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SAN ANTONIO

*Latest from San Antonio: A report today that former President Johnson has suffered extra heartbeats - also, "transient pain" in his chest and left arm. This said to be the result of a circulatory problem - reducing the flow of blood returning to the heart. Accordingly, doctors prescribing a pain-killer - as well as a drug to thin his blood. Lieut. Colonel Robert North - the former chief heart specialist - explaining that "our main concern" now "is to try and prevent a full-blown heart attack."*

*Nevertheless, the former President is reported "in an excellent mood - very good spirits." Colonel North adding that, in fact - the outlook is "very optimistic." Good news.*

WHITE HOUSE

*From President Nixon - a five-point plan today - aimed at achieving "genuine reform" in the nation's elementary and secondary schools. As outlined to Congress - the President's check-list including: One - creation of a new early learning program; two - creation of a new Presidential committee on school financing - intended to pay "particular attention to non-public schools;" three - creation of a new National Institute of Education - to take over existing programs in the Office of Education; four - a new emphasis on the national "right to read" program; and five - a continuation of the present Corporation for Public Broadcasting.*

*The President observed that "educators, school boards and government officials - have a great deal to learn about the way we teach." And he added that - "child's play is serious business."*

## LAMAR FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

*Meanwhile, the business of education was, indeed, serious business today - at Lamar, South Carolina. With a mob of whites there - attacking three school buses filled with Negro children; battling state police - who eventually escorted the children to safety; finally forcing the closing - of newly-desegregated Lamar High School.*

*South Carolina's Governor M<sub>C</sub> Nair - later called the attacks "unspeakable." Blaming the violence on segregation forces - who are still urging defiance of the law He also alerted the state National Guard - just in case.*

**(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "HEART  
TRANSPLANT")**

*Lowell Thomas is still somewhere in Nepal tonight -  
as he continues his pursuit of "high adventure;" which means  
it's time again for another special report he left us - in  
effect, an effort to set the record straight. Lowell...*

## HEART TRANSPLANT

*Good evening, everybody: Here is something that has been bothering me. As we all know, it's difficult to squelch a rumor - once that rumor starts making the rounds. Well, recently I used an item that came over the press wires; an item about Mrs. Philip Blaiberg - widow of that South African heart transplant patient who later died. Remember? Anyway, the item told how an Italian journalist said that he had been almost helpless - during the nineteen months that he had lived with that transplanted heart. And he quoted Mrs. Blaiberg as saying it.*

*I hope you have already heard her denial. For she does say that the Italian story was pure fiction - that she hadn't even encountered any Italian journalist; and that the months following the operation were, as she put it - "the happiest of our lives." So there it is.*

*So long...*

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**Thank you, Lowell. More - in a moment.**

## VIETNAM

*In Vietnam - a sharp-eyed U.S. airman today spotted - and ground troops quickly captured - an enemy rice cache probably the biggest yet uncovered. The find containing an estimated one hundred tons of the precious grain - enough to feed five Communist battalions up to three months. This in an area near Tay Ninh City - the site of a recent enemy build-up; also, the target of eight raids by big U.S. B-Fifty-Twos - last night and early today.*

*Meantime, in neighboring Laos - North Vietnamese invaders were said to be mounting another offensive. At any rate, Laotian Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma - summoning his top military commanders to a strategy meeting in Vientiane. Trying to decide - whether to rush <sup>reinforcements</sup> ~~reinforcements~~ into threatened areas. Also under consideration - we are told - a possible request for additional U.S. weapons and military equipment.*

## **RAILS**

*Here at home - the U.S. was threatened today with a nationwide rail strike - called for Thursday. President Nixon promptly responding with a call for emergency legislation - aimed at averting the walkout. Thus becoming the third President in eight years - forced to seek Congressional help in settling a labor dispute in this vital industry.*



NEW YORK

*For President Pompidou of France - a final press conference today in New York. The French President saying he was fully "satisfied" with his U.S. visit - despite a rash of pro-Israeli, anti-French demonstrations. He also said that he and President Nixon - had reached a "full understanding of our respective ~~positions~~ positions;" coming to the conclusion - said he - that "our views on basic issues are the same - and our objectives are the same."*

*Pompidou then added that - true enough, there are certain differences with regard to specifics. But that is due in part - said he - to the fact that the "frontier of the Communist world" is only "two hundred miles from Paris." And with that - it was "au revoir."*

## BRADLEY

*General Omar Bradley - the nation's only surviving five-star general - front and center today in Washington.*

*Sounding off on the threat of "imperial Communism" - which he called the greatest danger to modern America.*

*The seventy-seven-year-old General further expressed alarm - that many people, especially the nation's anti-war youth, have failed to recognize the peril. Said Omar Bradley: "We have neglected to impress on these youngsters - the fact that they now are responsible for maintaining their freedom."*

O'BRIEN

*Elsewhere in Washington - Lawrence F. O'Brien has reconsidered; agreeing today to return as Democratic National Chairman - despite the fact that he turned down the job only last week.*

*O'Brien's change of heart following a unanimous vote of the party's Executive Committee - urging him to "accept a draft" for the job. This, in turn, the result of a ~~C~~ommittee deadlock - blocking the choice of anyone else.*

## TREATY

*The White House again -an announcement today with regard to the new world-wide Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. It's to take effect this Thursday - we are told - via simultaneous ceremonies scheduled in London, Moscow and Washington. A giant first step - in the quest for effective nuclear controls.*

## **LEXINGTON**

*First Lady Pat Nixon - the victim of a brief confrontation today with the so-called "strident minority." Represented, in this case, by a group of about sixty anti-war demonstrators - who were awaiting her arrival at Lexington, Kentucky. The protestors shouting over and over - "peace now, peace now." Drowning out the First Lady's prepared speech - until they themselves were shouted down by a welcoming crowd estimated at a thousand.*