

AMMAN
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Good evening everybody.

head of Arab guerrillas seizing Morris Draper - the second -
A palace coup in Argentina - with the commanders

resisting U.S. diplomat in Jordan, threatening to hold him as a
of the Army, Navy and Air force once again demonstrating

hostage - demanding the release of a number of Arab commanders
that they run the country. Announcing that Lt. General

currently held by the Jordanian Army.
Juan Carlos Ongania has been deposed as President - and

quickly though - the guerrilla High Command quickly
that they are taking over the Government. They add that

intervening. Ordering Draper's immediate release - and
within ten days they will name a new President. Ironically,

sooner said than done. The U.S. Embassy in Amman later
Ongania himself came to power just four years ago via the

reporting Draper apparently unharmed - and now the same hands
same route. Some observers in Buenos Aires speculate that

today's coup is connected with the kidnapping of former

President Pedro Aramburu on May 29th. But exactly what is

the connection might be - not known. At the moment -

Ongania appears to be holding out - ready perhaps to make

a fight of it.

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In the Middle East - a kidnapping today at Amman; with a band of Arab guerillas seizing Morris Draper - the second-ranking U.S. diplomat in Jordan; threatening to hold him as a hostage - pending the release of a number of Arab commandos currently held by the Jordanian Army.

Luckily though - the guerilla High Command quickly intervening. Ordering Draper's immediate release - and no sooner said than done. The U.S. Embassy in Amman later reporting Draper apparently unharmed -and now "in safe hands"

**SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED
"JUNEAU"**

**And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;
reporting tonight on his first ~~map~~-stop - en route to
another Asian adventure. Lowell...**

JUNEAU

Good evening everybody: I'm coming through tonight from Juneau, Alaska. This time on my way to Asia by a new route, on my way to Anchorage where an Alaska Air Lines plane will pick us up and take us on the first passenger flight ever made from North America to Siberia.

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At the moment I am at Auk Bay, the Juneau airport looking out of a window at a great wall of serrated-blue ice - the face of Mendenhall Glacier. I am here partly because of a cook and his wife, Joe and Kitty Stehlik. Some years ago my wife and I visited Glacier Bay some distance around the Alaskan Coast from here. Glacier Bay is one of the wonders of the world. Interior Secretary Wally Hickel wants it upped from a National Monument to a National Park. It should be. Our cook there those years ago was Joe, assisted by Kitty. A really great cook.

When I heard he was now working - cooking at a U.S. Forestry Service place right up near the face of this glacier I had to come out and get a real meal, because from now on

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our diet may be limited to Borscht, beef stroganoff, caviar and Vodka; and you can get tired of that.

Juneau, and other Alaskan towns and cities is preparing for the biggest tourist season ever.

The largest ship ever to warp against the Juneau dock has just been here - with Seven Hundred tourists aboard - the great P. & O. Liner Arcadia. With others due almost daily from now until October.

As you know Alaska recently was given Nine Hundred Million by a group of oil companies. And now a record crowd of visitors is headed this way - bringing more gold to Alaska.

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED
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Thank you, Lowell. Back to the news...

INDOCHINA

Military events in Southeast Asia - marked today by a sharp upward revision in estimates of enemy troops strength. This - according to information recently obtained in Cambodia; with U.S. intelligence now reporting, for example, an estimated seventy-eight thousand Viet Cong - in the area immediately surrounding Saigon, as compared with previous estimates - setting the figure at only fifty-five thousand.

If the quantity is up though - apparently the quality is not. Additional U.S. intelligence - indicating a series of recent mutinies among small-scale Communist units; many of which - are said to be living on starvation rations. Allied operations in Cambodia - having disrupted apparently their entire supply system.

CAMBODIA FOLLOW INDOCHINA

Cambodian commanders claimed major victories today - in battles with Communist forces at Siem Reap and Kompong Thom. In the process, the Cambodians also heading off a major threat - to the ancient Buddhist ruins at Angkor Wat.

At Saigon - a special White House task force wound up its visit to the war zone. Its members - later flying to [REDACTED] Hawaii; there to compile a written report of their findings - for presentation later this week to the President and Congress.

FORT BRAGG

The cost of the war - in human lives - was further reflected in a tragic accident today at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. An explosion in a training demolition area - killed instantly seven Army Special Forces candidates. The blast injured five others - three seriously. As to how it happened, the Army refusing to say pending a complete investigation.

VENICE FOLLOW AMMAN

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird - addressed a meeting of NATO defense ministers at Venice, Italy; briefing his fellow delegates - on "the military state of the world."

Reliable sources later reporting, it was the current Middle East situation which dominated the long session. In part - we are told - because of continuing Arab-Israeli conflict; but more so - it was said - because of growing Soviet naval strength in the Mediteranean; up until recently - the unchallenged domain of the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House~~ - President Nixon today proclaimed next Sunday officially "Flag Day" - and also the start of "National Flag Week;" urging Americans to fly the flag throughout the week - at their homes and other suitable places. "We honor the flag for what it is - and for what it demands of us" - said the President. Adding that the American flag still "symbolizes the dignity of man - even as it did when those early Americans first created it."

NASHVILLE

At Nashville, Tennessee - a critical meeting of the Tennessee Barbers Association. One and all agreeing that hippie hair-styles for men - are ruining the barber business. Association President William Knowles explaining that the new longer hair look - makes it easier and easier to "put off" getting haircuts. And he added there ought to be "an extra charge - for those three or four or five months of extra hair growth" that barbers have to contend with.

In the end though - the Tennessee barbers deciding instead to fight hair with hair. This by means of a new publicity campaign - plugging, henceforth, the so-called "clean American look."

Dallas Townsend saying Good Night.