

Good evening. President Nixon - named his choices for the Supreme Court vacancies - left by the resignations of the late Justice Black and ailing Justice Stone - And the men he named were surprises - not among the six so-called "leading candidates" on list supplied by the White House - Both are very distinguished lawyers - with high ranking in the legal profession - Lewis Powell, Sixty-Four - of Richmond Virginia - former president of the American Bar Association - Forty-Seven-Year-Old - Willaim Rehnquist - at present an assistant attorney general - and who heads the Legal Counsel office in the Justice Department. Both of the new nominees - because of this legal and academic backgrounds - are likely to meet with quick Senate approval.

A further note - the president - referred to the Supreme Court as an institution - saying we may at times disagree with some of its decisions - but it is our obligation to obey the law - and our duty as citizens - to respect the institution of the Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT

Good evening:

Who they will be - is the subject of some high-level guessing at this point. One - it appears - will be the attorney from Little Rock, Arkansas - Herschel Friday - who has been one of the most prominently mentioned on the president's list of possibilities. Who will get the second nod? Well - it HAD appeared that this might be the first LADY to be appointed to the Supreme Court - Judge Mildred Lillie of Los Angeles. But now there's some last-minute speculation - that maybe she won't be - that perhaps West Virginia's Democratic Senator Robert Byrd - might get the nod. Encouraging THIS line of speculation - West Virginia's governor has scheduled what he calls a very important news conference - for the same time the president makes his broadcast address - half-an-hour from now. The governor, a Republican, would name a Senatorial successor to Byrd - if he DOES move over to the court.

ESTATE

The State Department has advised the Soviet Embassy in Washington that it cannot approve Soviet plans to purchase a tract of land, located on the Potomac River near Mount Vernon - home of George Washington. The Russians wanted the land as a recreation area for Embassy officials and employees. Secretary of State William Rogers has decided that purchase of land of historic interest by a foreign nation, could NOT be approved. But he promised to help the Russians find another suitable site - on non-Historic land.

INDOCHINA

The Vietnam peace talks in Paris lasted less than three hours today - one of the briefest sessions since the talks began two-and-a-half years ago. The American ambassador - William Porter told the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong delegates they would get nowhere with their ultimatums and preconditions. The Communists countered by charging the Nixon Administration with planning new military ventures in Indochina.

In the fighting, Communist artillery shelled an airfield northwest of Saigon today - killing at least four persons and destroying seven American trucks. Communist rockets also struck U-S Firebase Pace on the Cambodian border - while South Vietnamese troops called off a drive through the Krek Rubber Plantation area without making contact with the enemy. In Saigon, the U-S Command announced that five American soldiers were killed last week - lowest weekly toll in more than six years.

NOBEL

Pablo Neruda of Chile - world-famous poet, Marxist, and one-time Communist presidential candidate - today won the Nineteen-Seventy-One Nobel prize for literature. Neruda - now in Paris serving as Chilean ambassador to France - called his designation as winner of the prize "a miracle - and a contribution to Latin America's struggle for freedom." In recent years, Neruda has been sharply critical of the United States and its foreign policy - both in Latin America and Vietnam.

MISSION

FBI agents and New York City police have launched an intensive investigation into a sniper attack against the Soviet U-N Mission headquarters. Four shots from a high-powered rifle were fired from the fourteenth floor of a Hunter College building near the Soviet Mission on Sixty-Seventh Street in Manhattan. The bullets shattered a window and struck a wall, just above the heads of a Soviet employees four sleeping children - ages ranging from three to eleven - none ~~and~~ of whom was injured. The attack occurred last night and early today, news services and Soviet officials received anonymous phone calls claiming responsibility for the shooting and declaring "Never Again!" - motto of the militant Jewish Defense League which seeks freedom for Russian Jews to emigrate to Israel. American U-N Ambassador George Bush told the General Assembly today that the shooting was "an outrageous, cowardly and hostile act - which shakes the heart and soul of an American."

Twilight - Lowell Thomas 1934
TAPE INTRO

Hello everybody. When I first started along, well, let me go into it a bit ago, when I was reading the story of the arrival at some distant point and I would be the first of your friend, Floyd Gifford and another, who says was a world famous explorer. Well, some thing is happening over there, out in the wilds of New Guinea, in the highlands of the north, up the Amazon, and into the Andes, Callow. And I'm reading about the adventures of the Expedition, their expeditions, filming and writing about the people such books as "Amazon Expedition", "The Search of the Primitives", and "The Discovery of the Primitives". The latter is the most interesting of all, and it's a very readable conclusion, but primitive life, the progress of civilization, the progress of civilization, to find a certain truth in it.

TWILIGHT - Lowell Thomas tape - unedited

Hello everybody: When I travel, I always take a book along, well, let me go into it this way. A half-a-century ago, when I was roaming the globe - often when I would arrive at some distant point and I would be told - "Oh, your friend, Floyd Gibbons was just here" - Floyd, in those days was a world famous foreign correspondent. Now the same thing is happening over again. But, it was someone else in the wilds of New Guinea, in the heart of Africa, in the far north, up the Amazon, and this time, his name is Lew Cotlow. And I'm reading Lew's latest book, "The Twilight of the Primitive". Lewis Cotlow has lead some fourteen expeditions, filming and writing about primitive people - such books as "Amazon Headhunters," "Zanzabuku," "In Search of the Primitive." And this one - the most fascinating of all - and Lewis comes to the inescapable conclusion, that primitive man is doomed, - doomed by the relentless progress of civilization. Ah, but he also seems to find a certain irony in it. He says that the machines

that awed primitive man, have now begun to terrify even us;

- I wonder. It proves, in a sense, he believes, that we are

all still primitive men; raising the enevitable question,

"just whose twilight is it?"

"The Twilight of the Primitive" by Lewis Cotlow -

a book that is hard to put down.

GLASGOW

A mid-afternoon explosion tore through a busy Scottish shopping center Thursday, killing thirteen persons and injuring at least one-hundred in a blitz-like horror of rubble and wreckage.

Cars from a rooftop parking lot toppled into the debris hampering hundreds of police and firemen who clawed at the rubble to reach screaming victims.

The blast wrecked fifteen stores on newly built Busby Street in the prosperous Clarkston Toll District. First indications, according to police were that a gas main had exploded. ~~REDACTED~~

There's a hopeful note on the international front - from Deputy Defense Secretary Packard - who says - international tensions involving the communist world have eased significantly - the administration's goal of moving from confrontation to negotiation - says Packard - is beginning to be realized.

What about relations with Fidel Castro's Cuba. There, too - Packard said - there is hope for improving relations - and at some point - the administration would like to talk to CUBA - it would be a logical move, according to Packard.

Now for Lowell - so long until tomorrow.