

Good evening. President Nixon today named Federal Judge George Boldt of Seattle and C. Jackson Grayson - Dean of the Southern Methodist University School of Business - to head the pay board and price commission that will administer the Administration's long-term economic controls. Both Judge Boldt and Dean Grayson pledged their strongest efforts to head off any sudden inflation when the current wage-price freeze ends on November Thirteenth. The government reported some progress against inflation during September when the cost of living index rose only two-tenths of one percent - half the usual monthly increase for this year. Officials say most Americans seem to be complying with the freeze - although some violations have occurred and investigations are underway.

COURT

President Nixon today hinted that opposition by the American Bar Association may have prevented him from naming the first woman to the Supreme Court. However, the President said in addressing the National Federation of Republican Women in Washington, "we have made a beginning - there will be a woman on the Supreme Court." The initial Senate reaction was favorable to the two high court nominees named by the President - Assistant Attorney General William Rehnquist and Lewis Powell, Junior, a Richmond, Virginia, attorney. The Senate Judiciary Committee begins confirmation hearings on November Second.

NAVIES

In Moscow, a U-S Navy official says the Soviet and American navies have reached an understanding on measures aimed at preventing incidents - and possible gunplay - between each other's ships and planes. Diplomatic sources say the undisclosed measures - (if approved by both governments - could be the basis of a "gentleman's code of conduct" for "mutual snooping and shadowing" on the high seas. American and Soviet naval officers reached the understanding after ten days of talks in Moscow.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Laird told a news conference that some NATO members apparently are using the prospect of mutual troop reductions as "perhaps an excuse" to sidetrack improvement of their own armed forces. This, said he, could weaken the West's position in negotiations with Moscow on both troop reductions and nuclear arms limitations.

INDOCHINA

American troops - about two-hundred in number - were pulled out of Firebase Pace on the Cambodian border today - leaving the outpost to be defended by South Vietnamese units and four American military advisers. The base - located eighty miles north of Saigon - had been under attack from North Vietnamese gunners for nearly a month.

In Saigon, South Vietnam's Supreme Court officially declared President Thieu winner of the uncontested presidential election held earlier this month. A student group called for a general strike in Saigon tomorrow - to demonstrate opposition to Thieu's one-man victory.

Secretary of State William Rogers is reported to have told President Nixon that he is confident Nationalist China will retain its seat in the United Nations. The China debate is continuing at U-N headquarters in New York.

MIDEAST

A military spokesman in Tel Aviv says an Israeli Army patrol killed four Arab guerillas during a fight today at a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. He says guerilla hand grenades also killed an Arab woman and child. It was one of the highest casualty tolls reported in months in the Gaza Strip.

SALARY

In London, a House of Commons member says a newspaper - Daily Mail - may have breached privilege of secret committee hearings by publishing a story about a possible raise in Queen Elizabeth's salary to nearly two-and-a-half-MILLION dollars. The newspaper said the Queen - who now receives a MILLION dollars a year - would get the increase to more than two-MILLION under a plan now being discussed by a parliamentary committee. Another two-hundred-fifty-thousand would be allotted for expenses.

TAPE INTRO

Tonight Lowell Thomas has a few questions - and answers - concerning one of our most important problems.

Lowell....

Tape Runs: 1:45

Outcue: So Long

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L. T. tape - unedited

One of the techniques of my CBS colleague - Charles Kuralt - a regular true-or-false medical quiz. So how about a true-or-false pollution quiz? Ready? Okay, here we go.

True or false - the average American generates six pounds of refuse - each and every day? True or false - a single car can spew pollutants into the air - at a rate of about a ton a year? True or false - American industry annually blackens the skies - with an estimated thirty million tons of smoke and other debris.

Well, enough of that. The answer, of course, true in every case. And it's also true that Americans annually discard - about twenty-six million tons of bottles, thirty million tons of paper, forty-eight million tons of tin cans, and seven million junked cars. All this documented in a new National Geographic book - "As We Live and Breathe."

But the same book - citing numerous instances of remarkable progress. For example, the reforestation of an

area about the size of Delaware - once scarred and laid bare by strip mining. And then there's the recycling - of glass, paper, aluminum, copper and so on. Modern science has even devised oil-eating microbes - to help clean up oil spills.

"As We Live and Breathe" - a summary of the good, the bad and the ugly.

HARRISBURG

This happened in a parking lot in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as Mrs. Melna Fullbright was strapping her ten-month old daughter into the backseat of the family car. The door on the right side of the car was open - when another woman drove past - and hit it.

As the two women discussed the incident - Mrs. Fullbright's three-year-old daughter grew impatient - and opened the door on the LEFT side of the car. And sure enough - a third woman drove by and clipped that one.

Mrs. Fullbright's husband - a TV newsman - was assigned to interview his wife about misfortunes of the family car. He replied - "I can't - we aren't speaking."

Now for Lowell - so long until Monday.