces him he's right, and he wants to lead more Latin American revolutions just as he led the Cuban one.

Will Khrushchev back him? In London--they doubt it. The bearded dictator is too unstable. And that record of siding with Red China. There's even a report in Moscow--that Khrushchev is quietly dropping Castro and grooming a more reliable Cuban Communist--for the task of coordinating Communism in Latin America.

ZANZIBAR

The man who seems to be in charge of Zanzibar tonight - Field Marshal John Okello. That is -- he's just appointed himself a Field Marshal. Before the coup, he was just plain John Okello -- a Zanzibari cop. Now John is asking Britain and America -- to recognize his regime and approve the exile -- of the Sultan of Zanzibar.

In Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanganyika -- the American Consul has some rather bizarre news. Stuart Lillicoe, reporting that a Cuban -- may be one of the leaders of the revolt. A bearded individual in a Castro-style battle suit -- who was heard speaking Spanish.

Quite a hat trick -- if true. Revolution in Zanzibar, in the Indian Ocean off the East Coast of Africa, by way of Cuba -- in the Caribbean off the USA.

CENTRAL ASIA

Where do you suppose this one is from? Communist guards--patrolling a border; watching for--refugees, rounding up all they catch--and hustling them back from the border. Shooting--many. All this, while the Red government denounces its neighbor--for "aggression."

Berlin? No. This time it's Central Asia. The border guards--Chinese Reds. The refugees, trying to get across--into the Soviet Union. The lucky ones--making it. The unlucky ones--either captured or shot.

So says Moscow--while appealing to Soviet citizens to keep an eye open for "enemy infiltrators." Moscow states flatly--that there are "enemy infiltrators" from Red China.

MANIACS

Moscow and London are both buzzing tonight--about a couple of maniacs.

In Russia the Moscow police have captured Vladimir Yonesian--the so-called "Jack the Ripper" of the Soviet Capital. Posing as a salesman he murdered five housewives. A reign of terror so atrocious--that for once the Soviet press printed the story, which Russian papers usually are not allowed to do.

As for the British maniac--his aversion involves not housewives--but old masters. Last night he slipped into the Hallsborough Gallery--in Piccadilly Circus, where he set ^a fire that destroyed thirty paintings--some worth six hundred thousand dollars; including a Van Dyck's masterpiece.

PLANE

The pilot who crashed his plane into a building at Oklahoma Baptist University -- radioed that he was coming. But even so -- there were students in the building when he hit.

Reason -- Robert Lawson said that he was headed for the administration building. So -- it was hurriedly evacuated. Then Lawson flew his Cessna one-fifty -- over the campus at Shawnee, Oklahoma; and crashed into -- the former administration building; shattering the third floor -- of the Shawnee Hall. Near where forty students were busy with an exam.

One casualty; the pilot who committed suicide -- by diving on Oklahoma Baptist University.

CHURCHILL

A dispatch from London says:--"Sir Winston Churchill pays a farewell, final visit to the House of Commons--today." His last! I don't believe it! And I doubt if anyone in Britain does--including Sir. Winston.

What if he is nearly ninety? He's been counted out too often--to let a little thing like a few years bother him.

When Churchill arrived--for today's session he received--the usual standing ovation. Old timers say no reception by the Commons--ever was more enthusiastic. Sir Winston, responding with the V-for victory salute--then settling back for something that has interested him since Nineteen Hundred--parliamentary debate in the House of Commons.

NAUGHAN

That weird tangle at Nice, in France--appears to have been settled. The triangle of Somerset Maugham, his daughter and an elderly male secretary whom the British novelist adopted.

Somerset Maugham tried to revise his will--and leave the bulk of his estate to his adopted elderly secretary-son. But Lady Elizabeth Hope fought it out in a Nice court--and won. Maugham filed an appeal, but Lady Elizabeth visited her father at his Riviera villa--before Christmas and they were--reconciled. Now we hear that the daughter will receive--the villa plus part of her father's fortune, with the rest of it to go to Alan Searle, the male secretary. This seems to be something of a legal triumph for the Marquis de Lafayette's direct descendant, Count Rene de Chambrun, who handled this strange case for Lady Elizabeth Hope. Too bad Somerset Maugham is so old he has given up writing. This would be quite a plot for another novel--about a daughter he tried to disown.

WEATHER

From the weather bureau some new records. And, a somber statistic: more than a hundred dead. The first time two snow storms of such force have collided. The duration of the storm--thirty-one hours. More snow than ever in some areas. For New York City the first--thirteen inches ever to fall on Manhattan within twenty-four hours. And mid-westerners are trying to recall when they last saw drifts twenty feet high. Where were you in the big storm, Dick.

SPOTS

A rugged day -- for a couple of athletes; or former athletes;

Leo Durocher, arrested -- at Middlebury, Vermont.

Rene Morin, charging the Dodgers coach with alienating the affections of Mrs. Morin; and suing for a hundred and fifty thousand. Durocher -- out on bail tonight.

Atlanta, Georgia -- Wally Butts will have to give up most of the money awarded to him in a libel suit, or face -- a new trial. So ruled by a District Judge -- in the case of Butts versus the Saturday Evening Post.