

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - a "green-and-go" today, for an American supersonic transport. President Nixon gave his final okay - coupled with a request to Congress for an initial Ninety-Six Million dollar in development funds. That is the first installment on a government tab that is expected to come to over One Billion, in all. A lot of money - the President admitted. But a necessary investment - he said - if the U.S. is to continue "to lead the world in air transport."

As for the plane itself - it's expected to carry three hundred passengers at a top speed of eighteen hundred miles-an-hour! As the President put it- bringing "Tokyo as close to Washington as London is today." Only one catch: The SST - as it is commonly called - to be banned from overland routes - until the problem of the sonic boom is completely solved.

VIETNAM

Ground action in Vietnam ^{was} - still light and scattered today. In the air war though ~~another~~ another raid by big U.S. B-Fifty-Twos just below the D.M.Z. An attempt to discourage enemy infiltration - in and around a number of bases recently abandoned by U.S. Marines.

SHANGHAI

The Latest from Red China: // An apparent attempt tonight to show that Chairman Mao has not been "incapacitated" by a stroke - as earlier reported. Radio Shanghai telling of plans to send a worker delegation to Peking ^T to help celebrate the upcoming twentieth anniversary of the Chinese Peoples Republic. The broadcast adding that Mao has just given - ~~quote~~ - "personal approval" for this demonstration of worker loyalty. Further implying that Mao himself will be present and participating - when the big day comes October One.

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

Next up - Lowell Thomas - with another special report. Discussing tonight - far-away pleasures and palaces. Lowell....

Good Evening Everybody:

Here's one - that may be just a bit late for this year - but ready for next year. It's a reminder from the U S travel industry to get your order in right now - for a Nineteen Seventy vacation castle in Spain or a castle in France or Germany, Austria, practically anywhere in Europe.

And it isn't a joke either. The castles in question are authentic right to the last rampart and down to the moat. Including, for example, the one-time sanctuary of Cardinal Richelieu - at Ardeche in France. And the battle-scarred Schloss Reinhartshausen on the Rhine - dating back to the Twelfth Century. Not to mention an historic stronghold - according to legend, the last abode of the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate. All sharing in common the fact they are now fully-reconditioned, fully-equipped hotels - only hours away

CASTLES 2

from you by jet.

As for ^{the} rates - the beautiful Chateau de Maisons near Paris - capable of seating a hundred and eighty for dinner - why it's practically a steal at five hundred bucks a day. For lesser tastes, however, smaller pocketbooks - there are a lot of rooms - starting at Seven Bucks - American plan.

And by the way, a visit to the castle dungeon - is practically a must for touring wives; who will find in most cases, ironically - that it's now the castle kitchen.

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

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UNITED STATES

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ROMULO

The United Nations again ~~has~~ a special lunch today in honor of Assembly President Angie Brooks of Liberia; including a series of tributes from her male colleagues - led by Philippines Foreign Minister Carlos Romulo.

Along the way - Romulo observing that U.N. speeches should be more like mini-skirts. In other words - said he - "long enough to cover the essentials - but short enough to show the fundamentals."

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RABAT

The leaders of twenty-five Moslem nations - again
in conference today at Rabat, Morocco. ^{And} According to local
news sources - voting to admit to their meeting for the
first time - a delegation from the Palestinian guerilla
organization known as Al Fatah. This - we are told - over
the objection of Asian Arabs - who had hoped to avoid a
direct involvement in the current Mideast crisis.

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MIDDLE EAST FOLLOW RABAT

Meanwhile, Israeli planes were again attacking today - Egyptian targets across the Suez Canal. This in retaliation for overnight Arab commando raids [!] ~~in the same area.~~ Both sides - claiming they inflicted heavy damages.

LONDON

Newest addition to the elephant herd at London's Windsor Park Zoo - a quartet of pachyderms recently arrived from Thailand. The newcomers readily identified today - by those big fuzzy things on their ears; which are, in fact - giant earmuffs.

Not that their ears are cold! Zoo officials explained that London's Heathrow Airport - is just a short distance away. The new earmuffs - designed to muffle jet noise; to keep the elephants from panicking and busting things up - as they did the first time they heard it.

This is Mike Wallace for Lowell Thomas.