

RETAKE

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The American Attorney General has told the President of Indonesia -- that our policy is to head off a major war in the Far Pacific. Robert Kennedy, warning Sukarno -- not to begin such a conflict by attacking the new Federation of Malaysia.

The word "escalation" is prominent -- in these Kennedy-Sukarno talks in Tokyo. The Attorney General, pointing out that should the Malaysians be attacked -- the British would have to support them and that would involve -- Australia and New Zealand.

To fight the Commonwealth -- Sukarno would probably have 'to ally himself with Red China. And the final step might force ~~xxxx~~ the Soviet Union and the United States -- to enter on opposite sides.

Escalation, from a border conflict on Borneo -- to a clash of the big powers. Robert Kennedy appealing to Sukarno's common sense -- not to let that happen.

PANAMA

Panamanian extremists are still demanding
- that the Canal treaties ~~not~~ be re-negotiated. Our
government still proposing - that the treaties be
discussed. If the linguistic difficulty can be resolved
- that will be the first step toward a political solution.

Meanwhile our Embassy in Panama City has ~~been~~ been
evacuated -- ^{diplomatic} the/personnel moved to the Canal Zone for
~~safety~~ at the demand of the Panamanian government.

DEGAULLE

The rumor that France will recognize Red China - does not come as any surprise. It's been circulating around Paris - for many weeks.

De^g~~B~~aulle's motives - are well known. He thinks that direct negotiations with Mao Tse Tung - might lead to peace in Southeast Asia. Especially - in Viet Nam. And secondly, DeGaulle is convinced - that the dispute between Russia and Red China is going to get much worse. A development that he hopes to exploit in the interests of the West - by having his own man in Peking.

ZANZIBAR

If you want to use understatement about Zanzibar -- just call the situation "confused". Chiefly responsible -- the so-called strong man of the island. Jon Okello -- who has granted himself the title of Field Marshal. -- Okello went on the air this morning to proclaim himself President of Zanzibar. This afternoon he went on the air and called that statement -- a vicious rumor, put out by enemies of the revolutionary regime.

Since we don't know the status of the Field Marshall - the status of his top lieutenant is in doubt. Sheik Abid Karume arrested a group of Americans -- at the point of a gun, and ordered them -- to leave the island. He called himself -- President of Zanzibar. Today's events indicate that there may be a struggle for power -- between Sheik Abid Karume and Field Marshall John Okello. A struggle for control -- of the spice island of Zanzibar.

VIET NAM

The four American soldiers killed in South Viet Nam - were taking part in the largest helicopter assault ever mounted. Fifty of the whirly-birds, flying almost two thousand men - to seven ~~battle~~ battle zones. At least ten - hit by enemy fire. One, exploding in the air - and falling into the jungle. Causing - the American casualties.

The battle is raging - tonight. Vietnamese troops, ~~storming~~ ^{attacking} ~~an~~ ^{an} island ~~on~~ in the Mekong River. A key Red fortress - in South Viet Nam.

GLENN

Will John Glenn have more trouble in politics-- than he had in orbit?

At any rate, our first astronaut to fly through outer space--is not receiving universal applause from his party. Certainly not from Senator Stephen Young of Ohio-- who holds the seat that John Glenn wants. Young says he intends to stay in the race--for the Democratic nomination, and predicts that in the primary he'll win out over the astronaut turned-politician.

Some Buckeye veterans on Capitol Hill are supporting Senator Young. For example, Congressman Charles Vanik-- who puts it this way:--"In government, we cannot risk weightlessness--or untested free flight."

But Congressman Mike Feighan of Ohio--takes the opposite view. He thinks the Glenn candidacy will produce-- "one of the most interesting" of all primary contests this year

One thing is clear--John Glenn took a long time-- making up his mind. He could have stayed in the Marines--

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and been a top strategist of our space program. He could have gone into business--where several lucrative offers were his for the taking.

Instead--he chose politics. He believes he can do more for his country. Hence he's announcing his candidacy for the Democratic Primary of May Fifth. If he wins that preliminary he'll run against the Republican nominee, possibly --Bob Taft, Jr.

From space orbit--to political orbit.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

A great American institution - is in a festive mood tonight. The National Geographic - about to open its new headquarters in Washington. A ten story building - made of Vermont marble. Cost - nine million dollars. Designed by Edward Stone - architect of our famous Embassy in New Delhi.

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The top nine stories - to house the editorial and administrative offices. The ground floor - a museum open to the public. Explorers Hall - featuring great expeditions with which the National Geographic has been associated. Like the conquest of Mt. Everest - by Hillary and Tensing.

President Johnson - will dedicate the building tomorrow. The First Lady will press the button - that starts an ~~en~~ enormous globe spinning in Explorers Hall. A replica of the earth - eleven feet in ~~six~~ diameter.

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Sure to become - one of the famous sights of Washington. The headquarters of the National Geographic.

WEATHER

Stormy weather--in the Rockies--with snow and winds up to sixty-five miles an hour. Perilous driving if you venture over those high passes tonight, Dick.

ORGANISMS

Moscow reports that a Russian engineer has found microscopic plants--frozen in the soil of Siberia, that are 200 million years old. Before--the age of dinosaurs. And brought them to life while he was preparing a mixture of potassium.

Remember Moscow's pre-historic lizards--that were supposed to have been in deep freeze for seven thousand years? Moscow reported their revival, and later denied it.

So these prehistoric organisms are not being taken too seriously--until there's evidence to prove that they are indeed two hundred million years old. And now--s'long until Monday.