

*Reaction to President Nixon's Vietnam speech - in many ways - predictable.*

*Overseas first - the Communists in Paris condemned his remarks. Those in Moscow - calling his address "a disappointment and an irritation." In sharp contrast to South Vietnam's President Thieu - who called it "one of the most important and greatest addresses" - that a U.S. Chief Executive has ever made.*

*Here at home - more of the same. Senator Fulbright, for one, calling the President's stand - "wholly irrational;" adding that the so-called "Johnson War" - has now become, in effect, "Nixon's War." Organizers of next week's planned Vietnam "Moratorium" - further asserting that this will only strengthen their protest. This despite a shower of praise for the President - from those who have long-supported U.S. policy in Vietnam and continue to do so.*

*However, the President's speech - was addressed to none of the foregoing, you'll recall. Indeed, Mr. Nixon*

*appealed directly to the "great silent majority" - as he put it for an expression of support in his efforts to end the war. And on that score - it appears he got exactly what he wanted.*

*At any rate - the President summoned reporters to his White House office today. Displaying a stack of telegrams three feet high and still growing - each message saying essentially the same things. As quoted by the President - to wit: "We are silent Americans - who are behind you." The President adding █ on his own - that "this demonstration of support can have more effect on ending the war sooner - than the most skillful diplomacy, military tactics, or even the training of South Vietnamese forces."*

VIETNAM FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

For now though - the fighting continues; including a series of enemy attacks today - the heaviest in recent weeks. North Vietnamese troops storming out of their sanctuaries in Cambodia - to attack a number of U.S. base camps guarding the border.

This apparently a rebuttal to President Nixon's speech - or, at least, intended as such. In any case - the Communists ~~paying~~ <sup>paid</sup> a terrible price. Losing more than a hundred and fifty men - as compared with U.S. losses set at three.



(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "PATROL OFFICERS - B"

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Next up - Lowell Thomas; discussing again tonight - the trials and tribulations of New Guinea patrol officers. Lowell..

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PATROL OFFICERS - B

Good Evening Everybody:

In my last I praised the New Guinea patrol officers, the young Australians some five hundred of them here in the jungle. This vast island is so big that its mountains, if they were flattened out, the whole of it, would cover more than half the size of all the United States. It's split into districts, each district larger than some of our states. Here in the Western Highlands, the head of these patrol officers is a six foot four giant of a man named Mick Foley. His title, District Commissioner.

Mick says that for all the districts of the Australian half of New Guinea they need some thirty-five replacements each year. Mick himself is in charge of the screening for the entire territory this time. For thirty-five vacancies there were some four hundred applicants. Most of them young chaps attracted by the

*outdoor life and attracted by the idea of a career that they know will include a lot of excitement and adventure. But not all of them can adapt themselves to the loneliness of the life in the jungle. Mick Foley says it takes about two years to find out if a young man can really take it. They have twenty or so each year who drop out. Your companions, mainly Stone Age people of course, your home in the forest, your job to convince these warlike men of the Stone Age that they should live at peace with their neighbors, give up cannibalism. Interesting work if you like it.*

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(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "PATROL OFFICERS-B")

Thank you, Lowell. Back to the news...



RAMAT NAFTALI

One crisis just ended - another was fast-brewing today in the Middle East. Arab guerillas firing a pair of rockets from Lebanese territory - hitting the village of Ramat Naftali just across the border in Israel. This seen as maybe the start of a new phase in guerilla activity - with the tacit consent of Lebanese officials in Beirut; although the Lebanese still insist publicly - that such attacks are strictly forbidden.

[ Meanwhile, Israeli jets today blasted Jordanian Army positions - on the East Bank of the Jordan <sup>River.</sup> Payment in kind for an earlier attack - on Israeli positions near the Damiya Bridge. A lone Israeli plane was also sent to buzz Cairo today - serving as yet another graphic illustration of Israeli air power. ]



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ELECTIONS

Here at home again - the voters went to the polls today to elect new governors in Virginia and New Jersey. A pair of contests testing the length of President Nixon's coat-tails - since he campaigned personally for the Republican contenders in both states.

At the same time - a number of municipal elections; including at least six in major cities - where Negro candidates are running for Mayor. Results of which - you'll be hearing shortly on most of these CBS Radio stations.

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MORRIS PLAINS

Is Elizabeth Taylor "for real" - or is she false? That's a question that would-be jewel thieves will have to ask themselves - if they contemplate stealing the film star's new million-dollar diamond. Richard Burton ensuring the confusion - we are told today - by ordering up a paste imitation of his wife's latest bauble. According to jewel experts - thereby greatly reducing the risk of theft.

By the way - the cost of the paste imitation - about Thirty-Five Hundred Bucks. However, the firm handling the job - in Morris Plains, New Jersey - one that guarantees an "exact replica." A company spokesman pledging: "The only difference between the two gems - will be about Fourteen Hundred Dollars a carat."

Now if they could just produce an "exact replica" of Elizabeth Taylor...ah, it boggles the mind, Warren.

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While we here in the East have been basking in Indian summer of late - it seems that winter has already arrived elsewhere. For example, the city of Herman in Far-Northern Michigan - reporting today a total snowfall of more than fifteen inches so far this fall. At that, a mere foretaste of the three hundred inches or so - that Herman is expecting to get, as usual, before the winter is over.

All that snow - does have its compensations though. Mrs. Charles Dantes - the local postmistress - reporting that Herman residents seldom complain or even talk about the weather. What with blizzard after blizzard - year in and year out - "it's too boring" - said she. Adding, what's more, that "crisp weather and plenty of snow - builds strong, healthy people." Except for one thing. "We do have a lot of broken legs" - said Mrs. Dantes - "from all that slippery ice."

Now, for Lowell - so long