

'A second-rate burglary,' Times says of Post

NEW YORK (AP) — A editorial in the New York Times today accuses the rival Washington Post of "a second-rate burglary" in the acquisition and early publication of material from the new book by former White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman.

intended to publish 10,000-word excerpts beginning today.

"Nothing involving Watergate seems to go smoothly," the editorial began. "Now we have the Washington Post's second-rate burglary of H.R. Haldeman's memoir of a third-rate burglary on the eve of its publication by Times Books, a subsidiary of the New York Times."

Times Books, an affiliate of the New York Times Co., which publishes the newspaper, had closely guarded the 352-page book, which was scheduled for release Feb. 27. So had the Times Syndication Sales Corp., another affiliate, which had sold an estimated \$1 million in rights to newspapers and magazines that