

Thursday, August 1, 1974

From Washington.

From Cyprus.

From Pontchatrain, Louisiana.

comes today's news. Good Evening Everybody. This is Lowell Thomas.

Senator Henry Jackson says that - in his opinion - if the House and Senate cannot reach a verdict on the impeachment question by January Third - then the entire impeachment proceedings should begin all over again. He says he doesn't think there's any question but that the entire process - including the preliminary House investigation - would have to begin again if a verdict is still undecided when a new congress - the Ninety-Fourth - convenes in January. Some Senators however, disagree with Jackson's view - contending that Congress is a continuing body and the process could go forward. However, newly elected Senators and Congressmen presumably would face the

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prospect of voting without having heard all the evidence.

MIL K

The nation's largest milk cooperative -
Associated Producers ^{Milk} ~~was~~ ^{today was fined} ~~levied a~~ thirty-five thousand
dollar ~~fine~~ in federal court, ~~today~~ after pleading guilty
to conspiracy and illegal campaign contributions. Cited
in the indictment were two-hundred-eighty-thousand
dollars in contributions to both Republican and
Democratic Presidential candidates -- including Hubert
Humphrey and Wilbur Mills.

CYPRUS

Turkish artillery continued to upset the cease fire on Cyprus today - while in New York, the U.N. security council authorized a peace-keeping role for U N troops. The resolution was approved after the Soviet Union dropped its opposition to expanding the U N's role in the crisis on that troubled Mediterranean Isle.

In Athens, Premier Karamanlis re-^{activated}~~instated~~ the Greek constitution^{which} the recently deposed military junta had shelved. - The Premier also saying ~~that~~ the Greek ~~people~~^{now} people will have a chance to freely decide whether they wish ^{-have} ~~to be~~ governed ^{ment headed} by a President-
^{by} or a King.

ASIA

South Vietnam' s second largest city -- Da Nang is the target of ~~an~~ a new Communist offensive tonight - with some two thousand troops advancing from the North. Fighting also continues south and southwest of the beleaguered city.

In Thailand, three ~~new~~ U S Air Force B-52 bombers ^{departed} ~~left for home~~ -- further reducing the U S military presence in that country. Part of a program to reduce our military aircraft there by about one third.

DEFENSE BUDGET

The House Appropriations Committee has approved a Defense Department budget of more than eighty-three billion for next year - nearly ten billion more than the current budget.

STRIKES

The Communications Workers of America

~~has~~ called a nationwide strike ^{of} ~~is~~ ^{is} set for Monday ^{the} against

Bell Telephone. ^{However} The company says a new contract offer will be ~~so~~ made immediately.

In Minnesota and Michigan today more than twelve thousand United Steel workers began a strike against iron mines and processing plants.

ECONOMY

Two Democratic economists say they don't agree with President Nixon's approach to the problem of inflation. Walter Heller and James Dusenberry - who ~~had~~ served in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations ~~also~~ claim there is no way to stop inflation this year - no "quick fix" as Heller put it in testimony before a Congressional Committee.

~~And the~~ ^{Nixon} President ~~says~~ [^] ~~that~~ the Veterans Benefits bill - recently passed by the Senate - is inflationary. ~~The measure~~ ^{It} would provide Veterans with the largest increase in educational benefits since World War Two. Without flatly saying he would veto the bill, the President ~~strongly~~ indicated that it was unacceptable.

CAUSEWAY

The world's longest bridge - the twenty-four mile causeway across Lake Pontchartrain at New Orleans -- was struck by four empty barges today - bringing down a stretch of the roadway -- and ~~with~~ killing at least two persons. A car and a pick-up truck fell into the water when the barges - towed by a tug boat crashed into the causeway's northbound section. According to police, the tug boat captain says he went to ~~stop~~ sleep at the wheel.

DROUGHT

Officials in four major agricultural states

say the long and continuing drought in the mid-west and southwest has already cost more than five billion dollars in crop losses. Some states report as much

as one third of their corn and soya beans destroyed. ^{and}

they say

~~and~~ things could get worse. As usual the weather ^{prognosticator} ~~is~~

not predicting.

~~are guarding against sticking their necks out. Nothing~~

~~new, by the way, in their profession.~~ Three hundred

years ago ~~the~~ Poor Robin's Almanac predicted ^{as follows - quote:-} "we may

expect some rain this month - or the next - or the

next after that. ^{And if no rain then we'll have a} ~~or else we shall have a very~~ dry spring."

How's that for playing it safe?!

And now this mess -

BIRDS

In Atlanta, they've finally learned why the telephone would suddenly go dead whenever one tried to put through a call to the Hyatt Regency Hotel's airline reservation desk. The guilty ones, ~~are~~ four drunken birds -- ~~the~~ Scarlet Macaws and Mexican yellow Amazon parrots who ~~regate~~ ^{entertain} the patrons at an adjacent bar and lounge -- and ~~receive items such as~~ ^{in return are given} liquor soaked olives and cherries. ~~in return.~~ Like any other inebriated birds they ^{would} ~~responded~~ by shrieking -- and, the ~~other~~ telephone would go dead on the reservations desk -- because the noise deprogrammed a computer attached to the phone.

Moral: - beware of pickled parrots. And this is LT for CBS News saying s-h-u-t-m