

Good Evening: A big question still unanswered this evening - will that controversial underground nuclear test be held on Alaska's Amchitka Island tomorrow as scheduled? Environmentalists have been appealing to the Supreme Court - to delay the big blast - until they can present their full arguments against holding it at all. Now the latest - the Supreme Court has agreed to hold a hearing tomorrow morning - to hear those complaints - only hours before the red button - touching off the blast a mile underground is scheduled to be pushed - ^{at} ~~at~~ five tomorrow afternoon - eastern time.

UNEMPLOYMENT

CIA

The U.S. unemployment rate - down again last month.

According to government figures announced today - a drop of two-tenths of one per cent; to five-point-eight-per cent.

At the same time, total employment hitting a new record high - seventy-nine-point-eight million.

CIA

Over at the White House by order of President Nixon -
a major overhaul of the nation's intelligence command. This
includes the creation of a new intelligence committee - within
the National Security Council; the new group - to be headed
by the President's top foreign policy adviser, Dr. Henry
Kissinger.

The White House adds that CIA Director Richard Helms
- will thus be freed from some of his operational
responsibilities; and instead - we are told - he'll be taking
on "enhanced leadership" - in planning, reviewing, coordinat^{ing}
and evaluating all intelligence programs and activities.

CAIRO

In the Middle East - Cairo - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat today assumed personal command of all Egyptian armed forces. This - according to a government communique - "in view of the importance of the political and military situation - through which the nation is passing at present." All of which is reminiscent of a similar action taken by the late Gamal Abdal Nasser - just prior to the outbreak of the Middle East war in Nineteen-Sixty-Seven.

Israeli military sources say this may be. According to them - Sadat had apparently "smelled something wrong in his Army - and found it necessary to have a stronger hand."

ORISSA

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPPE "WELLER"

*Along the coast of India's Orissa State - also, nearby
Next - Lowell Tropical disturbance tonight - weather
East Pakistan - storm warnings are posted again tonight;
log of his latest voyage Lowell
marking the approach of another tropical weather disturbance
- bearing winds of about sixty miles an hour. This in the
same area where a cyclone and resulting tidal wave - claimed
an estimated ten thousand lives just last week.*

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "WELLER"

Next - Lowell Thomas; discussing tonight - another leg of his latest odyssey. Lowell....

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "WELLER"

Thank you, Lowell.

A final story - after this.

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third stage - which was built in West Germany - failed

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the rocket's French-made second stage. The whole bit and

substage - finally falling into the sea.

And now for Lowell - who will be back Monday - 10:30

is Alvin Jackson, saying so long.

KOUROU

At Kourou in French Guiana - not far from Devil's Island - a second attempt today to launch a four-stage Europa weather satellite. This - a combined European project; but again - a failure.

The last time - you may recall - the rocket's third stage - which was built in West Germany - failed to ignite. This time - the British-made first stage performed perfectly; except that it failed to separate - from the rocket's French-made second stage. The whole kit and kaboodle - finally falling into the sea.

And now for Lowell - who will be back Monday - this is Allen Jackson saying so long.