

L.T.-BUICK, FISHER. THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1966

(Dallas Townsend substituting; L.T. left  
for London today.)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In Viet Nam -- another tragic case today of mistaken  
identity. The second -- in two days.

American warplanes strafing a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter--  
off the coast of that demilitarized zone between North and South.  
A ship they mistook -- for a Communist supply vessel. The  
captain of the cutter and a crewman -- killed in the attack.  
Five others -- wounded.

The mishap followed by little more than Twenty-Four  
hours -- that tragic U.S. air raid on a helpless village in the  
Mekong Delta. The White House demanding full reports -- on both  
incidents.

## KY FOLLOW VIETNAM

South Vietnamese Premier Ky arrived today at Baguio on his current Three-day state visit to the Philippines. Apparently fed up with anti-war picketers -- who have haunted his trail.

Ky noting that he had seen placards -- calling him "a dictator and a war monger." 'It's ridiculous" -- said he. Adding that "we" -- meaning the South Vietnamese -- "are the real victims of agressors." This -- said he -- simply because "we are trying to defend -- our freedom and independence."

Rather than criticize us -- Ky concluded -- it would be far better for the pickets "to go to Hanoi -- and condemn the Communists."

PRESIDENT

Here at home -- President Johnson today received an honor -- at first glance a bit incongruous. In the midst of the war in Vietnam -- the President accepting a Peace Award -- from a veterans group. Mr. Johnson cited as the American who -- during the past year -- had contributed the most toward the cause of peace.

The President himself mindful of the apparent irony -- in a brief acceptance speech. "Peace is not merely the absence of shooting" -- said he; but rather a goal for "all life." A goal that can be met -- he went on -- only when the forces of Communism "stop molesting their neighbors."

Therefore -- said the President -- there is no alternative: "So long as aggression continues in South Vietnam -- he said -- we will turn it back."

JAKARTA

At Jakarta -- at long last -- Indonesia and Malaysia today formally signed a peace treaty; ending once and for all -- their three-year-old undeclared war.

The agreement calling for immediate cessation - of all hostilities; also re-establishment of diplomatic relations -- between Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur; and finally free elections -- as soon as possible -- in disputed territories now controlled by Malaysia.

Officials of both countries hailing the pact -- "as an example for all Asia"; proving "that Asian problems -- can be solved by Asian nations." This apparently a veiled reference -- to the war in Vietnam.

## SPACE

The case for an all-inclusive space treaty between the United States and Russia -- was presented today by a top British scientist; Sir Bernard Lovell -- head of the world-famous Jodrell Bank Observatory.

Sir Bernard saying it's apparently too late -- to end the current race to the moon. Contending, however, that there's still time -- to agree on a joint Soviet-American space program; for future probes -- to Mars, Venus and beyond. Otherwise -- said he -- the space race will make enormous and needless demands -- "on the industry and manpower of both sides."

Everything to gain -- and nothing to lose in such a treaty -- added Sir Bernard Lovell. Observing that Russia and the U.S. -- are currently neck-and-neck in space. For all the vaunted competition -- said he -- neither possessing any great advantage to date.

## DISARMAMENT FOLLOW SPACE

Back to earth -- a challenge today from the United States to Russia -- at that continuing Geneva disarmament conference. A challenge for Russia to set aside past differences -- to join in a first major step toward nuclear disarmament. This in the form of a one-for-one shutdown -- of nuclear weapons material reactors.

As part of the proposal -- the U.S. inviting all countries -- including Russia--to visit a plutonium reactor already shutdown to see the techniques worked out by American scientists -- to verify compliance with such an agreement.

No immediate reaction -- from the Russians. Though the usual "nyet" -- is seen as almost certainty.

The House late today approved an additional eight point nine Billion dollar outlay for the Interstate highway system and gave builders an extra year to finish it. Some Congressmen warned that gasoline or other use taxes may have to be raised. The highway trust fund, which finances federal expenditures on the forty-one-thousand-mile network of superhighways, apparently will run at least six Billion dollars short.

The House Commerce Committee has approved the major provisions of legislation to end the airlines strike. But it rejected a motion to let the government seize the five struck airlines. The Committee reluctantly approved the measure already passed by the Senate.

## INFLATION

In case you hadn't noticed -- there's more money around these days -- than ever before. The proof in a set of figures reported -- by the U.S. Commerce Department.

The median income for America's Forty-Eight million families -- up Five per cent last year; to a total of Sixty-Nine Hundred dollars per family -- before Taxes. The figures including some Three-and-a-Half Million families -- with annual income of Fifteen Thousand or more.

All this -- a sign of dangerous inflation? ~~No~~ Not so -- says the White House. Presidential advisers -- citing a second table; showing that U.S. consumer prices -- in contrast to wages -- have risen only Eight per cent over the last six years. As compared with a Seventeen per cent increase in West Germany -- a Twenty-One per cent increase in Britain -- Twenty-Two per cent in France -- Twenty-Nine per cent in Italy -- and Thirty-Nine <sup>2</sup> per cent in Japan.

In short -- says the White House -- the U.S. record



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on controlling inflation -- is better by far than that of any other major industrial country in the world.

Warren -- let's hope that record is an L.P.

## BIBLE

For the first time in half-a-century -- an authentic book of Bible stories has been published in Russia. First edition of a Hundred Thousand copies -- sold out in a matter of minutes.

The reasons -- many. One -- the book is a collection of memorable tales -- from the Old Testament. Two -- it is written in simple, straightforward prose -- by Polish author Zenon Kosibovsky. And three -- it's richly illustrated with reproductions of religious works -- of the world's greatest classical painters and sculptors. It's preface declares that the Bible "is a monument of literature -- reflecting the life of many generations of ancient people."

So ends a drought -- of Fifty years; for otherwise highly-educated Russians -- who have grown up virtually devoid of Biblical knowledge. ~~Indeed, the book proclaimed a treasure of Biblical knowledge. Indeed, the book~~

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Indeed, the book proclaimed a treasure chest for all  
-- including even practicing atheists.

For the first time -- they can learn the derivation  
of such universal phrases -- as "The Tower of Babel"--  
"the Walls of Jericho" -- "the mark of Cain."

And--hopefully -- "love thy neighbor."

Good Night.

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN FOR THOMAS TAPE:**

*Lowell Thomas is en route to Europe tonight - on the trail of high adventure. Meantime, a special report he left us - on a subject of special interest.*

*(St. Barbe Baker - Redwoods)*