

MOSCOW

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In the President's mission to Moscow - a solid beginning today. The President received a special invitation to the Kremlin - shortly after arrival. There conferring with Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev - for two hours.

As to what was said - that, of course, we can only guess. But later on - an official state banquet; with President Nixon offering a toast - in effect, a call for "peaceful coexistence" at the highest level. The President added that he would like to see, first and foremost - a new arms limitation agreement; for "an agreement in this area" - he said - "could begin to turn our countries away from a wasteful and dangerous arms race - and toward more production for peace."

The President also said: "Summit meetings of the past - have been remembered for their spirit. We must strive to make the Moscow summit - memorable for its

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substance."

Official response - from Soviet President Podgorny; who pledged "every effort consistent with the principles of Soviet policy - to achieve positive results and justify" our common hopes. Podgorny adding, what's more, that Russia's goal is a "relaxing of existing tensions - in all continents of the world."

MY CHANH RIVER

In northernmost South Vietnam - tank-led enemy forces mounted a charge today across the My Chanh River; an apparent attempt to probe the outer defenses - of the nearby ancient imperial capital of Hue. But the Communists were thrown back - with heavy losses - we are told. And Hue's defenses - at last report, still holding.

Heavy fighting was also reported today -in the Central Highlands - at AnLoc - also, in the Mekong Delta. The U. S. Command at Saigon - nevertheless, reporting the withdrawal of an additional six hundred U. S. troops.

SILVER SPRING

At Silver Spring, Maryland - George Wallace was perhaps "tickled pink." The Governor's toes moving - when the soles of his feet were tickled. Doctors also reported - that Wallace has regained some feeling in his thighs; calling the two developments - "most encouraging."

The doctors were quick to add, however: "The significance of these findings - with regard to final recovery - is difficult to ascertain;" which means, in short - he still has a long way to go.

SUPREME COURT

From the U. S. Supreme Court - a five-to-four ruling today; upholding the legality of criminal convictions - in states which accept less than unanimous jury verdicts; as, for example, Louisiana - where nine out of twelve is sufficient to convict.

The High Court also upheld today - the Constitutionality of Federal and State immunity laws; those requiring a witness to testify - or else face a contempt charge. The vote here - five-to-two.

FORD

On the ecological front - a foul-up in the testing of Ford engines - to see whether they meet new air pollution standards. So announced today - by the Environmental Protection Agency; which further says it will take about four months - to conduct additional tests. In the meantime, Ford may be barred - from selling any new Nineteen-Seventy-Three model cars; perhaps - till October.

LONDON

Across the Atlantic - death came today to two of the most distinguished figures :- in British arts and letters. The first - Dame Margaret Rutherford - an Oscar-winning actress; who passed away - at age eighty. And the second Cecil Day-Lewis - Poet Laureate of England - age sixty-eight.

The latter, as you perhaps know - successor to the late John Masefield; receiving One-Hundred-Eighty-Eight Dollars a year - in his official post; "enough" - he once said - "to keep me in bourbon whiskey for a day or two.

DHANABAD

Heat wave in Hindustan. New Delhi reporting today more than two weeks of soaring temperatures - over three-fourths of India's total land mass; including a weekend reading of one hundred and thirty-five degrees - at Danabad in West Bengal State. Officials add that the resulting death toll is already more than three hundred - and no end in sight.

COLOMBO

Southeast Asia again - the birth of a new nation.

In ceremonies at Colombo - Ceylon becoming the Republic

of Sri Lanka; still a member of the British Commonwealth

but governed now by its own Constitution. This

described the new Republic - as, "a socialist democracy."

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "NYORANGORO
CRATER"**

**Next - Lowell Thomas; discussing tonight - the
fabled Nyorangoro Crater. Lowell...**

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Hello everybody. As I remark from time to time, I never can get over being astonished of the ways by which people earn a living. For instance, recently at an Explorers Club banquet I introduced a Harvard naturalist whose principal activity in recent years has been listening to whales talk to each other. Yes, whales. He finds that every whale has a different sounding voice and he is sure they communicate with each other by making sounds. Several years ago when I took my wife out to East Africa to show her that the glorious animals in that part of the world were not in danger of becoming extinct, we visited in what formerly was Tanganika now Tanzania, we spent a little time in the vast Nyorangoro Crater an extinct volcano with a crater over a hundred miles in diameter, inhabited by well, almost countless thousands of animals including elephants, rhino, lions, leopards, zebras, the hearty beasts, impalas and so on and so on. There, living under a fig tree we found what we jokingly called an American Adam and Eve, a graduate

scholar from Cornell and his beautiful bride. They were making a detailed study of the life of the gnu. I had wondered what had become of Dr. Richard Estes and his wife, and have just heard that they went back to Africa and spent another two years in Kenya, and on across Southern Africa to Angola, studying the habits of one of the most picturesque of African animals, the giant sable and also the woolly beast. They even made a film of all this which the Disney people are now considering as a possibility for their series.

A word to young people: Consider Richard Estes and his bride. If you have imagination, determination, and are resourceful, just think of the endless opportunities there are on this planet to do interesting things - such as study the life of the gnu in the Nyorangoro Crater in Africa. Solong....

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "NYORANGORO
CRATER"**

Thank you, Lowell.

A final story - in a moment.

KISSINGER

On the President's mission to Moscow - a final post-script: Reporters asking Henry Kissinger - whether they could expect "an orgy of big announcements," as occurred in Red China," or just "a dribble." To which Kissinger replied: "There will be an orgy of announcements - dribbled out."

Now for Lowell Thomas - so long until tomorrow.