GREAT FALLS

First a salute to station K U D I - at Great Falls, Montana - the newest member of the CBS radio network.

Coming up in just a few minutes now at seven thirty, west eastern time, President Ford's first news conference since he returned from the Far East. The White House serving notice today the President plans to discuss the terms of the new Soviet American strategic arms limitation agreement. Adding that he also plans to make a statement - dealing with the economy. when the questions, start flying - you can hear right here on many of these CBS radio stations.

WATERGATE

Former White House Chief of Staff H R Haldeman - was again on the witness stand today in the Watergate coverup trial. Telling of strategy sessions with then President Nixon in late March and April of last year withen when the cover-up began to fall apart. Haldeman saying: "There were a series of positions taken - and then a bandoned as new positions were taken." This as part of an attempt - said he - at "pulling together all available infor mation."

From the Great Lakes to New England and on white south to Maryland - the main topic today was the weather; with nearly two feet of snow in Ohio and Michigan, along with additional blizzards in Pennsylvania and western Maryland; also, torrential rains in New York and New Jersey, - and downed power lines throughout the area.

Toledo, Ohio perhaps the hardest hit, of alt.

The snow there atm stranding at least six thousands of motorists. - maybe mores. An area resident telling newsmen - "you, might as well as: - Toledo is closed today."

The Soviet Union today fixed two veteran cosmonauts a into earth orbit. The flight of Russia's Soyuz-Sixteen monitored by nine American tracking stations around the globe, This as part of the warm-up for a joint U S and Russian space mission = still tentatively set for next July.

JUPITER FOLLOW EARTH ORBIT

is now in the home stretch on its no long-awaited fly-by of Jupiter. The US space craft, expected to reach a top speed of one hundred and seven thousand miles an hour - by the time it reaches its closest approach to the giant planet. The pictures it was sends back - are expected to restand the universe.

A drama wave reminiscent of a James

Bond thriller - or a man man uprising - is currently under way in the eastern Caribbean; on the island of Dominica. -, a tiny British dependency.

A band of black power guerrillas there
called Dreads - recently killing a number of

white residents and visitors. The Dreads - about

three hundred, in all, mostly holed up in the islands

mountainous interior. - but readily identifiable by their

long braided the hair.

The government of Dominica than ordering
them breads to disband, and also cut off their braids. If
threatening to send in the island's entire defense
force and all police - to clean them out if they fail
to comply.

But what will happen next? - hard to say.

Observers noting that The three hundred Dreads . out-

number total government forces by acarty

two to one. Adding that it may be necessary to call

the British back in - to prevent wholesale-bloodshed.

At Addis Ababa - a series of explosions today followed by the sound forefreen of small arms fire.

Ethiopia's new milter military regime to blaming the
violance on "followers" of the nobility and top officials
of the former regime. - who were executed for eximes

egainst the Ethiopian people. The government also

pledging "drastic action" to curb "these elements"

-- starting out with a dusk to dawn curfew.

Political advisor Dean Burch the last of the major "Nixon men" still in the White House - but not for long. The former head of the FC C resigning today effective at the end of the month, - to take a job with a Washington law firm - specializing in communications. matters: Burch's resignation - accepted by President Ford with "deepest regret."

Capitol Hill again - Congressman Burton of
California, a "liberal reformer" -- with today electe
today the new chairman of the House Democratic
caucus. While Congressman Anderson of Illinois, a
moderate "the new chairman of the House Republican
Conference."

From Bay City, Michigan - the story of a Santa Claus' Santa Claus. Fifty-five year old Nathan Doan - the operator of a special Santa Claus school sending his graduates out to Department stores e land Doan's curriculum - dock featuring courses in make up - voice and care of costume. But he also tries to prepare his students - for questions that sometimes seem to come out of the blue. For example, Santa Claus Doan saying he was asked: "Does Mrs. Claus wear a girdle?" His answer - quick us a flash: "She certainly does - and it's quite amusing to see her wiggle into it."

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U S Attorney General William Saxbe - the main speaker today at a California conference on criminal justice at Sacramanto, Saxbe expressing a growing concern over recent calls for the "decriminalization" of marijuana. "There is growing evidence - said he -"that Marijuana is no harmless lolly-pop!" that "there may be severe consequences - particularly arising from on use during formative years. Saxbe adding that legalized marijuana - "would pose not only a law enforcement problem but a public health problem." Of which the nation already has too many.