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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The embarrassment in covering L. Gordon Cooper's visit to Washington - is an embarrassment of riches, as the French say. There's enough material - for several broadcasts. One hardly knows - where to begin.

Let's start with the meeting of the clans in the Rose Garden at the White House. The Kennedy clan - well, you can probably tick them off yourself. The President, the First Lady, the President's sisters, Jean and Eunice - the President's sister-in-law, Ethel.

But - there was quite a Cooper clan too. Gordon Cooper, Mrs. Cooper, their daughters, Cam and Jan - along with the astronaut's mother and aunt.

Just introducing everybody - took a little time.

Not that Gordon Cooper - needed an introduction. He

introduced himself to the nation, and the world - when he flew around the earth for almost two days last week.

His assignment at the White House today - to give his Commander-in-Chief a first-hand report of the ride through space. Which he did - as they strolled through the Rose Garden.

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ISRAEL

The new President of Israel - is one of the last of the "Old Guard." Zalman Shazar, belonging to the generation that came to Palestine - around the turn of the century. The generation that includes Premier Ben Gurion - and Levi Eshkol, the Israeli Minister of Finance. They all started to work on the land - decades before the State of Israel was founded.

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SPEECH FOLLOW ASTRONAUT

Those at the White House - were not the only ones to see Astronaut Cooper. About a quarter of a million people cheered - as he drive to Capitol Hill to address a joint session of Congress. And there was not an empty seat on the floor or in the galleries - as he began to speak.

He spoke of elemental things - like prayer and patriotism. He spoke of the American space program - and his faith in it. He spoke of his fellow astronauts - pausing after each name as his audience burst into applause.

Gordon Cooper said - he was much impressed. Those who heard him - returned the compliment. In the words of Senator Anderson of New Mexico - "You can tell what a fellow is like by the way he talks - he's fine."

INTEGRATION

The Governor of Alabama, who once said that he would stand in the doorway of any school to prevent integration - may have to do exactly that. Only - it wən't be just any school. It will be - the University of Alabama. And the showdown will come - in a matter of weeks.

All of which follows from the ruling of a Federal Judge - that Negro applicants may not be turned away because of the turbulence in Birmingham. Since two applicants are prepared to enter the University of Alabama on June tenth - Governor Wallace has to act by then. Will he bar the door of the University - himself? He says - he will.

NATO

A Canadian diplomat said in Ottawa today - "It's odd how ham-handed the Russians can be in their diplomacy." His evidence - the latest Soviet note. Khrushchev, proposing that all nuclear weapons be removed - from the Mediterranean Sea.

The ham-handedness does not lie in the fact - that Khrushchev is obviously trying to drive our polaris submarines out of the Mediterranean. It lies in - the timing. The Soviet note, arriving - just as the Ottawa Conference is getting underway. The Conference that will devote much of its time - to the question of greater nuclear power in the Mediterranean.

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CZECH

The controlled press of Red Czechoslovakia is using guarded language - with reference to those riots in Prague. The Czech editors, demanding - an end to the disturbances. But - not identifying the victims. Merely calling them "foreign students" - when the real point is that they are African students.

The Communists, as we know - are caught in a real dilemma. Trying to indoctrinate African students - with Marxism-Leninism. Only to have their propoganda spoiled - by the attitude of the Communist man-in-the-street. The ordinary Czech - who may have no racial prejudices. But does resent the special treatment - the money and consumer goods - accorded to the visitors from places like Ghana and Nigeria.

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ERHARD

In Geneva, it looks as if Ludwig Erhard - may have saved his reputation as a wizard of finance. Last night we heard that the Geneva Conference was about to reject the Erhard plan - for a tariff agreement between the United States and the Common Market. ~~THEY~~ Tonight, the negotiators have ^{revived} ~~revised~~ - the essentials of the Erhard plan.

The Geneva compromise accepts the American principle - concerning "across the board" tariff cuts. That is - straight reductions on all products. At the same time, the American spokesman has agreed to the European principle - that the entire tariff structure must be examined. And overhauled - if necessary. The point being, that the Europeans are more worried than we are - about the effect of national tariffs on world trade.

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And as of tonight - the West German Minister of

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TURKEY

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GLENN

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When an astronaut says, "I've never taken a ride at this altitude and this speed" - you figure he must be orbiting the earth, at least. But when John Glenn said it - he was on a train. A very special ^{ONE} ~~train~~ ~~because~~ Japan's "dream train" - the super-express ~~that was given~~ ^{GOING ON} a trial run today. Among the guests on board - America's first man in space. The engineer hit one hundred and thirty miles an hour - in the mountains outside Tokyo. Which prompted the astronaut's remark - about never traveling before at that speed, at that altitude.

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CHURCHILL

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The latest tribute to Sir Winston Churchill comes from an old enemy - the Union of South Africa.

Back in eighteen ninety-nine, young Winston Churchill was captured - while covering the Boer War as a correspondent. The Boers jailed him in a hastily-improvised ~~XXXXXX~~ prison - a school in Pretoria. And it was from there - that he made his legendary escape. Scaling an iron fence - while his captors were having a party. Then - walking boldly out into the streets of Pretoria. And riding the rails of a South African train - to freedom.

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