

Tues., September 25, 1973
John Hart

GOOD EVENING:

Vice President Agnew made his move today. Tony Sargent reports from Washington.

IN "VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW CAME..."

TIME: 40

OUT "...CBS NEWS CAPITOL HILL."

Vice President Agnew came to Capitol Hill and met for an hour with House Speaker Carl Albert and Republican and Democratic leaders. Mr. Agnew gave them a letter declaring his lawyers' belief that he cannot be tried by a grand jury since he's Vice President. Therefore, Agnew contends he cannot be vindicated in the courts. Since he is Vice President, Mr. Agnew is asking a select committee of the House of Representatives to conduct the investigation of charges against him. Mr. Agnew's letter was read on the floor of the House where only about fifty members were still

present right after his late afternoon meeting with House leaders. He left the Capitol telling reporters only that his letter speaks for itself and that he might have more comment in a few days.

VICE PRESIDENT

What the Vice President asked for was investigation without impeachment proceeding. All this after Attorney General Elliot Richardson said his evidence in the Agnew investigation would be given to a Federal grand jury in Baltimore day after tomorrow. Richardson saying there'd been discussions between him and Agnew's lawyers and that they "failed to yield a satisfactory resolution."

"It has proved impossible" said the Attorney General, "to reconcile the Vice President's interest as represented by his council with the Justice Department's perception of its responsibility to insure that justice is pursued fully and fairly."

RICHARDSON

Richardson and Agnew making their moves after seeing President Nixon earlier. Robert Pierpoint reports from the White House.

IN: "This morning the President

TIME: 42

OUT "...CBS NEWS THE WHITE HOUSE."

This morning the President met here for an hour and a half with Attorney General Richardson and his Assistant for the Criminal Division, Henry Peterson. Then the President called Vice President Agnew to the Oval Office for a talk. Later today Mr. Nixon issued a statement saying the Vice President had again denied charges against him and had informed the President he intended to take his case to the House of Representatives. After praise for Agnew's past four and a half years of dedication and distinction in service to his country, as the President put it, Mr. Nixon urged that the Vice President be accorded the basic, decent

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*consideration and presumption of innocence that are both
his right and his due.*

SPACE

Our spacement came back today, and here is Reid

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WATERGATE

In the Watergate hearings, a suggestion that one of the Republican spies may have been a double agent.

Watergate convict E. Howard Hunt saying "the series of events of that night, taken in their totality have suggested to me that we might have been entrapped." Hunt's candidate for double agent was Alfred Baldwin, the lookout man the night the burglars were caught, Hunt saying Baldwin came late to the team and in addition had intimate ties with the Democratic Party.

Baldwin's attorney said that is absolutely untrue, saying the Burglars were caught because of their own stupidity.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - the world view of Soviet Foreign Minister Adnrei Gromyko: A call for a political and military detente - in Europe; and for letting Russia handle its Jews its own way: Gromyko observing that "some in the West - are not loath to launch noisy propaganda campaigns and even resort to blackmail" - in an attempt "to interfere in the affairs of other countries."

And then - the news Gromyko said the "Big Five" members of the U.N. Security Council - should volunteer to reduce their military spending by ten per cent; with the money saved - to be used to help developing countries. Gromyko saying: "If everyone agrees to this proposal and if the General Assembly adopts an appropriate resolution - a good and useful thing will be done."

GENEVA

The regular arms limitation talks started up again in Geneva. Russia's Vladimir Semenov saying on arrival - it was a beautiful, sunshiney day. "A good omen" - he said. Adding that the "climate is right" for reaching an agreement.

KENYA

Robert MacNamara, President of the World Bank says eight-hundred-million people are living - or trying to - on thirty cents a day. MacNamara speaking at the meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Nairobi, Kenya - where some people there are calling the meeting "one of the most expensive social bashes in Kenya's history .

More than a hundred fifty functions, sponsored by the Kenya government. Cocktail parties, fashion shows, safaries, and dances. And a special soiree for delegates and guests expecting to cost fifty thousand dollars. And a lot of private parties.

An elderly English lady saying: "It is so nice to see new faces."

BOYLE

It looks as if Tony Boyle tried to kill himself with barbiturates. The former Minworkers President is still in a coma in a Washington hospital, doctors there saying his chances of living are less than fifty fifty.

If he lives, he'll be tried for the murder of his old rival Jock Yablonski, Yablonski's wife and daughter....

SEXTUPLETS

Nathan Stanek, the only sextuplet still on a respirator today, was taken off it, breathing on his own. Much improved, we're told along with his two brothers and two surviving sisters. Mother Stanek went home, the doctors saying the five babies will stay in intensive care for another month.

PERONIST

In Argentina, President elect Juan Peron lost a good friend. Labor leader Jose Rucci killed by sub machine gun - his chauffeur killed with him. He's the fifth Peronist labor leader murdered there this year.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "ICEBERGS"

And now - Lowell Thomas; tonight with a recurring problem in the North Atlantic - and sometimes the South, too. Lowell...

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Thank you. Love!

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS "ICEBERGS"

Thank you, Lowell.

PHILADELPHIA

In Philadelphia, a former fireman tried to get his job back. William Michini lost it because his long hair looked like a fire hazard to his boss. Michina went to court, and to prove his argument that human hair was self extinguishing, he lit a match to long hair, and it caught fire. Case dismissed.

For Lowell Thomas, this is John Hart . Good Night.