Good Evening Everybody:

The presidential news conference today was different - and that's an understatement. Imagine the President inviting newsmen - to bring their wives and children. Result - the biggest and noisiest audience in the history of these meetings with the press. Nine hundred and fifty-nine - on the South Lawn of the White House. The President even allowed the youngsters to mount the rostrum - to share the spotlight with him.

In between President Johnson somehow managed to make his points, as in his statement that Secretary of Defense McNamara will soon be on his way - to Bonn and Saigon, for consultations first with the West German, then with the Vietnamese governments.

Cuba? President Johnson thinks that our boycott is effective. As for the overflights - we have

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no agreement with the Soviets about that. Panama?

He calls the recent talks - "fruitful."

The national economy - sound. As to the Presidential health. Overexposure? Mr. Johnson doesn't think that newsmen object - to seeing him so often.

The President has been on the go today, and tomorrow he'll take another swing through Appalachia - the eastern states from Pennsylvania to Tennessee. Another look at - one of the most depressed areas in the country. The president to fill in the picture - he got last time, and deliver a number of speeches.

Today he also made statements, signed documents - and received a number of new ambassadors. Including - the Ambassador from Panama. He also delivered a major speech - before going on to his news conference.

In the speech to the Advertising Council Mr. Johnson emphasized Civil Rights and economics;
the need for the Civil Rights Bill - on which the Senate
today voted and turned back the first jury trial
amendment. Also he spoke of the strength of the
national economy - the free enterprise system.

PRIMARIES

The results of yesterday's primaries - are being studied with unusual care. Especially the outcome in Indiana - where the Governor of Alabama ran against the Governor of the Hoosier State. And attracted - over thirty percent of the Democratic vote.

What does the Wallace showing - really mean?

Wallace insists that a lot of Americans are tired of
Federal authority in state and private affairs. But

his opponents point out that no matter what his victory

claims - he still lost by a big majority.

Some other results - were anticipated. Robert Taft, Junior - in Ohio. Bud Wilkinson - in Oklahoma. Senator Goldwater - in the Indiana Republican primary.

Although Harold Stassen made - an unexpectedly strong shoring against Goldwater.

One of the more interesting cases - Macon County, Alabama. Three Negroes winning - in local

contests. Two for the office of - Justice of the Peace.

And the third for a seat - on the Board of Education.

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A British officer in Aden, at the seathern tip of the Arabian Peninsula - has this to say. "Our chaps forgot a basic military axiom - they neglected to send out patrols." Then he added - "They were too angry to be careful."

Meaning - that punitive expedition into the Rafdan Mountains. Objective - to flush out the guerrillas from Yemen. Make them pay for the atrocities committed - against British prisoners.

Her Majesty's troops, so anxious to trap the Yemenis - that they got trapped themselves. An ambush in the EMSENN Rafdan Mountains - where the invaders closed a pass with a barricade of logs and stones. Then opened up - with rifles and machine guns.

The British ducked - for cover. And were pinned down - until nightfall. Finally mounting a



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The dispute between Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung is being stirred up by - Genghis Khan. That is - by two different interpretations of the Mongol conqueror of the Middle Ages.

The Russians have a bad memory of Genghis Khan

- who subjugated their ancestors, and left Russia

under a Mongol occupation - for three centuries. The

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over the Europeans all the way from Samarkand to

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So its no wonder that Khrushchev and Company are irritated - by Peking's new version of Genghis Khan. Mao, interpreting the ferocious Mongol - as a rather cultured fellow. At any rate, more cultured - than the Russians. As a great statesman. To which the Moscow historical quarterly retorts - "a perversion of history."

Why the bitterness over a man who died - seven centuries ago? Because the old hostility between Russia and China - remains as bad as ever. Maybe more so - because the ideological feud has been added. And when Mao argues for the superiority of the Chinese over the Russians, he points to - Genghis Khan.

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ASTRONAUTS

The following appears to be about as hairy a situation - as anyone could be in. Picture a spacecraft hurtling toward Mars or Jupiter - with two astronauts aboard. Suddenly - a short circuit in the electrical equipment. Starting a fire in the capsule - which fills with smoke. The two astronauts, gasping and choking - and frantically trying to extingush the flames. All this - far out in the solar system.

Because the men who will ride in our Gemini space capsule - are being trained/ for exactly such an emergency. Gus Grisson and John Young - also their alternates, Wally Schirra and Tom Stafford - going through a dry run at the Ms Donnel plant in Saint Louis.

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MOONSHINE

I wonder if that still in the hills outside

Pascagoula, Florida - is the biggest in the history of

moonshining. Or, rather - the past tense applies here.

The still was there - until the revenocers arrived,

And demolished it - with more than thousand sticks

of dynamite.

Here are some statistics - about this jumbo operation with mountain dews- One hundred and fifty thousand pounds - of sugar. Forty-five thousand gallons - of mash. Two thousand gallons - of whisky. Nine hundred drums - of fermenting mash.

Tax fraud on Uncle Sam - twenty-two thousand dollars a day. Quite a loss to the gang - who were nabbed at the still. Also to/their customers - who faucy that mountain dewitter air of mountain dewitter.