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## WATERGATE

*In today's episode of the Watergate bugging affair - John Mitchell tells all. The former Attorney General - testifying before a Federal grand jury in Washington. And then - a brief encounter with reporters.*

*Asked whether he still denied any prior knowledge of the Watergate caper - Mitchell saying: "I have done that twice - and I did it again today." Asked whether he had ever attended meetings where bugging proposals were made - Mitchell saying: "No such operations were ever approved by me - under any circumstances."*

*Next - a question suggesting the possible payment of "hush money" - to convicted Watergate defendants to keep them quiet. Mitchell saying: "I have never met any of the defendants - I have never met any of their counsel - and I never handled any such money."*

WHITE HOUSE

*Elsewhere in Washington - President Nixon was conferring at length with his Cabinet. The main topics of discussion - listed officially as energy problems and domestic legislation.*

*The President and Mrs. Nixon, daughters Julie and Tricia, and son-in-law David Eisenhower - <sup>later</sup> ~~then~~ flying to Key Biscayne. For what it's worth, the President also taking along - his personal secretary and White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler; but not his Chief of Staff - H.R. "Bob" Haldeman - who normally accompanies the President on such trips.*

*The White House explaining that Haldeman remained in Washington - so he could spend the Easter holiday with his family. Others were quick to note, however, that he, too - has now been implicated in the Watergate scandal. Adding that his future as the President's top aide - could well be in doubt.*

HONOLULU

From the U.S. Pacific Forces Command in Honolulu -  
a report today disclosing the loss of a U.S. Air Force  
Phantom jet over Cambodia. <sup>Its</sup> ~~two~~ two crewmen - listed as  
missing in action.

*HANOI*

*A related item: Hanoi charging today - that the U.S. has now resumed reconnaissance flights over North Vietnam. The U.S. firing right back - with a statement of its own; accusing the Communist side - of selective compliance with the terms of the Vietnam cease-fire. Adding, in effect, that full compliance, if and when - would quickly be met in kind.*

## UNITED NATIONS

*Here in New York - at the United Nations - another attempt today at a Mideast compromise. Britain and France agreeing to drop from a Security Council draft resolution - an implied threat against Israel. This in order to prevent an American veto - except that now they're saying it could lead to a Communist Chinese veto.*

*A vote on the draft resolution - was again delayed, however. Egypt demanding a full review of U.S. Mideast peace efforts - prior to final action. Next session - tomorrow at ten.*

## JERUSALEM

*Good Friday in the Holy Land - was again the most solemn of occasions today; with an estimated twenty-five thousand Christian pilgrims - bearing wooden crosses through the streets of Jerusalem; following the same path as that of Christ - en route to Mount Calvary, where He was finally crucified.*

*The safety<sup>and</sup> sanctity of the Christian procession - insured by Israeli troops stationed all the way. An Israeli officer saying: "We are watching for anything and everything - including guerilla activity."*

## VATICAN FOLLOW JERUSALEM

*In Rome, meanwhile - Pope Paul was enacting another age-old rite. Walking shoeless and hatless - down the main aisle at St. Peter's Basilica; there kissing a crucifix - in symbolic mourning for Christ.*

*The Pope later bearing a wooden cross - at the head of a torchlight proccession of thousands. Past the Colosseum - the site of ancient Christian martyrdom; ■ to Palatine Hill - where thousands more awaited his blessing.*

## PRICES

*The U. S. cost of living index - was up sharply last month; according to government figures announced today - a resounding nine-tenths of one per cent; the greatest monthly increase - in twenty-two years. In the words of AFL-CIO President George Meany - "proof positive of the complete failure of the economic policies of the Nixon Administration."*

*Chairman Herbert Stein of the President's Council of Economic Advisers - was, nevertheless, undisturbed. Indeed - just the opposite; noting that most of the March increase - was caused by sharp climb in meat prices, which have since been placed under a ceiling. Stein adding that today's report thus "contains the first encouraging signs we have seen on prices - in the past two months."*



## MOSCOW

*Moscow - a group of seven visiting American students staged a demonstration today - outside the Soviet visa office. The students protesting Soviet emigration policies - pertaining to Jews; in the process, chanting "liberty, liberty" - and singing songs such as "Let My People Go."*

*The protest had been on just a few minutes, however - when police arrived. The students -submitting to arrest without resistance. They were held a few hours - and then released.*

## **NEW DELHI**

*Two of America's top diplomats stopped in today at New Delhi - as part of a tour of U.S. overseas diplomatic posts. Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Rush and Assistant Secretary Joseph Sisco - bearing a personal message from President Nixon; which they delivered to India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi - at a meeting this afternoon. Rush telling newsmen: "There is clearly a mutual desire - to find a more realistic basis for improved U.S.-Indian relations."*

*While this was going on - about a mile away, at the U.S. Embassy, about a thousand persons staging a mass protest march. The demonstrators waving a huge banner that said: "Yankees, stop arms to Pakistan."*

**NEW YORK**

*For visiting Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti -  
a brief visit to New York; followed by his departure today  
- en route to the Pacific.*

*Before he left though - Andreotti sending "warm  
wishes" to all Americans of Italian descent. He also said:  
"It is fine to see the quality of our people - their great  
loyalty to the United States" - while still retaining  
"affection for the country of their families."*

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "VANDAL"**

*And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;*

*discussing tonight a new look - at a bygone era. Lowell...*

The word "vandalism" - as you perhaps know - one of the last vestiges of the legendary but short-lived Vandal Empire. The Vandals roaring out of the Baltic area - around Four Hundred A.D.; sacking Rome - conquering most of Europe and Northern Africa; finally, ending up in Tunisia - where they were quickly lost to history.

Ah, but now comes a new look at the Vandals - courtesy of the National Geographic; which says that really - the Vandals were not all that bad; except that they lived in an age - when such as the barbarous Huns, the Ostrogoths, the Visigoths and the Franks were all vying for power.

Then why does the term "vandal" alone endure?

Because - we are told - the Vandals were simply "better at being barbarians." Not naturally cruel - but apparently holding to the theory: "If a job is worth doing - it's worth doing well."

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "VANDAL"**

**Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.**

## BERLIN

For more than a quarter-of-a-century - Adolf Hitler was treated as a virtual "non-person" in West Germany.

And then <sup>last year</sup> a sudden rebirth of interest - in the World War Two Nazi leader. This leading to a flood of books and magazine articles - attempting to explain the Hitler mystique.

Now - in West Berlin - the world premiere of a new film entitled: "Hitler - the Last Ten Days." Alec Guinness starring as <sup>the</sup> a so-called "mass seducer" - that "millions of people succumbed to." The film's release - coinciding with what would have been Der Feuhrer's eighty-fourth birthday.

Surprisingly though - the Hitler movie has apparently caused little reaction. A former German soldier - one Vladimir Benz - perhaps best explaining why.

<sup>of</sup> The man in the film - said he - "it was not Hitler - it was Alec Guinness."