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Mike Wallace - sub

SAN ANTONIO

Former President Lyndon Johnson - a patient tonight at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio; where he was admitted earlier today for tests and diagnosis - in connection with a series of recurring chest pains.

As to possible cause - Dr. J. Willis Hurst - LBJ's personal physician - saying the ex-President had shown a "minor change" in electrocardiograms. However, the doctor stressed: "There is no evidence of any recent heart attacks."

NEW YORK

Here in New York - a surprise visit today from President Nixon. The Chief Executive flying up from Washington - to attend a gala dinner for touring French President Pompidou. Also, to apologize for pro-Israeli and anti-French demonstrations - that have marked Pompidou's trail from coast-to-coast.

The White House observing that "the President feels very strongly - that a head of state invited to this country - our official guest - should receive courteous treatment." The President's appearance is further said "to underline the deepening and improving relations - between France and the United States."

As for Pompidou himself - the French President today paid a visit to the United Nations. A call that was warmly welcomed - since DeGaulle had never done so. A French spokesman later observing - that this also "compensates a bit" for past indignities.

A SHAU

Half-a-world away - air war in Vietnam was marked today by another B-Fifty-Two attack. The big jets blasting enemy troops - newly-arrived in the blood-stained A Shau Valley. The raid prompted by reports that Communist forces were "digging in for a long stay" - following the withdrawal of American units.

On the political front - in Saigon - National Assembly Deputy Tran Ngoc Chau went on trial a second time today; charged - same as before - with pro-Communist activities. However, the hearing was abruptly recessed - when Shau's three attorney staged a walkout. The trio charging that Chau's military tribunal - had "already fixed his sentence."

**(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED
"WINTER IN ALASKA")**

*Lowell Thomas is still incommunicado tonight - up
near the "roof of the world"; which means - back here -
it's time for another special report he left us. And the
subject: A cold place - that occupies a warm spot in his
heart. Lowell...*

Hello, everybody: Are you interested in Alaska - our huge forty-ninth state? I hope all Americans are. If so, you will enjoy a new book that is just out on Alaska - and it brought back many, many nostalgic memories to me. For instance, it mentions how parking meters in Fairbanks just don't work - when the thermometer drops to twenty below and on down. And it gets a bit cold in Fairbanks - during the winter. My wife and I spent a Christmas week in Fairbanks - when planes were grounded because of a thin cloud of ice particles that hung over the city. And during that time - the thermometer dropped to minus seventy; a few miles from Fairbanks - down to seventy-five below.

Ah, but don't let such stories - discourage you from going to Alaska. Read this book - that the National Geographic has just put out. It tells how there are many parts of that vast state - which have a far gentler climate than Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin or even New England. So long....

(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED
"WINTER IN ALASKA")

Thank you, Lowell. More - in a moment.

SUPREME COURT

Another Monday - another decision day at the Supreme Court. Including today a five-to-three verdict - in a controversial statute of limitations case. The majority ruling that a youth who fails to register for the draft at age eighteen - is subject to prosecution up until his twenty-third birthday; and then - free as a bird.

In another action - the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal from Georgia Governor Lester Maddox; thereby upholding a state law - that bars him from running for reelection. However, it did agree to hear an appeal - in a Florida case; that of a firm accused of a civil rights violation - for refusing to hire a woman with pre-school children. The judge who originally ruled in this one - dismissing the charge - Supreme Court nominee G. Harrold Carswell.

SALISBURY

With the tolling of the bells at midnight - Britain's breakaway colony of Rhodesia officially proclaimed itself a republic today. Later, at Salisbury, Premier Ian Smith holding his first press conference - as a self-styled sovereign chief of government. Asserting, among other things, that U.S. policy - will make or break an attempted economic boycott against the new state.

By the way, the Premier's audience included a number of visiting American journalists - mainly from the South. These punctuating Smith's "white supremacy" remarks - with an occasional burst of applause. Several in the group also invited the Premier to visit the U.S. - promising, in their own words, to "see what we can do to help."

HOUSTON

Here at home again - at Houston, Texas - Dr.

Timothy Leary was sentenced today to ten years in prison.

This following his conviction - on a charge of illegally

transporting marijuana into the United States Judge Ben

Connally - who pronounced sentence - further refusing

bail. Asserting that Dr. Leary "poses a threat to the

community" - in "that he openly advocates violation of the

law."

WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, back in Washington - the Nixon administration today proposed a change in the nation's drug laws. One that would attempt to differentiate between professional pushers - and those who sell drugs merely to support their own habit. Dr. Roger Egeberg of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare calling this a "critical distinction" that much be made - if we are to combat effectively drug abuse and also drug-related crime.

LANSING

First Lady Pat Nixon arrived today at Lansing, Michigan - on the first leg of a five-day cross-country trip. Promptly setting out on a tour of community projects - in a special salute to college students taking part in volunteer work programs.

This - we are told - an attempt to make volunteer work - the "in thing" on college campuses clear across the country. The First Lady adding that she was merely - "accentuating the positive." On the grounds - said she - that "too little is said about college students - who are working in a constructive manner to change society."

LONDON

From London comes a suggestion today - setting forth a possible alternative to lonely spinsterhood. This in an article by Dr. Timothy Richards - appearing in the magazine "Mother." An article urging that unmarried women - between the ages of thirty and fifty - should be given the opportunity of having babies by artificial insemination.

Dr. Richards adds that such women would probably reap a fringe benefit - in that motherhood would doubtless cure up many of their imaginary aches and pains; giving them instead - some ~~every~~ very real aches and pains.