

SEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS

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Good evening everybody:

From the Nixon Administration - a fast and firm response to yesterdays Supreme Court decision - ordering an immediate end to segregation in public schools. The President promising that the Executive branch will assist in every possible way - to overcome the practical and human issues involved. Attorney General John Mitchell declaring that the Department of Justice will use every available resource for enforcement of the ruling. And Secretary Robert Finch saying that his Department of Health, Education and Welfare is committed to the goal of finally ending racial discrimination in schools.

But in the South - a bitter reaction in some quarters. Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia predicts the ruling will create a Hell Hole of Education in his state. Alabama's Attorney General MacDonald Gallion calls it a body blow to the public schools and the children. Senator James Eastland

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says it spells disaster for public education in Mississippi.

But the Mississippi Attorney General A.F. Summer says his state will carry out the Supreme Court order while continuing the fight to change it.

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PARIS

In Paris - a new attempt to get the ball rolling again. Henry Cabot Lodge proposing a "restricted" meeting - smaller in size and secret in nature. Lodge calling this a "new approach" - that could lead, perhaps to a break in the present deadlock. He further urged that the changeover take place - as of next Tuesday; in other words - the day after President Nixon's eagerly-awaited speech on Vietnam.

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SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Today's weekly casualty report from Saigon - listing a hundred-and-two U.S. fighting men killed in action. First time in five weeks - that the weekly total of American combat deaths has topped the one hundred-mark.

The only consolation - we are told - in the fact that many were killed by booby traps; traps that could have been set - months ago.

BOSTON

The Massachusetts Supreme Court today ordered a closed-door inquest - into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne. The public and the new media barred. It also ruled - as requested by Senator Edward Kennedy - that witnesses may be accompanied and advised by counsel. The court explaining its decision - by saying the Kennedy-Kopechne case "presents unusual problems;" among them - "the risk of prejudice in possible later proceedings."

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "NOMAD")

With that - it's time for Lowell Thomas; reporting again from New Guinea - in his own words "on the edge of nowhere." Lowell....

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Good Evening Everybody:

To join our New Guinea expedition, Clarence Hall an editor of the Reader's Digest, Bob Kuck a Viewmaster cameraman from New Knoxville, Ohio, and I, were flown in a Cessna today into a still unexplored area of New Guinea, southwest of Mt. Hagen. Some forty miles from the border of West Irian, that's the part of the enormous island we used to call Dutch New Guinea. The U N, mainly the smaller nations, have been putting pressure on Australia to bring these people out of the Stone Age and do it virtually over night. More about that later. At any rate, we are now at a new control post called Nomaú - on the edge of nowhere. In charge is Robin Barclay, a six foot three tough articulate young Australian in his early thirties who has been a New Guinea patrol officer for thirteen years. With or without his gun at his belt, you feel that you are safe with

Robin. He's a tough Robin. He has just come in from a month's trek through the New Guinea equatorial jungle accompanied by three of our group - Gerry and Hila Feil from America, and Jeff Doring, a sound technician from Sydney who also is a sculptor.

Already three American and Australian cameramen out here on this assignment, just couldn't take it and went home. The New Guinea jungle does that to some people.

Robin Barclay has a new skull here on his table in his thatched roof patrol office. Another victim of Cannibalism. That story tomorrow.

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(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "NOMAD")

Thank you, Lowell.

DRAFT LOTTERY PLAN

The House this afternoon approved and sent to the Senate a bill embodying President Nixon's proposal for a draft lottery plan. But the majority leader, Mike Mansfield, said the Senate would not take up the measure this year. Mr. Nixon has urged Mansfield to reconsider. Clearly, says the President, this is not a matter that should be casually dismissed or made a political football.

The Senate finance committee has tentatively agreed on a tax reform provision that would cut taxes for all of the country's taxpayers by at least five percent a year.

PASADENA

Winner of this year's Nobel Prize in physics - a forty-year-old Cal Tech professor - Dr. Murray Gell-Mann. So announced - at Stockholm. Dr. Gell-Mann credited with designing a theoretical model - of the smallest known particle in the universe - the quark.

The award carries with it a cash stipend - amounting to some Seventy-Thousand Dollars. Dr. Gell-Mann saying he plans to use the money - "to buy a small stretch of wild land somewhere." A place - said he - to "get away from it all."

Warren, this always a worthwhile objective, wouldn't you say?

NORTH HILLS

A story with a bite - that comes today from North Hills, Long Island. A local kennel-keeper reporting the overnight theft - of some thirty dogs he had been taking care of. These including a number of rare Lhasa Apsos from Tibet - also, seven St. Bernards - as well as assorted sheepdogs, setters, Schnauzers and so on.

The biggest mystery of all though - how the dogs could have been spirited away without raising a commotion - without alerting the neighbors that something was amiss. Indeed, at least one puzzled observer was heard to remark: "Well, I'll be dog-gone."

Dallas Townsend saying Good Night.