

**April 6, 1972 - Charles Osgood substitute  
Lowell Thomas at Disney World for Eightieth Birthday**

## **POLLUTION**

**A professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland says he's found a new link between cancer and air pollution. Doctor Samuel Epstein - an environmental health specialist - notes that according to his findings, persons who live in high pollution areas definitely run a greater risk of getting lung cancer than do the clean air breathers.**

**In Los Angeles, an expert in carting away waste matter predicts that the nation's output of garbage and trash would nearly triple within the next eight years. Says this expert - Dean Park - "It's not the weight, it's the bulk that threatens to overwhelm us."**

## **VIETNAM**

*For the first time in four years, a strong force of North Vietnamese troops and Viet Cong is threatening the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon tonight. An estimated forty-thousand Communist soldiers and guerrillas in that drive, some units pushing to within thirty miles of the city. As heavy fighting continued on the southern front, Communist gains were reported also in the northern region of South Vietnam where Government troops abandoned another base south of Hue. In an effort to counter the enemy offensive, American warplanes struck North Vietnam in heavy bombing raids and within hours Hanoi claimed at least ten U-S planes were shot down. But the American command says it has NO report of planes lost. It did, however, acknowledge that ten American soldiers were killed in combat last week - highest weekly U-S death toll in six months. NOT included in this report were fourteen other Americans - missing and feared dead after their gunship was shot down. (more)*

*Commenting in Washington, Joint Chiefs Chairman Thomas Moorer says North Vietnam can expect to be under continuous air attack as long as supplies move southward to support the new Communist offensive.*

*In Paris, Viet Cong Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh charged that President Nixon "has started the war all over again by ordering American land, sea and air support for the South Vietnamese - who are now trying to stem the Communist drive. Mrs. Binh claims U-S ground troops are also in action. There's no indication of that from the American spokesmen. And in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Vice-President Agnew said he's confident history will show that America's involvement in Vietnam was "NO mistake." Rather, says Mister Agnew, "we answered the cry for assistance of people who sought only the right to determine how they would live."*

**IT&T**

**The Senate Judiciary Committee isn't through yet by any means - with the IT&T - Richard Kleindienst hearings. Following California Congressman Bob Wilson's publication today of a month old interview - in which Harold Geneen, the President of IT&T affirmed things he'd denied in testifying at the hearings - the committee has tentatively agreed to call at least - seventeen more witnesses - before calling the inquiry to an end. Senator John Tunney says the interview - if it's accurate - may be grounds for perjury action against Geneen and some other IT&T officials. However, Congressman Wilson says it isn't entirely accurate - that the article misquoted him.**

## **NIXON**

**President Nixon - delivering an address in Philadelphia today - pledged that he would do whatever possible to assure the financial survival of private and parochial schools. Speaking before some ten-thousand applauding school children, nuns and members of the National Catholic Education Association, he warned that such schools face "a crisis of the first magnitude and we must, and will, find ways to provide that help." The President gave no details as to how he would tackle the problem - but conceded it had raised grave constitutional questions in the past.**

## **MIDEAST**

**Egyptian President Sadat announced today that his country is cutting off all relations with Jordan because - said Sadat - Jordanian King Hussein has violated the historical rights of the Palestinian people in their struggle with Israel. Egypt is the fourth Arab state to take diplomatic action against Jordan in the Palestinian controversy.**

**DONLEVY**

*Brian Donlevy - for nearly half-a-century a  
"tough guy" star of the movies - died in Hollywood today  
at the age of sixty-nine. Cancer was the cause.*

**TAPE INTRO**

**And now, it's time to hear from Lowell Thomas....**

**Tape Runs: 2:00**

**Out Cue: So Long...**

*The first time I was in Afghanistan fifty-two years ago when it was still referred to as a "closed country" for Westerners. This was when there were no Christians, no missionaries in that Central Asian kingdom of mountains, desert, and rugged fighting people. But the last time I was there a decade ago on my way home from the South Pole, I found a young Princeton theologian doing surprising things. In addition to giving the Afghan Crown Prince lessons in English and cooperating with the Afghan Foreign Office on various cultural matters, he was conducting Christian services every Sunday - in Afghanistan; which seemed impossible to anyone who knew the country - how intensely Moslem it is. Since then he has even built a handsome Presbyterian Church in Kabul, the Capital.*

*Kenneth Scott Latourette, of Yale, sometimes spoken of as "the leading historian of missions in our century", said: "It is not every generation that produces a person like Willima Carey or David Livingston to be used to individually open new fields for the gospel." Then he added: "However our generation has such a person in J. Christy Wilson Jr. who has opened 'Forbidden Afghanistan' for Christian work."*

*Christy Wilson has done something else almost as important in that wild Central Asian land. He has played a key role in setting up the silk culture to take the place of opium production. Perhaps of far less importance he has even introduced Long Island ducks and American trout into the streams and lakes of Afghanistan. And when I first went there as the guest of the Amir, King Amanullah Khan, it was a closed country to Westerners.*

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