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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Democrats are shouting "hurrah" -- tonight. The Republicans -- "fake". At least -- that's what the dispatch says. Referring to -- the Johnson budget.

It's that reduced budget we've been hearing about. President Johnson slashing the figure -- below ninety-eight billion dollars; even though he is including new government projects -- like his anti-poverty campaign.

You can see the reason -- for the party line reaction. Democrats, cheering economy -- along with welfare. Republicans, retorting -- that the two don't go together. In the words of Halleck of Indiana -- "This is a fast buck budget."

The president answers -- that he can do it with cuts on spending in fields like defense. Plus an increase in revenue he expects to realize -- from the tax reduction that he's pushing for.

JOHNSON

The key word in President Johnson's disarmament message--is the word "verified." Take--this phrase:--

"A verified freeze of the number and characteristics--of strategic nuclear offensive and defensive vehicles." And--this one!--"The banning of all nuclear weapons--under effective verification and control."

And what is the Soviet reaction--to the Johnson disarmament proposal? The first indications--are favorable. At any rate, the Johnson text has been printed--without distortions--in Izvestia, the Kremlin newspaper.

ANTARCTIC FOLLOW JOHNSON

Is the Johnson disarmament plan -- feasible? The answer is -- that it's already in operation. Partially -- that is

Place -- the Antarctic. Four years ago, the nations involved in exploring the Continent at the bottom of the world -- agreed on mutual inspection of their bases. Purpose -- to keep weapons out.

Last September -- we invoked this agreement. Said we wanted to have a look at -- Soviet installations. And the Russians said -- "da." That inspection -- now completed by Admiral James Reedy and his colleagues. Finding -- negative. No Soviet military gear -- on the Antarctic Continent. This verified by our people down near the South Pole.

Disarmament -- at the Ultimate South.

AFRICA

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Africa is in turmoil - tonight. Violence, breaking out in so many places - it's hard to keep a correct tabulation.

Let's see - now. The Sudan is threatening to invade - Uganda. ^{Guerillas} ~~troops~~ from Somalia have already invaded Ethiopia and Kenya - with fighting going on in both places. The Congolese government has declared a state of emergency - because of Communist guerrillas in Kwilu Province. The national Assembly of Gaboon, on the West Coast of Africa - has been dissolved. Guinea, also in West Africa - is holding a rousing reception for Red Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai.

Over in East Africa - Tanganyika is close to chaos. Native troops, revolting - against their British officers. Rampaging through Dar-es-Salaam - attacking Arabs and Asians. They say that no one knows who is running Tanganyika - tonight. But then - how

do you run chaos?

Meanwhile, Zanzibar -- may have settled down for a moment. The Spice island, apparently in the grip of -- a pro-Communist government.

Still ~~area~~ ^{changing} violently -- what used to be the Dark Continent -- now a continent in explosion.

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CAMBODIA

~~the~~ Terms for ending the dispute between Cambodia and the United States - were worked out in Manila. So revealed by the Filipino Ambassador - to Cambodia.

You may recall that the Cambodian government rejected American aid - some weeks ago. Prince Norodom Sihanouk, saying - that he would strengthen his ties with Red China, a threat that sent ^{more} jitters - through Southeast Asia.

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POWER PLANT

A dispatch from Asuncion, Paraguay, states that the world's biggest power plant will be built--in one of the world's really remote spots; the border--between Paraguay and Brazil; the tropical rainforest--where the Parana River flows southwest out of the Matto Grosso.

At that border, the Parana cuts through a gorge --two hundred feet wide; and then spills over a cliff in seven giant cataracts, falls--three hundred and seventy-four feet high--higher than the Niagra.

These are the spectacular--Seven Waterfalls of Guaira. Now to be a source of power, with Paraguay and Brazil tapping that power--by building the world's biggest power plant. Harnessing for industry--the Seven Waterfalls of Guaira, near the Matto Grosso.

MURROW

The resignation of the Director of the United States Information Agency--~~is~~ causing much concern in the world of news and newsmen. Doubly so here at CBS.

None of us who cover the news will ever forget Edward R. Murrow and his role in World War Two. Those familiar words from the British capital every night-- "This is London." Then followed his brilliant career here at home on radio--~~and~~ T.V.

After that Washington--with President Kennedy; until the operation he was forced to undergo.

Now leaving the Information Agency--Edward Murrow, one of the ablest newsmen of this or any era, and a grand person. He is off to the desert to recuperate. Replacing him--Carl Brown, our Ambassador to Finland. Dick, we all hope Ed Murrow will be back in harness in a hurry.

NAVY

A Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve--has just resigned. Not much of a story--in that, except for the name of the Naval Commander. His name, Lyndon Johnson.

The President went to sea during World War Two--serving aboardship in the Pacific. Rising to the grade he has held--ever since.

As President he now decides to show impartiality--with regard to the three armed services.

How does the President of the United States--resign from the U.S. Navy? Oh--just like any other Naval Commander. By submitting his resignation--to the Secretary of the Navy.