

May 17, 1972  
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## SILVER SPRING

*Good Evening: Governor George Wallace recuperating in the hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland - was encouraged this morning by his primary victories in Michigan and Maryland. He asked for a newspaper first thing. With his doctor's approval - he scanned the accounts of yesterday's balloting.*

*Wallace later talking with his news secretary - Billy Joe Camp - who asked him: "Howe'd you like the vote in Michigan?" Wallace firing right back: "What's the latest percentage?" When he was told - fifty-one-per cent - Wallace adding: "Go out get me my latest vote total."*

*But later in the day - a somewhat discouraging report from one of the doctors attending the governor - who said - the chances are less than fifty-fifty that Wallace will ever walk again - and if he does - it probably will be only with the aid of leg braces.*

*The Doctor - James Galbraith - a neurosurgeon*

of the University of Alabama - noted that Wallace still hasn't regained any feelings in his legs - because of a bullet lodged near the spinal column - and said - the longer he goes without improvement - the worse are the chances for an eventual recovery in his legs.

At any rate - it'll be some time before they know.

Another operation in a week or ten days - to remove that bullet - and then another three ~~or~~ months or more before Wallace can recover - to whatever extent is possible.

## PARIS

*As promised, the U. S. today spelled out at Paris - its reasons for refusing a resumption of peace talks. A formal notice delivered to the Communist side saying:*

*"Your actions on the battlefield and your words in Paris - give no indication whatsoever that you are seriously interested in the negotiation of matters of substance." The U. S. adding - we "can only conclude that you have no serious purpose in demanding another plenary session."*

## VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

*In Vietnam the fighting goes on; with enemy forces stepping up their pressure today - on Kontum and Pleiku in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. While government troops - continued building what they called "a ring of steel" - around Hue. They took over a second abandoned base above Hue - eight Soviet warships - reputedly have now assembled about two hundred miles off the coast of Vietnam. But the Russians are said to have shown no sign, as yet - that they intend to challenge the U.S. blockade of North Vietnam. At least one source observing: "They could just be engaged in muscle-flexing - sitting out there to let the U.S. know - that the Soviet Union also has a powerful fleet."*

## KREMLIN

*From the Kremlin today - a tentative itinerary for President Nixon's upcoming mission to Moscow. The schedule starting out with formal arrival ceremonies - set for Monday at Moscow's Vnukovo-Two Airport. From Tuesday through Friday - private talks with top Kremlin leaders, especially Chairman Brezhnev. Saturday - a side trip to Leningrad. Sunday - a return to Moscow for final talks. And then - brief stops at Kiev and Tehran, en route home.*

*By the way, the Soviet newspaper - Pravda - explained today why the President's visit is still on, Vietnam withstanding. Pravda saying: "The Soviet Union attaches considerable importance - to the development of equal, mutually advantageous relations with the U.S."*

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

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

**Subject tonight: Well, let's let him tell it. Lowell....**

Archeologists have recently discovered a long-buried Roman city; Aphrodisias in Turkey; another treasure trove of ancient Roman art. They've found too, that the Roman Emperor Diocletian ordered a freeze on all wages and prices - around Three Hundred A.D., in an attempt to stem inflation.

On this side of the world at Rattler's Bight, Labrador; an expedition hopes to find the grave of Norse explorer Thorvald Ericson -- a brother of Leif Ericson. They <sup>think the</sup> burly Thorvald <sup>probably was</sup> ~~is thought to have been~~ the first European - ever to meet American natives - or "Skraelings", as the Norsemen called them. The National Geographic says he was killed by an Indian arrow. - Pulling it out just before he died, according to legend he said: "There is fat around my belly!" And - with his last breath his words were: "We have won a fine and fruitful country - but will hardly be allowed to enjoy it."

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "APHRODISIAS"**

*Thank you, Lowell.*

*A final story - in a moment.*

## TRAFALGAR SQUARE

*Here's one - perhaps hard to believe; and yet it happened - they say. In London - a demonstration in behalf of so-called "Pupil Power." More than a thousand young boys and girls - attempting a march on Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square. The youngsters pressing seven demands - including an end to compulsory school uniforms and an end to corporal punishment.*

*They never got there though. Police blocking off the square - shunting the children into side streets; where they wandered aimlessly - for a while. Ah, but it was a nice spring day - "Pupil Power" or no, a good day to skip school.*

*And now for Lowell Thomas - so long.*

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## QUEEN ELIZABETH II

*Good Evening: A bizarre scene in the Mid-Atlantic today - four British bomb experts parachuting into the ocean - and then picked up by the huge liner - Queen Elizabeth the Second. The ship - threatened, (a telephone caller said) by a half a dozen bombs - placed aboard.*

*The caller - telephoned the Cunard office in New York demanding a ransom of Three-Hundred-Fifty-Thousand Dollars in small bills - in exchange for information as to where the bombs are planted - supposedly, somewhere in the big ship's thirteen decks. He claimed to have two accomplices on board - an ex-convict - and a terminal cancer patient - both prepared to die.*

*A spokesman for the Cunard line - which owns the big ship - said - "We expected a hoax from the beginning - but we daren't take chances." There are some Twenty-Two Hundred people aboard the ship - now - in mid-Atlantic on a run from New York to Cherbourg, France. (continued)*

And so the British officials made arrangements with the FBI to pay the Three-Hundred-Fifty-Thousand ransom. Where and when? The caller said he would place a second call with that information - So far - that second call hasn't come in.

Could it be - that it won't? That the whole business - after all is a hoax. British police say Cunard has long been plagued by hoaxes - ~~so many~~ so many, they've lost count.

But just in case - this one might be for real - Cunard officials are prepared to pay off - if that second telephone call is received.