

Loell Thomas 8/1/65

**STAR**

(Richard C. Hottel substituting;  
LT in Africa.)

*The fabled Star of India sapphire has been recovered - and along with it, eight other precious gems stolen last October from the American Museum of Natural History.*

*New York City detectives made the pick-up of the priceless jewels late last night in a Miami bus station, and today flew them back to New York. The nine stones were found in a water-logged leather bag in a station locker - put there, say police, by persons unknown.*

*The recovery was part of a police deal with Allen Kuhn, alleged mastermind of the great jewel theft. Kuhn not only accompanied the detectives to Miami, but there set up the mysterious midnight retrieval.*

*Nevertheless, the case still <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>NOT</sup> cracked -*

*NT only dented. Still missing are fifteen other stones,*

## STAR

**including the Eagle Diamond - weighing more than**

**fifteen carats - and the DeLong Ruby - the world's**

**largest and most perfectly cut gem of its kind.**

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VIET NAM

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from Viet Nam. Government sources report a bloody rout of Viet Cong forces near the village of Hue, some four hundred miles north of Saigon.

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Tonight Lowell Thomas is somewhere in the old world - but his

thoughts are back in a corner of the new -- Lowell

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## HILSCHER

### HELLO EVERYBODY:

*Over here in Europe I have just encountered an old friend from Alaska. Herb Hilscher - he's a real Alaskan sourdough. One of the better known citizens of our 49th State. And he's visiting in Europe and then he'll run on across to the South Forty-Eight for talks with New York financial people -- economists and political high poobahs in Washington. And Herb tells me that Alaska at this moment is right on the verge of a boom. Maybe they're in the middle of it. At any rate, building is going on at a terrific rate. And, next summer he's sure it's going to be even moreso. This year he tells me there has been far more wintertime building than ever before. Too cold to work on construction in Alaska -- they use to think so -- and did almost none of it in the winter. But, this year, some of the construction people are putting plastic hoods over the structures on which they are at work. Then inside the hoods they have heat, so that they can keep at it all through the winter.*

*Alaskans who suffered in the earthquake are not only working at top speed he tells me, to repair all the vast damage, but they are all steamed up over many new projects. The University of Alaska he tells me is expanding faster than ever. The King Crab industry flourishing as never before. Wally Hickel whose life*

*story outdoes almost anything you ever read in your Horatio Alger - Wally, is putting up his big new Captain Cook Hotel at Anchorage - looking out across Cook Inlet. Seward and Valdez rebuilding - both destroyed by the earthquake, largely. Also, their new developments on the outskirts of Fairbanks -- the Chicago of Alaska in the heart of the interior -- the lively city North of the Great Range. And so it goes.*

*Bo by all means include Alaska in your travel itinerary for this coming summer.*

*Solong,*

## VISIT

*Great Britain may be the first stop on President Johnson's projected European tour. The British government let it be known today that it would be "delighted" to receive the President - hopefully, this Spring. Prime Minister Harold Wilson is expected to issue the formal invitation at his next meeting with Mr. Johnson - probably next month.*

*And after Mr. Johnson visits London, say Washington reports, it will be Paris, then Bonn, and ~~perhaps even~~ ~~Moscow~~ if all goes well - perhaps even Moscow.*

## SENATE

For six years, it was the acerbic "Eo and  
In the U.S. Senate, that bitter floor dispute  
Charley Sapp" - a joint news conference featuring  
over the anti-filibuster rule ended temporarily today in  
Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen and House  
an abrupt truce. With the floor-fight blocking all other  
Republican leader Charles McNichols.  
Senate functions, it was agreed unanimously to send the  
But Congressman Gerald Ford of Michigan  
controversy to the Senate Rules Committee until March  
the new House minority leader, disclosed today that  
ninth.

he will now join Speaker Dirksen in the traditional  
At that time, the bill will be returned to the  
weekly news conference. So this Monday, the premier  
Senate as if it were still the first order of business.  
performance of a new broadcasting team on "The Eo  
At issue - a proposal to replace the present two-thirds-  
and Jerry Show". - this one  
vote gag rule with a new rule/requiring only a three-  
fifths vote to cut off Senate debates.



## SHOW

For six years, it was the weekly "Ev and Charley Show" - a joint news conference featuring Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen and House Republican leader Charles Halleck.

But Congressman Gerald Ford of Michigan, the new House minority leader, disclosed today that he will now join Senator Dirksen in the traditional weekly news conference. So this Monday, the premiere performance of a new broadcasting team on - "The Ev and Jerry Show".

~~Gentlemen, welcome to the club - and as  
Lowell would say - so long until Monday.~~

## BIRTH

Anthony "Tino" De Angelis, ex-Jimmy's father  
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all king of the world, pleaded faintly today to "fread - the  
**about the world "population explosion" drew a strong**  
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## OIL

**Anthony "Tino" De Angelis, one time salad oil king of the world, pleaded guilty today to fraud - the charge arising from the biggest commodities scandal in history. De Angelis thus admitted passing more than one hundred million dollars worth of phony warehouse receipts.**

**But at the same time, De Angelis told a federal judge in Newark, New Jersey, that the loss was strictly a business failure. "When the audit is finally completed", said De Angelis, "it will show that not a single dollar found itself in my pocket".**

**Be that as it may, De Angelis' complicated financial dealings caused the collapse of twenty-two firms, including two Wall Street brokerage houses, and left a trail of more than two hundred million dollars in bad debts.**

## GOLD

The United States was hit by gold jitters today - and prices on the international gold market soared to the highest level in two years.

The French touched off the flurry of speculation with the announcement yesterday that they will cash in one hundred fifty million in American dollars for one hundred fifty million in gold - this at once, and a like amount in the near future. The situation was further aggravated by reports that President Johnson might soon ask Congress to end the requirement that twenty-five per cent of U.S. money be backed by gold reserves.

However, the U.S. Treasury said today that, despite the recent outflow of American gold, the gold jitters are totally unfounded. If and when Congress does take action on the gold problem, said the Treasury, there will be no "fundamental change in the basic supply and

**demand situation", and speculators will "inevitably" lose. American dollars, it said, are still - as good as gold.**

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## RUSSIA

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