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INDIANAPOLIS

Rain soaked the track at the Indianapolis 500 Speedway today, delaying the start of the annual classic. When the green flag did come, a mass collision and more rain brought the race to a halt for today. Driver David Walter was badly burned and he suffered back injuries when his car jammed at the first turn against the outside wall and broke into flames. Five other drivers were injured - as were twenty-one spectators. Seven spectators were taken to the hospital several for treatment of burns.

The race is re-scheduled for tomorrow - weather permitting.

EARTH ORBIT

America's first three-man Skylab crew took a brief time out today for a sort of housewarming. Astronauts Pete Conrad, Paul Weitz and Dr. Joe Kerwin - displayed their new mode of living by means of a television news conference.

Mission Commander Conrad said: "It's obvious to me - that man can work up here." He added: "We are doing a lot more physical tasks - that is, exercising our muscles - than I thought we could." He also said he was "looking forward - to a successful flight of twenty-eight days."

KEY BISCAYNE

President Nixon was spending the day today at Key Biscayne - where he taped a Memorial Day message for broadcast via radio. The President said: "Today, as we honor the memory of our wartime dead, we are able to do so as a peacetime nation - with all of our fighting forces home from Vietnam - and all our prisoners set free, their heads held high."

The President went on to say: "The men and women who fell in America's wars - from Bunker Hill, to Khe Sanh and Hue - have brought the promise of lasting peace on earth closer for us all."

BASEBALL FOLLOW KEY BISCAYNE

The White House was asked for comment today - on the sale of the National League San Diego Padres to a Washington sports group. Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren said: "The President is pleased - that major league baseball will be returning to the nation's capital."

HYDE PARK FOLLOW WATERGATE

Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine; in a Memorial Day speech today - at the graveside of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Hyde Park, New York, accused the Nixon Administration - of making "national security the excuse for what he called, "systematic deception." He said, key aides of the President "could not tell what they thought was the truth - so they began to lie."

WATERGATE

The Senate's special Watergate committee is in recess this week - and Chairman Sam Ervin was back home today at Morganton, North Carolina. He, nevertheless, issued a statement saying that key White House aides - will not be called to testify at least till mid-June. "I would like to have gone directly to the crucial questions" - he explained - "but we want to develop the case logically and not piecemeal."

BUENOS AIRES

The new President of Argentina today announced a restoration of diplomatic relations - between Argentina and Cuba. Hector Campora's action followed a one-hour meeting - with Cuba's President Osvaldo Dorticos in Buenos Aires.

SAIGON

Another meeting of the International Commission for Control and Supervision in Vietnam - was held today in Saigon. The two Communist members - Poland and Hungary - finally agreed to hear a series of complaints - based on the interrogation of four North Vietnamese who were captured in the Mekong Delta. This headed off at least for now a threatened walkout - by Canada and Indonesia.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "MICHELIN"

And now - it's time for Lowell Thomas...

MICHELIN

All of you who travel in Europe are familiar with the Michelin Guide. When this French publication awards three stars to a restaurant it means fortune and fame for the owner, who often is the chef. The Michelin has now awarded the three star halo to four more restaurants, in Paris two - and two in the provinces. When the accolade was given to restaurant Le Vivarois on the avenue Victor Hugo, Chef Claude Peyrot's wife Jacqueline was beside herself with joy, and, she said her husband was handsome, photogenic as well as an unbelievable cook. His specialties, veal kidneys and a Dover Sole. M. Meyrot learned the art from his father also a chef, who because of his cooking, had brought the same three star fame to three restaurants in Austria and France. Can't you just imagine yourself at home in the kitchen. Your better half, the Little ^{woman} ~~is~~ is at her office. Late in the afternoon she phones and says: "Dear, for dinner tonight I want you to whip me up a sole ~~is~~ souffle? And, how about

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breaking out a bottle of that Eighteen-Forty-Six Chateau

La Fite Rothschild?

**Does that sound alright to you? Or is there something
wrong with it? I sort of think there is. So long.**

NEW YORK

A veteran Red Chinese diplomat arrived today in New York - en route to setting up the new liaison office here in the U. S. Ambassador Huang Chen - said he will hold a press conference - on arrival tomorrow in Washington .

The news continues after this message from General Motors Corporation.

REYKJAVIK

At Reykjavik - a meeting of Iceland's Foreign Relations Committee led to a decision today: - To file an appeal with Iceland's fellow NATO members. Iceland demands the immediate removal of British warships - from the fifty-mile limit it now claims as "territorial waters."

Iceland's Premier Johannesson also announced plans to meet with President Nixon and French President Pompidou - when they come to Iceland later this week. A government spokesman said: "It's logical that Britain's aggression and our NATO engagement - will be discussed."

AROLINA

*... inches of rain in a twelve-hour period - led
... floods today in the mountainous regions of western
... Carolina. Officials reported at least seven dead -
... missing. One of the victims - a five-year-old girl;
... swept from her father's arms - as he attempted
... to safety.*

TORNADO

Civil Defense authorities in Georgia say that twenty-six people have been injured in a tornado in Athens, Georgia. Others are being taken out of the rubble of buildings hit by the windstorm late this afternoon. This was one of many tornadoes that hit the South and Midwest today. The weather bureau says ^Ithis day has seen the greatest number of tornadoes of any twenty-four hour period.

EVERGLADES

A raging forest fire was blazing out of control today - in the big Cypress Swamp area of the Florida Everglades. A state forestry spokesman said the fire has already consumed - more than thirty thousand acres. He estimated : "It's burning up - an additional four to five thousand acres a day;" with no end - yet in sight. It's the worst Everglades fire - in ten years.

AHWAZ

In Southern Iran - at the Ahwaz Military Garrison - eight alleged "spies and traitors" were executed today by an Iranian firing squad. A government announcement - spelled out the specifics. It said the eight Iranians had passed along military information - to "foreign agents" believed to be working for Iraq.

FORD

Ford Motor Company of Argentina today began distributing the One Million Dollars worth of medical and school supplies it has agreed to contribute to Argentine institutions following blackmail by terrorists.

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