

Tuesday, August 13, 1974

From Washington.....

From the Caribbean.....

From The Hi Pamirs in Central Asia comes today's news.

Good Evening everybody. This is Lowell Thomas for

CBS news.

The Ford Administration today made its first major foreign policy decision - urging more self-government for the Turkish minority on the island of Cyprus. Secretary Kissinger - personally intervening in the crisis - urging both Greeks and Turks to save the current Geneva peace talks from collapse.

FORD

Obviously agreeing with President Ford's assessment of inflation as the nation's Number One problem.

Democratic leaders in Congress moved swiftly today to reactivate The Cost of Living Council - as requested in his speech last evening. The revived council would keep an eye on wages and prices - but would have NO power to control either. Hearings are set for tomorrow and Thursday.

Some Democrats are complaining that the President's proposal doesn't go far enough - too limited in scope to deal with inflation effectively. Senator Humphrey was noting that the President's address didn't even mention the drought-devastated crops of the midwest - which he says, will send food prices higher.

Labor leader George Meany was a visitor at the White House today - called there by the President to ask his help in the fight against inflation. Tomorrow fourteen governors and fourteen mayors are scheduled to be at the White House, to discuss inflation.

DEFENSE

Even though it will make Defense Secretary ~~James~~
Schlesinger ~~very~~ unhappy, a Senate subcommittee today
trimmed five-BILLION dollars from the Nineteen-Seventy-
Five defense appropriation. ^{The} Chairman, ^{Sen.} ~~John~~ McClellan
of Arkansas says the revised bill would give the Pentagon
about eighty-two-BILLION for the fiscal year.

GASOLINE

Treasury Secretary Simon says the price of gasoline could drop six or seven cents a gallon if - and there are three of those "ifs" - ^{if} crude oil supplies continue to increase, ^{if} the Arabs don't cutback production, - and ^{if} world market prices remain steady.

VETERANS

A Senate House Joint Committee agreed on a twenty-three per cent boost in educational benefits for Vietnam veterans. Of course it must be approved by the House, and the Senate; and finally by the White House.

EVERS

*The Justice Department says a well known
Mississippi mayor - Charles Evers of Fayette - is under
Federal indictment in a court at Jackson - charged with
evading more than fifty-thousand-dollars in income taxes.*

ALMA

Tropical Storm Alma - the season's first - is
~~moving~~ ^{towards}
moving west [^] ~~the~~ Atlantic ~~Ocean~~ tonight, [^] with winds up
to fifty-five-miles an hour. The storm center [^] ~~is~~ ^{at present} several
hundred miles due east of Trinidad, [^] ~~in its path~~ ^{and heading across the}
^{toward the} Caribbean Windward Islands.
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CLIMBERS

The ~~_____~~ Tass News Agency today confirmed the tragic fate of eight Soviet women mountain climbers who perished last week in a blizzard atop Lenin Peak in Siberia.

Tass says

They had reached the summit of the twenty-three-thousand-foot ~~Mount~~ ^{Lenin} - third highest in the Soviet Union - and were preparing to descend when a storm struck with

~~tremendous~~ force - swept ~~them~~ ^{even} away their tents and ~~left~~

some of their all important
them without ~~warm~~ clothes, ~~according to Tass.~~ On August

Seventh, a final radio message ^{to their} ~~reached the~~ base camp ~~had~~

simply:-
said - "Goodbye - we will die." ^{Maybe, maybe} ~~obviously~~, they had erred in judgment about the weather.

FIRST LADY

Mrs. Betty Ford after touring the White House today said she's delighted with her new home. The President and family expect to move from Alexandria, Virginia into the Pennsylvania Avenue mansion next Monday.

Mrs. Ford tells us how a fortune cookie predicted all this some months ago, when ~~they~~ were dining at a Chinese restaurant in Colorado, at Vail. When fortune cookies arrived at their table the then Vice-President Ford said he wasn't interested in what his might have to say. His wife and children were. Whereupon when they opened his cookie they read it to him. It said: "You are about to have a change of address."

I wonder if Pete Seibert - "Mr. Vail" had this all arranged. Or maybe it was "Mrs. Vail", Sheila Gramhammer who planted that Vail Chinese fortune cookie.

Now this message.....

BURR

Author Gore Vidal says a forthcoming television

version of his best-selling historical novel - "Burr" - ^{he} ~~should~~ ^{hopes will} be filmed in Ireland with a cast of English actors.

Why? ^{Because} ~~Vidal was asked: For one thing - said he -~~

it's cheaper, ^{and} ~~for another~~ English actors are masters of costume and period performance. ^{Says} Vidal; ~~adding~~ ^{after all}

"Jefferson, Washington, Hamilton ~~and~~ Aaron Burr were all

Eighteenth Century English gentlemen, ~~of sorts~~ - British

accent included" - ^{and to him} ~~and~~ the streets of Dublin today are

exactly like those of New York and Philadelphia in the early

Eighteen-Hundreds." As for the casting, Vidal says he'd

prefer Richard Burton as Aaron Burr - ^{to play} Albert Finney ~~as~~ Hamilton - ^{as} Peter O'Toole,

Thomas Jefferson - Laurence Olivier ^{to be} ~~as~~ George

Washington.

^{for CBS News}
This is L.T. saying = f-u-t-u-r-e.