

Wed., Aug. 14, 1974

*From Cyprus.....*

*From Washington....*

*From Margarita Island, Venezuela comes today's news.*

*Good Evening Everybody. This Lowell Thomas.*

*Turkish forces on Cyprus launched a wide offensive today - and by the time a partial cease-fire went into effect at sundown - the Turks had virtually partitioned the island in two; apparently accomplishing by force of arms what they failed to achieve at the Geneva peace talks. American built Turkish jets bombed the industrial section of Nicosia into smoking ruins - another bombing attack near Larnaca killed three Austrian soldiers - members of the U N peace keeping force.*

*The lightning offensive brought Greece and Turkey to the brink of full-scale war - with Greece announcing the withdrawal of its military forces from the Nato Alliance. Both Greece and Turkey are members of Nato - the Greeks*

now claiming Nato did little to stop the current Turkish military operations on the island. However, the Greeks say they will continue as a political member of Nato - which may indicate a possible future return within the Alliance. Should Greece continue to with-hold its military forces from Nato it would mean the loss of several naval bases and air force installations, both American and British - on the Greek mainland and the island of Crete - vital to Nato's southeastern flank.

In Washington, President Ford met with Secretary Kissinger and later the President telephoned British Prime Minister Harold Wilson urging him to do everything possible to resolve the crisis. State Department officials indicated that all ~~US military aid to both Greece and Turkey~~ US military aid to both Greece and Turkey would be cut off should those countries go to war.

In London, Archbishop Makarios - ousted President of Cyprus, was blaming the United States for having failed to prevent the Turkish invasion with diplomatic pressure.

FORD follow Cyprus

The crisis over Cyprus may delay the President's decision on a Vice President until after the coming weekend. Meanwhile, members of the House and Senate - are in effect - "voting" for their candidate for the Vice Presidential post, ~~They they are~~ sending sealed envelopes to the President listing their choices in one two three order. The word from Capitol Hill is that conservatives are pushing G O P national chairman George Bush ~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> the liberals are backing Nelson Rockefeller.

The White House announced that the President will visit Japan later this year. Probably after the November elections. He ~~will~~ <sup>to</sup> be the first U S President to visit ~~the~~ Japan while in office.

## ECONOMY

At a White House meeting the President, <sup>today</sup> told

~~a group of fifteen state governors~~ governors that he

~~substantially~~ enthusiastically supports federal revenue

sharing - and favors its renewal when current

legislation expires next year. The exchange of views,

also with big city mayors,

~~also~~ touched on the inflation problem ~~a problem~~

which

Treasury Secretary William Simon says won't go

away for at least two years. It'll take that long,

or longer - he says - to drive inflation down to

"acceptable levels."

Budget Director Roy Ash says the President's

~~proposal~~ proposal to reactivate the cost of living council

is intended - not as a ~~next~~ step toward controls - but

rather as a way of avoiding them.

In Detroit, the four U S auto makers report

auto sales early this month are up more than two

percent over the same period last year. Also, public

**works committees in both ~~the~~ House and Senate are pushing legislation that would allow bigger ~~and~~ -- and wider -- trucks to use the interstate highway system.**



## **STORM PLANE**

**Tropical Storm Alma swept along the Venezuela coast today and is blamed for an airline crash that took forty-seven lives. Only the co-pilot Juan Magallanes - survived. The Venezuelan airliner, flying blind through rain and wind, ran into a mountain.**

# GOLD

The Interior Department says the Black Hills of South Dakota may have rich gold deposits <sup>still</sup> ~~just~~

waiting to be discovered, by ~~enterprising~~ prospectors.

Department spokesman Dr. James Norton says the

northern Black Hills, in the vicinity of the town of

~~with gold now being~~ <sup>at</sup> 150 dollars an <sup>ounce</sup> lead, are particularly worthy of attention. All but <sup>one</sup> two gold mines in ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> area have been closed for

more than thirty years and ~~so~~ many have not been

worked in nearly a century. <sup>Of course our richest</sup> ~~the richest~~

<sup>gold mine in there in the Black Hills, the</sup> ~~there is gold in them the black hills.~~

Homestake - still going strong,  
and now this means

## **SHARKS**

**Hundreds of sharks are reported in the shallow waters off the beaches at St. Petersburg, Florida, with bathers warned to stay on the beach. The sharks apparently were driven toward the shore by an outbreak of what is known as the Red Tide, a micro-organism sea invasion which paralyzes fish.**

**This is Lowell Thomas for CBS News saying so long until tomorrow.**