

March 17, 1970
Allen Jackson

*Good evening. In the wake of that massacre of
My Lai - the Army has filed charges against fourteen
command grade officers. Among them - Major General
Samuel Koster; former commander of the Army's Americal
Division in Vietnam - who was recently reassigned as
superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.
General Koster - also, his assistant division commander,
Brigadier General George Young Junior - indeed, all
fourteen officers - accused in what the Army now calls
"a tragedy of major proportions."*

WEST POINT FOLLOW PENTAGON

A short time later - at West Point - a special assembly for the "Gentlemen of the Corps". General Koster informing the Army cadets he has asked for immediate reassignment - to avoid any possible ~~embarrassment~~ embarrassment to the Academy.

The General further told the Cadet Corps: "Throughout my military career, the cherished principles of our motto - duty, honor, country - has served as a constant guide to me." And then he added: "I shall continue to follow these principles - as long as I live."

SAM THONG

In Southeast Asia - the focus of fighting again turned ~~to~~ to Laos. With ^a force of advancing North Vietnamese troops - seizing ^{ed} two key hilltop positions at the Western end of the Plain of Jars. Both within easy artillery range of a U.S. support base at nearby Sam Thong - from which all Americans were promptly evacuated. U.S. advisers calling⁷ the situation at Sam Thong - now "quite serious."

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WHITE HOUSE

President Nixon conferred with Republican Congressional leaders. The President was later quoted as saying he may ask for new Federal laws - to deal with bombings and also bomb threats. Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott added on his own that "the whole security problem" is currently of "great" concern clear across the country.

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "CROWN PRINCESS")

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;

telling us more tonight - about that wedding in Nepal.

Lowell...

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CROWN PRINCESS

*L. J. Tape insert -
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Good evening, everybody. At the royal wedding we only caught glimpses of the bride. This is a Hindu kingdom and Mahendra is the only remaining Hindu king. Keeping their women in purdah - completely hidden as they did for centuries - that tradition was dropped only a few years ago. But, the wife still holds inferior status; and the closest I came to Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Rana was the night after the week long wedding ceremony.

All the potentates, Prime Ministers, Princes from other lands, Ambassadors and few more of us who were special guests, were invited first to a formal white tie top hat affair at the huge Singa Durbar fourteen hundred-room palace and then to a brand new royal theater. On this her first night out as ~~The~~ Crown Princess, she and Prince Birendra took their seats with the King and Queen just five rows in front of us.

Both were in costumes of cloth of gold with dazzling

jewels. As she passed us she had her eyes down, as a Hindu bride must on all occasions that have anything to do with her wedding. She is rather tiny, and pretty. Age twenty-one, three years younger than her Prince. He is half a Shah and half a Rana. She a Rana. So their marriage further strengthens the ties between the two dominant clans. Princess Aishwarya first attended two convents in India, and concluded her education at Nepal's Tribhuvan University where she earned her bachelor's degree, majoring in English literature and poetry, music and flowers.

By the way, the Crown Prince has two younger brothers, the report is they are to marry the Crown Princess two younger sisters! No doubt with the thought that this will further strengthen the dynasty. So long.

**(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED
"CROWN PRINCESS")**

CALCUTTA FOLLOW THOMAS

Thank you, Lowell...

...in Hindustan - in the South though - they were
bloody riots today in India's West Bengal State. This was
of Communists raging through the streets of Calcutta - and
nearby villages and towns. Preceding the collapse of West
Bengal's Communist dominated state government - and the
threatened imposition of Federal rule.

In the end - police were forced to open fire on the
demonstrators. The violence left at least ten dead - and
many injured. An order from New Delhi later
called for the Army to be sent to Calcutta - and
to maintain order. The Army was sent - and it did.

CALCUTTA FOLLOW THOMAS

Still in Hindustan - to the South though - there were bloody riots today in India's West Bengal State. With mobs of Communists raging through the streets of Calcutta - and nearby villages and town. Protesting the collapse of West Bengal's Communist-dominated state government - and the threatened imposition of Federal rule.

In the end - police were forced to open fire on the demonstrators. The violence left at least ten dead - and scores injured or wounded. An order from New Delhi later alerted Indian Army troops - who are now trying to "keep the lid on."

CONSTRUCTION

AT The White House again - President Nixon today ended a six-month freeze / on Federal assistance to state and local construction projects; thereby releasing for immediate use - One-point-Two Billion in Federal construction funds.

At the same time, the President urged a reduction in mortgage interest rates / as well as an increase in the supply of construction workers. The best way - said he - to cut the skyrocketing cost of housing; and thus to snap the current slump in home building - clear across the country.

NOTTINGHAM

This next - from Nottingham, England; or, more precisely, Sherwood Forest - the legendary stomping ground of fabled Robin Hood; where Britain's annual "Golden Arrow" archery contest - is soon to begin. And this year's sentimental favorite - we are told - a young trooper who is currently serving with the British Lancers in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

His name? Warren - would you believe Trooper Robin Hood.

CORONADA

At Coronado, California - the finals today in the Twenty-First Annual Pillsbury Bake-Off. And the winner of the grand prize - worth Twenty-Five Thousand Bucks - Mrs. Nan Robb of Huachuca City, Arizona; on the strength of a gastronomical creation - officially labeled a "yeast onion bread;" which is made - we are told - by braiding together three jelly roll strips.

This narrowly beat out a so-called "Denver Sandwich Ring" - entered by Mrs. Thelma Yearwood of Santa Ana, California - who had to be satisfied with a mere "Ten Thousand Bucks." And what - you may well ask - is a "Denver Sandwich Ring." Well, it's a combination - they say - of pancake and waffle batter - mixed with onions, green peppers and ham; baked until done - and served with a melted cheese sauce. Which reminds me it's almost dinner time right now.

Now for Lowell Thomas - this is Allen Jackson - so long.