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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At the White House news conference today, the President said: "This is not a jungle war, but a struggle for freedom." Discussing policy -- with regard to Southeast Asia, he repeated that we have no intention of abandoning it either to the Red guerrillas or to China.

He said we have made a commitment to the people of Laos and South Viet Nam and intend to honor it. But he refused to go into details, although he added that we are not at present planning to expand the fighting north of the demarcation line.

As for nearer home, Cuba, he repeated that the U-2 flights will continue in spite of Castro -- or Khrushchev, because they are necessary to our national security.

PRIMARY

This was primary day -- from one side of the nation to the other. New York, Alabama, Mississippi, South Dakota, Montana - and, of course, California. Most of the states, concentrating, on local races, like the Donnybrook -- within New York's Democratic Party. The question of how many reform Democrats - can beat the incumbents on the state slate.

As for the spectacular clash between Goldwater and Rockefeller, that California collision -- has national implications, because the winner could end up -- in the White House. There we have two major personalities in the same Party with quite different political philosophies. Rockefeller standing for what he terms - "progressive Republicanism" which he interprets to mean -- strong support for things like the Civil Rights Bill and the U.N. Goldwater is the Republican Party's - leading conservative who says he wants to get back to what he terms the historic virtues of Americanism, such virtues as -- self-reliance and less dependence on the federal government.

INDIA

As expected, the new Prime Minister of India -

~~is~~ Lal Bahadur Shastri, As expected, ~~Nehru's successor~~

- endorses Nehru's policies. Especially the policy of

- non-alignment. ^{Retain} An international position, independent
of - the world's power blocs.

Domestically, Lal Bahadur Shastri stands for -

Nehru's "moderate socialism." State action to raise

the standard of ~~no~~ living - by democratic means.

In New Delhi, it's being said that the big

test of India's ^{new} Prime Minister - may come from Peking,

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If - ~~no~~ Mao decides to push down from the Himalayas.

The Red Chinese invaded India - during Nehru's time and

Now ~~a~~ repeat, could ^{bring} ~~be~~ the moment of truth - for Lal Bahadur
Shastri.

CYPRUS

On Cyprus -- a most unusual sight today. Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, cooperating with Danish soldiers -- in the dismantling of fortified positions, in one area -- Nicosia. The U.N. has been patrolling -- the heart of the city, keeping the factions -- apart, and doing it so successfully that the two populations decided to call off their hostilities, and joined -- the Danes in removing gun positions, filling in trenches, and so on. At long last non-belligerence -- on Cyprus

MONGOLIA

The vendetta between Russia and Red China seems to be concentrated - ~~in~~ in Outer Mongolia. A development - that might have been anticipated. For one thing - outer Mongolia is squarely in between - the Red giants. ~~Moreover~~ ^{With} the Mongolians ~~are~~ related to - the Chinese, ^{and their} ~~But the~~ government in Ulan Bator ~~is~~ siding with Moscow. All of which creates - a highly unstable situation. With the possibility that Outer Mongolia might go either way - in the ideological struggle.

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Tonight it seems to be going - Russian. Five thousand technicians from Red China - told to pack up and leave. Their places, taken by - Soviet experts.

But reports from Ulan Bator tell of - a struggle within the Communist party. ^{Although the} ~~A~~ pro-Peking element ^{has been} purged for the moment, ^{it is} ~~is~~ waging an underground struggle - with aid from Mao, ^{who} ~~is~~ ^{who} Mao wants - Outer Mongolia.

WATER

~~If you want to know~~ How much ^{is} water ~~is~~ worth?

Oh, about
~~here's the answer,~~ Eighty-eight-million dollars.

At least, that's the figure - okayed by the House.

Finances for a ten year program - to study our water resources. The money, to be divided among land grant colleges - in each of our fifty states, And - Puerto Rico.

The research centers ~~will~~ ^{to} be put to work - on a whole series of problems concerning the water resources of America. Everything from reducing reservoir ~~and~~ evaporation - to desalting brakish pools.

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ALASKA

The Navy Air Arm - is bombing Alaska. Flying inland - guided by veteran bush pilots. And dropping - five hundred pound bombs.

Target - the Kuskokwim River. More specifically, the vast ice floes - created by the spring thaw. Great blocks of ice, forced together by the current - acting as a natural dam. Flooding the areas around - Aniak and Sleetmute.

Nearly two hundred inhabitants of those two Alaskan villages - were taken to the ~~nearest~~ nearest trading post. Taken out - by helicopter. Then the bombers were sent - to bomb the ice ~~xxx~~ barriers. An aerial attack on a natural hazard of Alaska - about two hundred miles from Anchorage. The ice - of the

Kuskokwim, ~~River~~ next to the mighty Yukon the largest river in Alaska.

ADD ALASKA

While we are on the subject of Alaska, when
I was in Anchorage the other day members of one
committee asked me to express ~~■~~ their gratitude for
money that has been sent North to help their Crippled
Children Fund. As a result of the devastating earthquake
-- the tremendous damage done in that city, the annual
community drives had come to a full stop. It looked
for a time as though there would be no funds to continue
the all-important work done with crippled children and
children who have lost their hearing. Many generous
people here in the South Forty Eight have been sending
checks. However, more is needed. So if you would like
to help Alaska one ~~■~~ quick way to do it is to send a
check to the Crippled Children's Fund, Anchorage.

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STOCK

I suppose you've heard about - "the glamour stock of Wall Street." That's what they are calling the stock issue - of ^{the} Communications Satellite Corporation. Lucky investors, buying into - outer space. A system of satellites - that will relay communications from stations on the earth.

~~Those in the know know~~ However there are warnings that dividends won't be paid for some time; ^{in fact} ~~and~~ that the venture - may never be profitable. But on Wall Street - they don't seem worried. There was an immediate rush to snap up stock - in "Comsat," as they call it.
Any Comsat, Dick?

CONGO

The witch doctors of the Congo are proving -
that their medicine is still strong, ^{with its added} ~~Especially - when~~
^{dash of} ~~a pinch of~~ Marxism, ~~is added.~~

~~During the past week or so -~~ we've been hearing
about the ^{pe} witch doctors ^{around} ~~from~~ Lake Tanganyika,
Indoctrinated by propagandists - from Red China, ~~then~~
stirring up ~~the native Congolese - to~~ revolt against
the government in Leopoldville.

The latest is that the rebels - have ambushed
a detachment of the Congolese Army. Wiping out an
entire company - with spears and poisoned arrows.

So The war ^{drums are} ~~tom-toms~~, beating tonight - on the
shores of Lake Tanganyika. The age-old victory chant -
of the African bush, ^{such} ~~a few~~ modern slogans, ^{as} "Down
with the capitalists - down with the exploiters", ~~and so on,~~
~~sort of thing - Marxism among - the witch doctors of~~
~~the Congo~~