

## BOMBINGS

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Allen Jackson

*The big story today in New York - the big bomb scare. Starting out with a series of blasts early this morning - in the skyscraper offices of three major corporations. Continuing on through the day with repeated bomb threats - forcing the evacuation of more than a dozen buildings.*

*Luckily - there have been no injuries, as yet. However, property damage in the three actual bombings - is said to be heavy. Credit for which was later claimed by a group calling itself - the "Revolutionary Force Nine." In a letter to UPI - saying it had struck at the three big corporations - because they were, quote, "the enemies of all life."*

## PARIS

*At the peace table in Paris - the Communist side charged today that the Nixon Administration - has "created another Vietnam" in Laos. America's Philip Habib responded with a charge - that Hanoi itself now has sixty-seven thousand troops in that supposedly neutral kingdom. Saigon's Nguyen Xuan Phong added that he felt he was "witnessing a scene - where the thief was threatening to call the cops."*

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED  
"WEDDING INTRO")

*And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas; reporting  
tonight from the Kingdom of Nepal - up near the "roof of  
the world." Lowell....*

## WEDDING INTRO

*L. J. Type insert - unedited*  
Hello everybody! Since you last heard from me I have been taking part, as a guest, in one of the most colorful events of this or any other year, anywhere, also helping film it.

If I were to use all of the minutes allotted to this news broadcast, and not for one evening but for an entire week, even then it would be hopeless to attempt to describe in words the wedding of the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Nepal - the series of ceremonies that ran almost without a break for <sup>7</sup> days and finally ended with a glittering state banquet in a brand new <sup>stunning</sup> royal palace, here in Shengrila, in Katmandu.

It's hardly fair to compare this Himalayas Royal Wedding with a coronation in London, an inaugural day in Washington, a Papal Pageant in Rome, or a grim anniversary of a revolution staged by the Kremlin, for they are all one day events. Almost any one day of this unique, exotic, out-of-the-past seven day oriental wedding was as colorful - or

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more so - than any event ever witnessed in our time in any other land.

After all Katmandu here in Nepal and Lhasa in Tibet have been the two rivals for the honor of being the "Capitol of Shrangrila". And, since Tibet as a separate state has been overrun by Mao's Chinese Communist hordes, this much ~~smaller~~ smaller Himalayan kingdom has stood alone as "The Land of Lost Horizon."

(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "WEDDING  
INTRO")

*Thank you, Lowell.*

The Senate approved today a bill lowering the voting age to eighteen - in all national, state and local elections, starting January First. It's aimed at extending voting rights to young people, aged eighteen to twenty-one - who will probably number about ten million by the time of the next Presidential election.

President Nixon advised Congress today - he plans to set up a powerful new domestic council, as of July First. Its assigned task - to advise the President on the "total range of domestic policy."

On another matter, the President announced the appointment of Curtis Tarr - as the new U.S. Selective Service Director. The forty-five-year-old Tarr - a former college president now serving as an Assistant Air Force Secretary. Tarr himself tells reporters: "I was drafted in Nineteen-Forty-Three - and enjoyed the experience."



## PARIS FOLLOW NEW YORK

*And a fashion report from Paris deals today with the clothes worn by France's First Lady - on her recent U.S. tour. You may recall - Madame Claude Pompidou sported the new "Midi-look" - with skirt-lengths about mid-calf. This - apparently in deference to new French fashions. Her husband - the French President also observed that longer skirts "add mystery to love."*

*At any rate, all of this has caused quite a furore in France - where the "mini-look" is still much in evidence. Indeed, a French public opinion survey - polled the populace to see where they stand. Reporting that nearly seventy per cent of French women - are saying they fully intend to keep on wearing short skirts. As for the men, eighty-four per cent - say they also much prefer the shorter skirts. . . Warren.*

## NEW DELHI

*For years and years - the Hindus of India have been trying to stop the slaughter of cows - which they consider the "sacred mothers" of their religion. Now - at last - New Delhi is taking a firm stand. The government of India ruled today - there is no legal means of imposing such a ban clear across the country. But added, it's a matter to be decided - by each of India's individual states.*

*As might be expected - this set off a heated debate in the Indian Parliament. Along the way , Hindu members concentrated their fire on Communist-controlled Southern Kerala - where cattle-raising is big business. And Southern Kerala's Arangil Sreedharan - insisted that his state will never give in. And the reason - said he - because "prices of good meat have gone up - and beef is also very good for the brain."*

*Now for Lowell Thomas....*

## NEW YORK

*First Lady Pat Nixon was a visitor today in New York.*

*First - to catch up on some "personal business" - said the White House. And second - to join with daughters Tricia and Julie - in picking out their new Easter outfits.*

## MEKONG DELTA

*And the war continues. Ground action today - including another major test of the U.S. Vietnamization program; with enemy forces taking on government troops - in two major battles in the Mekong Delta.*

*In the first of these - South Vietnamese units killed at least sixty-five Viet Cong. In the second though - the battle raged on deep into the night.*

PHNOM PENH

At Phnom Penh in neighboring Cambodia - another riot today by anti-Communist demonstrators; the second - in as many days. This time - including beatings and lootings in the Vietnamese section of the city. Cambodia's National Assembly further condemn<sup>ed</sup>~~ing~~ the Communists - for using that country as a sanctuary from the war in Vietnam.