

Friday, May 14, 1976

LOUISVILLE

At Louisville - President Ford combining business with politics, signed into law a bill allowing him to mobilize fifty thousand military reservists, if needed - for up to ninety days.

The President - later to address an Armed Forces Day dinner, calling the reservist bill an essential in the nuclear age. Adding: "If we are forced to fight again the next war is likely to be right where you are."

WASHINGTON

Democrat Jimmy Carter met today with AFL-CIO leader George Meany in Washington. Later saying if he wins the nomination - he is confident labor will support him.

SALISBURY

In guerilla fighting in Rhodesia since Wednesday - fifteen deaths; followed by mobilization of army reserves; to deal with the terrorists.

Also warning Cuba to keep hands off. Rhodesian Defense Minister Pieter Van Der Byl saying if Cuban troops "attack us - we will beat the life out of them."

MOSCOW FOLLOW SALISBURY

and -
~~Again in the war~~ing department - a warning ~~today~~
to ^{US} ~~the~~ U.S. to lay off Cuba. This in the Communist ~~party~~
newspaper Pravda - which charged the U.S. with waging an
"unbridled anti-Cuban campaign." Adding: "The Soviet
Union cannot remain indifferent to threats and pressure" -
on the freedom island" of Cuba. ~~That~~ ~~from the Kremlin~~

ISLAMABAD

After four years of negotiation following their
Ninety-Seveny-One war - India and Pakistan today formally
agreed to resume diplomatic relations. The reconciliation
announced jointly ~~today~~ at Islamabad - ~~following three days~~
~~of final talks between Indian and Pakistani delegations. A~~
~~statement saying both sides have "agreed on a basis of~~
~~reciprocity to grant each other's diplomatic missions all~~
~~facilities and courtesies for their normal functioning."~~

PARIS

apparent
Another political assassination - the second this
week - is reported ~~to be~~ from Paris. The President of
France's second largest bank - shot and killed by ^{an} ~~a~~ young
anarchist who then committed suicide.

JUNEAU

From Juneau, Alaska, comes an item - relayed by the Alaskan L.T.; ~~telling of a resolution~~ ^{the Lieut. Gov. says it} in honor of, "one of Alaska's great friends - a pioneer spirit of the Great Land."

Here are the exact words:

~~It goes on to say:~~ "Be it resolved that the members of the Alaskan State Legislature offer their congratulations - to Lowell Thomas ^{Senior} ~~Senior~~, America's pre-eminent broadcast journalist - not only for contributions to that profession but most importantly, for his service to the nation and the state of Alaska." And it adds: "In tribute to his personal and professional achievements - in recognition of his association with this state for more than six decades - we do hereby designate Lowell Thomas ^{Senior} ~~Senior~~ an honorary citizen of Alaska." Further saying: "The members of the Legislature

^{Wish} ~~Wish~~ Lowell Thomas success in his future endeavors - which hardly sound like retirement." ^{TP} Modesty should

have kept me from reading that!

CLOSING - May 14, 1976

On a spot news program like this there just isn't time to do what I'd like to do this evening.

As you may have heard, I'll be off radio for a while. But, there is nothing in the rumor that I am retiring. On the contrary I'll probably be busier and more involved than ever. But, tonight, I do want to thank all of my associates. I really ought to go all the way back to the beginning, forty-six years ago and pay a special tribute to Bill Paley who ^{especially} ~~was~~ ^{— and to Alex Sarroff} the first to put me on the air with what has been the longest running broadcast of any sort -- not just news. ~~X~~ It seems odd that at one time I had all of the air of the entire world to myself alone, for telling about the day by day adventures of the human race. Human interest, ~~stories,~~ adventure, the colorful stories ~~that come~~ from around the

the globe ~~they~~ have been my specialty, and the present radio format allows only enough time for ~~some~~ headlines.

To the members of my staff, and to my colleagues with whom I have worked here at CBS and for many years

at NBC, also, on other networks, ~~it is utterly~~ ^{— ABC before it was ABC's} impossible

to tell them how grateful I am. And the same to all

of you who have been listening. ~~me~~

I'll be ~~having~~ ^{Be on} a brief vacation, perhaps doing some glacier skiing in the mountains of British Columbia and Alaska. Instead of my usual solong until tomorrow

~~— since this is Fri —~~
or until Monday, tonight it will simply be:

Here's to all of you, and ~~it's just~~ solong.....