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Good evening everybody. Storm signals over
Louse. With Communist Forces continuing their offensive,
concern over the situation in that country broke out today
on Capitol Hill. Republican Senator Charles Matthias of
Maryland attacking the increasing American involvement
in Louse, saying it violates congressional directives and
could repeat the mistakes of Vietnam. Democratic Senator
Albert Gore of Tennessee asserting the facts of our
involvement in Louse - are being concealed from the
American people. Democratic Leader Mansfield and
Republican Senator Cooper of Kentucky complained that the
Vietnam War is being fought more and more in Louse and
Cambodia.

VIETNAM

As for Vietnam - another milestone there in the U.S. Vietnamization and troop withdrawal program. In ceremonies at Lai Khe - American troops turning over to South Vietnamese forces - control and responsibility for some sixteen hundred square miles of terrain. An area that encompasses three main Communist infiltration routes - pointing directly at Saigon.

CAPITOL HILL

French President Pompidou - today addressed a joint meeting of Congress. In the process, dealing at some length with the Middle East situation - which has put such a strain on his present visit.

Pompidou asserting that Israel has achieved - an "undeniable success on the battlefield." "But who cannot see" - said he - "the precarious, and, in the long run, sterile nature of the victories so gained?" The French President going on from there - to say that a peace must be "quickly reached;" one that includes a renunciation of force by both sides - and also provides for the resettlement of Palestinian refugees. But come what may - said he - France reaffirms "the right of the State of Israel - not only to existence but also to security."

MIDDLE EAST

Israeli warplanes today attacked two Egyptian military installations - across the Suez Canal. This following another cross-canal artillery duel - leaving one Israeli dead, three wounded. The Israeli raids were then followed, in turn, by Egyptian air strikes - directed against two Israeli targets in the same general area.

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "JOBS")

Lowell Thomas - who is up near the "roof of the world" - remains temporarily out-of-touch tonight. / And so - it's time again for another special report he left us.

Lowell...

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Good evening everybody:

One of America's favorite TV shows for many, many years, as you know - has been "What's My Line" - and it's on again. And in this one the contestants try, of course - to guess the occupations of various and sundry guests.

Now from the U.S. Department of Labor comes a brand new two-volume "Dictionary of Occupational Titles" - including some thirty five thousand job classifications; among them, some of the weirdest, oddest sounding jobs - since "What's My Line."

For example, there's one job category called simply - "snowman." Who's he? Why, he's the guy who chips away at ice and frost - accumulating on big industrial refrigerators. Not to be confused with a snow flicker - who merely defrosts parking meters.

Other job classifications that Uncle Sam tells us about now include - the squeak, rattle and leak man - he's the man who searches out flaws in new cars. Also, there's the

crabber - who tends textile equipment; and the frog shaker - who helps process tobacco; and the donkey puncher - I used to be one [✓] who runs a big diesel in a logging camp. I didn't do that - I simply rode on donkeys. And then, too, in the food category - there's the blintz roller, the cake stripper, the fish dipper and the lime bean pitcher.

By the way, the U.S. Labor Department reports, coincidentally - a growing demand for farriers - or blacksmiths, as we used to call them. Indeed, we are told there's a greater call these days for "smithies" - than there is for say - meteorologists, sociologists or even bowling pin machine mechanics - in fact, all of those combined.

Could it be - there's somebody trying to tell us something?

Solong....

(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "JOBS")

Thank you, Lowell. Back to the news...

Administration...
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Secretary of the Department of
Education and Health...
by setting ceilings...

In the same way...
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today that the President...
Congress tomorrow...
Government...
for watching the...

WHITE HOUSE

~~Turning to the domestic front~~) The Nixon

Administration served notice today - that the time has come to clamp down on Medicare and Medicaid costs.

Undersecretary John Veneman of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare - suggesting that this could be done by setting ceilings on doctor fees and hospital charges.

In the same vein - the ~~White~~ White House announced ^{message} today that the President will send another special to Congress tomorrow. Subject - "Economy in the Federal Government." This billed as a Presidential blueprint - for attacking the problem of out-dated Federal programs.

STOCK MARKET

On Wall Street, the stock market got a surprising shot in the arm this afternoon - when Lincoln National Bank in Philadelphia lowered its prime interest rate to eight percent - from the eight-and-half percent now prevailing. Nearly five million shares were traded in the final hour, and the Dow Jones Industrial average closed up almost fourteen points. The President of Lincoln National bank explained the move by saying that "We don't want the economy of the Delaware Valley to suffer." But whether other banks will follow suit appears doubtful at the moment.

More news in a moment.....

NEW YORK
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Keenan

Here in New York - the newborn ~~Kleenex~~ Quintuplets are said to be thriving tonight. Hospital authorities reporting that three of the quints - have successfully overcome earlier breathing problems / All five - taking nourishment. Dr. Stanley James saying: "We couldn't hope for the babies to be in better condition - than they are now."

The only complication, it seems - in the fact that the quints still haven't been named. / While the parents, Margaret and William ~~Kleenex~~ ^{Keenan}, wrestle with that problem - doctors and nurses calling them simply A, B, C, D, and E.

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