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Good Evening Everybody:

Secretary of State Rusk devoted much of his today's news conference - to Cuba, and to Senator Fulbright's opinion of our Cuban policy, which he believes wrong - on key points, for example - the isolation of Castro. Fulbright charging that we've failed on that. Secretary Rusk believes we've succeeded - because the boycott is "substantial if not complete".

What is our Cuban policy? He says to keep the pressure on Castro - as long as he represents Soviet penetration of the Western Hemisphere. That to continue to be our policy.

CASTRO

Cuban Reds, when not listening to Castro, read Edgar Allan Poe, says Marcos Rodriguez, a communist accused of being an informer, now on trial in Havana, charged with spying on the Castro Revolutionaries - for Batista.

Last week, Rodriguez was found guilty - and sentenced to death. But the bearded dictator intervened, ordering - a second trial, with himself as the star witness. Today, Castro told the court the defendant was perverted by a wicked Yankee named Edgar Allan Poe, who was responsible - "for the negative shaping of his intellectual personality."

A Cuban Red, fascinated by great horror stories: "The murders in the Rue Morgue" - and so on. Sounds like another Edgar Allan Poe thriller.

JOHNSON

AMERICAN

President Johnson will have nothing to say about the liberated American Airmen - until they've been checked and questioned in West Germany. The announcement that Captains Holland and Kessler had been released - came from Presidential News Secretary, George Reedy. No comment from Texas, where today there was a lot of official activity at the LBJ Ranch, including the proclamation of May as "Senior Citizen's Month".

AMERICAN

We hear that Capts. Holland and Kessler looked grim as they returned to freedom today in West Berlin. They were quickly whisked away to explain what happened - when their RB sixty-six crossed into East Germany. And how they were treated by the Soviets after being shot down.

Moscow is already broadcasting - the Russian version. Claiming that the equipment aboard the plane proves that it was definitely on an espionage mission.

ROCKEFELLER

The political pundits are trying to figure out - just where Nelson Rockefeller stands tonight. Some say - that the Governor of New York is almost out, as far as - the GOP nomination is concerned. That he can't survive the battle with his Legislature in Albany.

On the other hand, he has summoned the New York Lawmakers - into a special session, and his supporters predicting - that he'll get what he wants, and then will be squared away - for the Oregon Primary in May, and the California primary in June.

SALINGER

The former Presidential News Secretary will be on the ballot - for the California primary. So decided - by the California Supreme Court. The Justices overruling the California Secretary of State - and ordering him to approve the petition of Pierre Salinger, who says that massive support is swinging to his side with it all up to - the California voters on June second.

ETHIOPIA

A dispatch from Addis Ababa describes more heavy fighting - along the Ethiopian-Somali border.

Violence, erupting - despite the peace talks at

Khartoum in the Sudan. The African Tribesmen, not

waiting - for the map to be redrawn by the diplomats.

Instead, they're trying to redraw it - at the point of

a gun. Eight and one-half years ago there was

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GOLD

The Moscow paper "Izvestia" claims that the Soviet Union has enough gold-to last for a Century. The mouthpiece of the Kremlin, responding to speculation-about the dumping of Russian gold in the West. The latest consignment reached Paris-today. Eight and one-half tons, worth more than ten million dollars.

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SKIERS

The five skiers buried in the Austrian Alps-were hit by an avalanche. A gigantic mass of ice and snow-rolling down from the ten thousand foot level, Traveling so fast-~~that~~ the skiers were overwhelmed before they could get out of the way. One managed to dig himself clear-and give the alarm,~~at the Karlsruhe ski hot.~~ Rescue operations, underway tonight-with little hope for the five ~~skiers~~ buried by an avalanche in the Austrian Alps.

THE YETI

When I ski in the mountains, I nearly always run into someone unusual, or who seems special to me. This time, in the Wasatch, while skiing with some of our top avalanche experts, I ran into a man with whom I had not skied for twenty-five years; since when he has become world famous. His name, Norman Dyrenfurth, who last summer led one of the most important expeditions in the history of mountaineering, that spectacular American conquest of Mt. Everest, on which two teams, from opposite sides assaulted the summit and made it.

A year ago Sir Edmund Hillary returned from the Himalayas, convinced that there is no "Abominable Snowman". He had been sent out to try and settle this riddle once and for all. But did he? Norman Dyrenfurth says "No". And while we were resting between runs down a mountain called Germania, he explained how on their recent expedition they carried

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pictures of Neanderthal Man, a gorilla, a Himalayan bear, and other pictures, which they showed to Himalayan natives. He said the people all insisted there is such a creature, which they called the Yeti. That it is tall perhaps six feet, walks upright, most of the time, has long red hair, and looks like something between a stone-age man and a gorilla. He went on at length to tell us why he thinks there is a Yeti, living in the Himalayas at altitudes above 15000 feet. His guess is that it is almost extinct.

The leader of the first expedition to conquer Mt. Everest, was a distinguished British mountaineer, Sir John Hunt, who believes in the Yeti. And when Norman Dyrenfurth recently addressed the members of the Royal Geographical Society in London, Sir John Hunt and he decided to lead a joint expedition to the Himalayas, some time soon, to find the Yeti. These are two able and determined men, so it's obvious we are

going to hear a lot more about this creature which has been in the headlines during the past ten years.

As a Himalayan traveler I'll admit that I was one of the sceptics who thought it was all a pipe dream.

But now I'm not so sure. If Norman Dyrenfurth says there's a Yeti, I'll take his word for it, almost. Now

Dick, your word?

HOLY LAND

Today the people of Israel were commemorating the Exodus from Egypt, recalling how Moses led their ancestors across the Red Sea - into the desert, toward the Promised Land - and the Sacred City of Jerusalem.

Today Christians inside the Walls of Jerusalem - vast crowds were making their way along the path Christ followed - to Calvary, the winding route - through the old city, the dark hours leading up to - the joyful commemoration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. May it be a happy Easter for all of you - and so long until Monday.