

Wednesday, August 7, 1974

From Washington.....

From Jakarta.....

From the New Guinea jungle.....comes today's news.

Good Evening Everybody. This is Lowell Thomas.

Reports that the President was indeed preparing to resign sent the New York Stock Market zooming for the second straight day. The Dow-Jones rose twenty-three points.

WATERGATE

today once again ~~was~~ ^{is} the World's No 1
Washington, ~~became the~~ rumor capital, ~~of the universe~~

~~today - as it often does~~ ^{with} reports and counter-reports,
~~crisis crossed the city and the nation~~ ~~passed along by~~

& news wires, telephones and word of mouth. ~~And~~ The rumors

~~are~~ always basically the same - ~~somebody, somewhere~~

~~that~~ ^{was about} President Nixon ~~is going to bow~~ ^{out - -} ~~to all that pressure.~~

~~and~~ call it quits. The Providence, Rhode Island, Journal-

Bulletin and the Phoenix, ^{Arizona,} ^{both} ^{so-called} Gazette, ^{quoted} ^{reliable} ^{sources}

as saying so. ^{One} news broadcast quoted Senator Barry

Goldwater and saying so; - but ^{the Senator} ~~Goldwater~~ denied it in
~~extremely~~ forceful language. ^{expletive herewith deleted!} ~~"It's a goddamned lie!"~~

^{One} ~~Some of the~~ rumors ^{is said to have} ~~got away to a running~~ ^{ed} start when Vice-

President Ford conferred with White House aide Alexander

Haig, ^{Would be prophets said that} ~~for an hour. That, said the theorists,~~ ^{mean} Ford

^{was} ~~is~~ preparing to take over. ^{But -} ~~That,~~ this afternoon, for the

umpteenth time, White House Press aide Gerald Warren

told the assembled reporters - ^{"The} ^{position} ^{is}

unchanged - the President does NOT intend to resign!"

Late this afternoon, the President summoned Senate Leader Hugh Scott, House leader John Rhodes and Senator Goldwater to the White House. Thirty-five minutes later, Goldwater emerged and told reporters - "The President has NOT yet made a decision on whether to resign or fight his impeachment case through the House and Senate.

Rabbi Baruch Korff - who heads a Fairness to the President group - says he believes the President will resign unless Americans "flood the White House" with messages of support. He has called upon the President's countrymen from coast to coast to send such messages.

CONNALLY follow WATERGATE

Former milk cooperative lawyer Jake Jacobsen today pleaded guilty to charges that he gave former Treasury Secretary Connally a ten-thousand-dollar bribe. In so pleading, Jacobsen agrees to testify against Connally who is due to be arraigned Friday in connection with the same charges. Both were indicted last month by a Watergate grand jury - alleging the payment to Connally for his influence in obtaining higher Federal price supports for raw milk. In exchange for the guilty plea, ^{we hear that} other charges against Jacobsen are being dropped.

PHONES

Even though a nation-wide telephone strike was averted last Monday by a tentative contract settlement, many Bell employes on both the east and west coasts are off their jobs - protesting the terms. Some eight-hundred walked out in Orange County, California - others in New Jersey joined ^{the} picket lines of the Electrical Workers who are on strike against Bell.

DYNAMITE

Five sticks of dynamite were found today in the Meditation Room at the U N Building in New York. A room diplomats use daily for silent prayer. The city's police bomb squad was summoned and the explosives were deactivated without incident.

INDOCHINA

A North Vietnamese division - fighting in hand-to-hand combat, ^{is said to have} captured a district town near Da Nang - ^{this area} and Saigon sees ~~it as~~ possible end to the Paris peace agreement. The fall of Thuong Duc imperils the outer defenses of South Vietnam's second largest city - Da Nang - some twenty-five miles to the northeast.

AMBUSH

Official sources in Jakarta ^{told of} ~~revealed today that~~

primitive tribesmen, - armed with bows and arrows -
ambushed ^{ing} fifty-six members of an American oil survey team

- operating deep in an unexplored area of Indonesia's West
New Guinea, cannibal country.

Irian ~~territory~~ [^] Four of the surveyers were killed - all

Indonesians. The attack came on the Braza River - ~~some~~

^a ~~one~~ hundred miles inland from the coast, - ^{in dense} ~~where the~~ jungle

~~is dense and the tribal language unknown to anyone except~~

~~new this mess -~~
~~a few of the~~

TIGHT-ROPE

A daring young Frenchman held thousands of office workers spellbound during the rush hour this morning - as he staged a high-wire act between the twin towers of the lofty World Trade Center - one-hundred-ten stories above lower Manhattan. Wearing a polo shirt and black tight-fitting pants, twenty-four-year-old Phillippe Petit dazzled the crowd for more than an hour - dancing and prancing, walking, sitting and even lying on the wire thirteen-hundred-feet above the street below. Seems incredible that he made at least seven trips across via the fifty yard ^{wire} which he and a friend had installed between the two towers - half the length of a football field. Police arrested him after a number of attempts to get him off that wire. A psychiatrist checked him and said he had never met a finer specimen - both physical and mental. Criminal Court Judge Garfinkel has sentenced him - to do his wire act over again, at a lower altitude, in Central Park, for the children of New York.

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When asked why he did it, said M. Phillippe Petit:
in a strong French accent: "I love to walk between two
beautiful places."

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