

*Good evening everybody. For a total of one hundred and ten times today, Sergeant Major William Wooldridge and three old Army buddies invoked the fifth amendment - declining, on grounds of possible self-incrimination, to testify before the Senate subcommittee investigating alleged graft and corruption in the Army. Their action brought to an end three weeks of hearings on charges that they - and others - took part in a vast operation of kickbacks, embezzlement and gambling skim-offs at enlisted mens clubs. Republican Senator Charles Percy of Illinois said "These criminal actions that have been charged will have to be tried in court." Percy called Sergeant Major Wooldridge a Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde - a man who brought discredit on the uniform he wears. And the Army stripped Wooldridge of his position as a Command Sergeant Major. Now he's just an ordinary Sergeant Major - and still, perhaps, in trouble.*

*Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge had sharp words at today's session of the Paris peace talks.*

PARIS

*Refusing even to acknowledge an enemy contention - that last week's Vietnam Moratorium was the true voice of the American people.*

*Instead, Lodge telling the Communists: "I have sat here all day - listening to the statement which you on the other side have made. And I am constrained to say" - he went on - "that you have done nothing but repeat your demands for unilateral actions on our part" - you have done nothing but "engage in genuine negotiations." "Under these circumstances" - he added - "I see no point" in prolonging the session.*

## SAIGON

*In Saigon - another weekly casualty report. With the number of U.S. battle deaths - set at seventy-eight; marking the fourth straight week - that American losses have ended up less than a hundred. Perhaps equally significant - South Vietnamese and Viet Cong losses were also way down. All of which reflects that continued lull in the fighting.*

## MIDDLE EAST

*In the Middle East - Arab versus Arab. Armed guerillas from Syria - crossing into Lebanon at four points; attacking Lebanese border outposts - penetrating as much as two miles - before they were finally driven back by tanks and border reinforcements.*

*When they fled though - the guerillas took with them more-than twenty captives. According to sources in Beirut - these to be held as hostages; now, reportedly released. From Cairo - the militant Palestine Liberation Organization warning - the plans "to make any move necessary to protect itself;" in Lebanon - and anywhere else in the Middle East.*



(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "CONNELLAN  
KANGAROO")

With that - another "time out" for Lowell Thomas.

Reporting again tonight - from the land "Down Under."

Lowell...

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CONNELLAN KANGAROO

*L. J. Tape insert  
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*Good Evening Everybody:*

*I am deep in the great Australian Desert tonight on a cattle station called Narwietooma. My host Eddie Connellan owns about a million acres of this country.*

*Eddie Connellan is best known for his airline which services some seven hundred thousand square miles of the interior of Australia. Today with Eddie Connellan I've been chasing kangaroo, big fellows, chasing them unintentionally. We were looking for possible sites for bores - bores that's the name for a deep well out here. And the kangaroo - they sleep during the day and then they feed and roam at dusk when it's cooler or the early morning.*

*It's interesting to watch kangaroos on the run because it's all done on those powerful hind legs as you*

*know - with those great leaps. I had assumed that the big kangaroo tail kept hitting the ground giving an extra push to each bounce but when Joey, well, those are the little ones...but at any rate, when a kangaroo bounds along on the run his tail just doesn't touch the ground at all but it does give him balance. And if you shoot a kangaroo through the tail he can't run. I'll have to admit that it's fun chasing them in a car but they were not frightened because they had no reason to be. Among the few things that I wouldn't do one is I wouldn't shoot a kangaroo.*

*Solong.....*

(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "CONNELLAN  
KANGAROO")

Thank you, Lowell - ~~for that tale well done.~~ Back  
to the news...



STOCKHOLM

Winner of this year's Nobel Prize for Literature -  
a transplanted Irishman /- Parisien Samuel Beckett / Among  
other things, / author of the avant-garde "Waiting for Godot" -  
which ushered in the so-called "theater of the absurd." / An  
official citation praising Beckett for "his writing in new  
forms / in which the destitution of modern man acquires its  
elevation."

Ironically, Beckett ~~did not~~ began his literary career - as  
a secretary to the great Irish writer James Joyce. But Joyce  
never won a Nobel - <sup>prize</sup> and now Beckett has.

**MUNICH**

**A safety note reported today from Munich. The West German Transport Ministry - disclosing a drop of more than seven per cent in traffic deaths over the past year. Transport Secretary Karl Wittrock - giving major credit to a government order of last year; an order banning from the nation's highways - all long-distance trucking.**

**More in a moment.**

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

*It seems that fourteen-year-old Kim Agnew wanted to take part in last Wednesday's Vietnam moratorium demonstration. She wanted to march in a parade and wear a black armband. But her father wouldn't let her. This is worth noting because Kim's father is Vice President of the US - and he has had some sharply worded comments about the demonstrators. According to the Long Island newspaper Newsday, which reports, Kim Agnew was unhappy for a day or so about the Vice-Presidential veto, but she got over it. Parental-type power must be exercised, her father is quoted as saying - and some parents have forgotten how. People in the Establishment don't want to say NO to young people even if they are wrong. The latest on the Vice President and his daughter.*

*Dallas Townsend saying Goodnight.*