

*Good evening everybody.*

*Another shakeup in Washington tonight - the Nixon Administration has fired Dr. James Allen from his post as U.S. Commissioner of Education. Allen has been at odds with the Administration on several issues - most recently the decision to send troops into Cambodia. He also advocated a stronger line on school desegregation than was followed by the White House - and many of the people he wanted for key positions in the office of education were found politically undesirable by the Administration. None of these, however, was mentioned in a brief statement issued by Robert Finch, the outgoing Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Finch announced merely that he had asked for, and received, Allen's resignation. Adding that a successor will be chosen by Elliott Richardson, who has been named by the President to succeed Finch as Health, ~~SECRET~~ Education and Welfare Secretary.*

## SCHULTZ

The President today announced his second major Cabinet shuffle in less than a week. With Labor Secretary George Schultz - becoming the head of a new Executive Management and Budget Agency; according to White House aides - a job that could become the second most powerful in Washington. The President also naming as his new Labor Secretary - Schultz's former chief assistant, James Hodgson. While Robert Mayo - who formerly headed the old Budget Bureau - now becomes a White House councillor.

## WHITE HOUSE

*The President today unveiled a new welfare program; in effect, a re-worked edition of the Administration's original welfare program - which was tied up in the Senate last year. This latest version - apparently aimed at appeasing conservative critics. Urging - among other things: An end to Medicaid - in favor of a new national health insurance for the poor; also, a revision of the food stamp program - so as not to penalize welfare families when they attempt to strike out on their own. It further recommends a strengthening of existing requirements - that welfare recipients must sign up for job training.*

*The President noting that "past programs to aid the poor have failed" - because, by and large, "they have degraded the poor and defrauded the taxpayer." And he added that almost any change - would be a change for the better.*

## AMMAN

*In the strife-torn Middle East - for the second straight day - Arab versus Arab at Amman, Jordan; with the fighting today claiming the life of an American Army officer - Major Robert Perry of Chicago; a U.S. military attache. He was apparently caught in a crossfire between Palestinian guerillas and Jordanian Army troops. The guerillas were also holding, at last report, about thirty foreign hostages - including several Americans. A guerilla spokesman warning: "We cannot be held responsible" for their safety - "if the Jordan Special Army forces continue their attacks" on Palestinian refugee camps.*

*Radio Amman reporting late today - that "all clashes have ceased and life is returning to normal." Guerilla headquarters in Beirut - also reporting an end to Jordanian shelling attacks. Adding, however: "The situation remains serious."*

## MIDDLE EAST

The latest dispatches from the Middle East indicate that fighting is still under way in Amman - Arab guerillas and Jordanian army troops battling on into the night with heavy guns and mortars. Travelers arriving in Beirut Lebanon say ~~that~~ the streets of Amman have been turned into a virtual battlefield. King Hussein has gone on the radio - appealing for an end to the hostilities - saying that if they continue, the nation will be destroyed. It is a tragedy, the King said, that the weapons of Arabs should be aimed against other Arabs.

## SARAVANE

*The focus of air and ground action in Southeast Asia -*  
*was again centered today in Southern Laos. With American*  
*jets attacking Communist positions around the town of Saravane*  
*- which fell to enemy forces only yesterday. The U.S. air*  
*strikes - in support of Royal Laotian troops - aimed at*  
*preventing a reestablishment of North Vietnamese supply*  
*routes southward into Cambodia. In that country there was*  
*only light and scattered fighting today - the same as in*  
*South Vietnam.*

*Now this message.*

**SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "NATIVES  
& OIL"**

***Time now for Lowell Thomas; reporting once more  
tonight - from up North in Alaska. Lowell...***

*Good evening everybody. If you are interested in the aboriginal inhabitants of our continent you may be wondering what will happen to the Eskimo in Arctic Alaska, and the Indians too - the Athabascans who live along the rivers north of the Arctic Circle.*

*Today while flying over the scores of great glaciers along the coast, past the Fairweather and St. Elias ranges and Mount McKinley - I discussed this with an officer of the Atlantic Richfield Company. Charles Wingrove's job is to try and solve this problem. He says they already are training the Eskimo - and Indians in groups of eight.*

*The plan is first to use them on construction - of the great road they hope to build right across Alaska from ██████████ Valdez on this south coast to the Prudue Bay oil field on the Arctic slope, some eight hundred miles. And the projected pipe line.*

*They intend to use them in groups of eight - one week*



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*on, then a week at home with their families - and so on.*

*After the highway and pipeline are built they will be trained to handle all of the maintainence work in connection with getting the flowing gold down from the Arctic and on its way to the Southern Forty-Eight.*

*Aviation people here in the North long ago discovered that the Eskimo and the Indians too have the intelligence and the skill to do anything in which they are interested. In some ways more skillful than most of us.*

*So, the oil boom in the Arctic may open up a new world for them - one in which they will soon find themselves at home.*

## **SPACE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE**

*The National space agency today announced plans for two unmanned space flights to Jupiter; one in Nineteen-Seventy-Two - and the second a year later. This to mark man's first scientific probe - beyond Mars; thus including the first scientific probe - beyond Mars; thus including the first attempt to brave a belt of asteroids - which are known to exist between Mars and Jupiter. And the main purpose - we are told - is that of determining whether the sun's greatest planet is really a minor star. However, the Jupiter runs will also serve, to pave the way for future "grand tour" missions; unmanned flights to Jupiter and then Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto - flights which are planned for later in the Seventies.*