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Mike Wallace (Taken from carbon
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SENATE

For Clement Haynsworth - and more so for Richard Nixon - a telling victory today before the Senate Judiciary Committee; which voted nearly two-to-one - to confirm Judge Haynsworth's nomination to the Supreme Court; thereby sending the matter on to the full Senate - where a final vote is expected in about two weeks.

Still to come, of course - a floor debate - expected to be heated at times. Nonetheless, today's vote clearing a major hurdle - thwarting a number of committee ~~members~~ ^{members} who bitterly oppose the Haynsworth appointment. Leading the Judge's supporters to predict now - he will win confirmation; if not handily - at least, by a narrow margin.

DALLAS FOLLOW SENATE

Just to make sure though - the Administration stepped up today its pro-Haynsworth campaign. Vice President Spiro Agnew asserting on a visit to Dallas - that "every charge against" the Judge "has been investigated and disproved." This following an earlier remark - that he was "ashamed" of what he called an attempt at "character assassination" - during the just-completed committee hearings.

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - another apparent exercise in futility today. Henry Cabot Lodge - once more pleading for joint agreement on free elections in South Vietnam. The Communist side - once more turning him down flat. Instead - appealing directly to the American public; urging increases opposition to the war - as a means of forcing U.S. acceptance of Communist proposals.

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Meantime, in Saigon - the U.S. Command today reported its lowest weekly casualty toll - in nearly three years. The figures showing sixty-four men killed in action - as compared with ninety-five the week before. This said to reflect a continuing battle lull - that could lead to further U.S. withdrawals in the not-too-distant future.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW SAIGON

Here at home - President Nixon today presented the Medal of Honor - to four Army heroes of Vietnam. Lauding their courage - but calling it a tragedy they had to come to the fore during time of war.

The President then went on to proclaim the ceremony - a time to "dedicate ourselves anew to bringing the peace we all want." And he added: "I am confident that the challenges of peace will uncover great heroes in America's young people - just as the challenges of war have uncovered heroes."

PENTAGON FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Elsewhere in Washington - Defense Secretary Melvin Laird - front and center. Disclosing today that American commanders in Vietnam were ordered months ago - to turn over combat operations to the South Vietnamese "as rapidly as possible."

Laird also said that the current lull in the fighting - is encouraging to a certain extent. He added, however, that any "signal" of Hanoi's peaceful intent - would better be made at Paris where it really counts.

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "CHINN HO")

**Next - Lowell Thomas. Reporting again tonight -
from the Hawaiian Islands. Lowell...**

CHINN HO (3)

Hello Everybody:

Have you ever heard of Chinn Ho? No. Well, pull up a chair and I'll tell you what little I know about Chinn Ho. He's an Hawaiian Chinese, an expert at organizing Huis, and a Hui has no relation to a hippie. A Hui is a syndicate, and ever since Ho finished Honolulu's McKinley High School, that's as far as he went, with what is usually referred to as "The Great Class of Nineteen Twenty Four" Chinn Ho has been organizing Huis, syndicates, and his fortune has been mounting and mounting and mounting.

They tell me the Nineteen Twenty-Four high school class turned out a high percent of Hawaii's present day leaders, one of whom is Chinn Ho, and his helicopter today flew me over the mountains of Oahu to see his latest Hui here in this land of Queen/Lilialukilani, King Kamahameha and Duke Kahanamoku.

It's an Horatio Alger story with an exotic mid-Pacific flavor. When Ho finished Honolulu's McKinley High he was just another poor boy. But he came up fast. Today his more than one thousand room twenty-six story Ilikai high rise dominates the new skyline above that row of new spectacular hotels and office buildings that today line the beach at Waikiki.

Right after Pearl Harbor when so many others were frightened and thought the Japanese were going to take over the Hawaiian Islands, Chinn Ho boldly borrowed a lot of sea shells, money of course, and bought more and more property. Today everywhere you turn you hear someone say - "oh, Chinn Ho controls that." Chinn Ho is in land, in oil newspapers, radio and TV and so on.

Anything can be done - if you have the magic touch of a Chinn Ho.

Solong....

(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "CHINN HO")

Thank you, Lowell. More - in a moment.

PRAGUE

Overseas again - an Iron Curtain was reestablished today - between Czechoslovakia and Western Europe. The Czech government at Prague - ordering tough new travel laws; ending - at least, temporarily - the country's year-old right of individual travel to Austria and West Germany. Western observers citing as an obvious reason - the growing number of Czechs fleeing to freedom.

AMSTERDAM-BRUSSELS

For the men of Apollo-Eleven - a double-header today. Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Mike Collins - starting the day with a stop at Amsterdam in sunny Holland. Their greeting there including an Amsterdam police band - playing Dixieland music; followed by five hours - of parading, pomp and circumstance. And after that - on to Brussels for more of the same.

FALUN

A final item - from Falun, Sweden; where one of that country's leading steel groups reported today - it has just lost an American order worth Thirty-Five Million; an order that was won in stiff competition - that was all but signed, sealed and ~~delivered~~ delivered.

Reason for the cancellation - we are told: Sweden's announcement last week - that it plans to give North Vietnam Forty Million in economic aid over the next three years. The prospective American buyer quoted as saying: "When Sweden pledges money to a country with which the United States is at war - there is no reason to fulfill the contract."