

*Monday, September 29, 1975
FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
for this program!*

LEAD

*First, a welcome to W I B A - Madison,
Wisconsin; also W F I X - Huntsville, Alabama - today
joining our CBS radio network as I begin my forty-sixth
year with this news program - and about which I've been
swamped with telegrams, letters and phone calls. More
about this later. As for the news:....*

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - President Ford today signed into law an extension of domestic oil price controls - till mid-November. He also made it plain he holds Congress to blame for failure to work an over-all energy plan. "The President saying: "When the price of gasoline goes up at the service station - I want the American people to know exactly where the blame lies."

The President leaves tomorrow - on a two day trip to the middle west - his first since the incident in San Francisco a week ago. He will return Thursday to welcome Emperor Hirohito.

And now...

SUPREME COURT

Justice William O. Douglas - is on the job again.

Earlier in the year he had a stroke. Today he was ~~at~~
at the Supreme Court for the first time since March.

~~Apparently this clears the way for certain action,~~

~~including the death penalty - which had been put off~~

~~pending a full court.~~

BARCELONA

The weekend execution of five terrorists in Spain has led to a ^{big} ~~general~~ strike ~~by thousands of~~ in the Basque part of Spain. In Barcelona there was a payroll robbery apparently staged by Basque guerrillas who shot and wounded two gendarmes and then made off with half a million in cash.

UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW BARCELONA

Meanwhile at the U N. a call for a meeting of the Security Council. Mexico ready to demand sanctions against Spain - for disregard of human rights; which is branded by Spain as an intolerable interference - in Spain's domestic affairs.

POINT BARROW

*At Point Barrow off the northern tip of Alaska -
a sudden change in Arctic winds, clearing a passage
twelve miles wide through the ice pack in the Beaufort
Sea - enabling that fleet of ships to ~~delivered~~ push on
with the billion dollars worth of vital pipeline equipment
~~they have~~ for Prudhoe. ~~Bay~~*

BEIRUT

The newest cease fire in Beirut - seems to be holding - with residents coming out of their homes by the ~~thousen~~ thousands - to clean up the debris, ~~after the two weeks of fighting. The clean up has~~ including ~~disclosed~~ more bodies raising the death toll to at least three-hundred and thirty-eight.

ZAMBOANGA CITY

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A Japanese freighter and crew seized by
forty Moslem pirates - were freed today thanks to a
Philippine Admiral. In a brief confrontation - off
Zamboanga - the Southern Philippines - Admiral Romulo
Espaldon signaled the pirates to give up - or he'd wipe
them out -- all of them. They knew he meant it -
and would, so the pirates gave up their prize.

And now —

~~No doubt~~ You have heard others on the air
 moan and say they wished they had time to thank all
 who have sent ~~to~~ messages ^{to them.} On this my forty-fifth
 anniversary, ~~the end of the 45th year for this program,~~
 messages have been coming in from far and wide, one
 even from the geographical center of Australia; Another
 from up on ~~the edge of~~ Bering Sea, and so on. ~~As what~~
~~I hope you will regard~~ ^{It} as a gesture to all ~~of you~~ who
 have been so thoughtful, I'll quote from ~~just~~ one letter.
 I'm sure you'll be pleased to know that, he is still
 around, and ~~I hope~~ going strong. ~~This is part of what~~
 He writes: -- "Lowell your voice sounds just like it
 did when we followed you on radio ~~then~~ those many
 years ago." ^{It} Then ~~he~~ he adds: "One of my fond
 memories is how you introduced us at Madison Square
 Garden when you said: 'I'd like my epitaph to read':
 "Here lies the bird who was heard while millions were

waiting to hear Amos and Andy."

~~This is quoted from~~ ^{The} ~~a~~ ^{is} letter from Beverly Hills. ~~It is~~ from Amos -- Freeman Gosden. One of the finest guys who ever lived. Alas, Andy is no longer with us. *If I was lucky*

~~And some of you may recall I had a~~ lucky ~~break~~ indeed when I first went on the air ~~thirty~~ forty-five years ago, *Just moments ahead of* ~~Fortunately I preceded~~ Amos and Andy, ~~perhaps~~ the two most popular entertainers there have ever been, ^{Yes,} even more widely acclaimed than the fabulous Charlie Chaplain.

If it hadn't been for Amos and Andy, I might not have gotten off to such a good start and might not have survived ~~all~~ these forty five years.

^{now} And for CBS News, this is Lowell Thomas ~~announcing~~

~~check~~ once again saying:...

Solong until tomorrow.