

Thursday, August 8, 1974

From Washington.....

From Cyprus.....

From Stonehenge, England.....

Good Evening Everybody. This is Lowell Thomas.

President Nixon will address the nation over radio and television tonight at nine o'clock Eastern time. So called experts in Washington says there are strong indications that he will announce his decision to resign. Earlier today he summoned Vice President Ford to the White House for a conference. A White House aide says the President then and there informed the Vice President of his intention to resign. Gerald Ford, according to the White House spokesman, will take the oath of office as thirty-eighth President of the United States at six P.M. tomorrow, Eastern time - probably in the White House East Room. Already Mr. Ford is reported to be busy choosing a cabinet and top level staff, and writing his inaugural speech.

ADD WATERGATE

Already, speculation is rife as to whom ~~may~~

~~Ford would designate to succeed ~~him~~~~ ^{Gerald Ford} as Vice President.

Former

~~Formerly~~ New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller ~~for one~~

~~one possibility~~ ^{Gov. Rockefeller} and ~~he~~ has called a news conference

for tomorrow evening at Bangor, Maine. ~~But there~~

~~are~~ ^{mentioned:} Others ~~mentioned~~ Senators Howard Baker, ~~Charles~~

~~McCarthy~~, Representative John Anderson of Illinois,

Elliott Richardson, Barry Goldwater, John Rhodes,

Ronald Reagan, and Melvin Laird ~~the man~~ who

recommended ~~Gerald~~ Ford for the ~~the~~ Vice Presidency

eight months ago.

OPINION

Whatever his troubles here at home, President Nixon still has a host of admirers among foreign leaders - some of whom consider him one of America's greatest Presidents. "Why are you doing this to him?" some ask? "He has withdrawn troops from Vietnam - established detente with Russia and China - made friends with the Arabs without forsaking Israel - and he invented Henry Kissinger, giving him total freedom to act for world peace." ~~He says~~ ^{He says} from Israeli leader Gideon Hausner: Time will probably show that "while doing great things for the whole world he ~~is~~ was called to order by American public opinion." ~~He says~~ ^{says} Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau: "He has ~~always~~ always dealt fairly with Canada and his personal relations with ~~me~~ me always those of a gentlemen"- ~~And this from~~ ^{And this from} a French television commentator: "Despite Watergate, he has restored America and its currency to the center of the planet."

STOCKS FOLLOW OPINION

After two days of soaring prices, the ^{Wall Street} word
~~was~~ ^{today was} caution, ~~on Wall Street today~~ ^{with} Stock prices
drifted ^{ing} lower ^{and} as profit takers moved in. The atmosphere,
~~was~~ one of expectancy - ~~was~~ guarded optimism ^A
with the prospect of a New ~~to~~ President taking office
in Washington.

CYPRUS

Heavy fighting on Cyprus again today even as Greek and Turkish officers finished mapping ~~the~~ lines ^{to} ~~that~~ separate ~~their~~ warring armies. One newsman -- a Britisher was killed and five others ~~are~~ wounded when their autos ran into a Turkish minefield near Lapithous. And, in Geneva, virtually no progress reported on peace negotiations.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Miller says there's no doubt about it - the mountains back of Georgetown, Colorado, look like "Hippyville, U.S.A." He says the food stamp program around Georgetown - ^{a color resort old time mining town, now} a city of ^{eight thousand} - has lured the ~~"street people"~~ and long hairs because they can live ^{there on food} on stamps even if they don't have money for drugs and wine. ^{That is hold up} ~~They're hiding~~ in caves and ~~old~~ abandoned mines. ^{The Georgetown} ~~and the~~ sheriff says the hippies are to blame for a lot of recent ~~are behind a recent rash of~~ burglaries. - ~~sitting~~

"But whenever I go out to arrest or ~~make~~ question them, they stand up on a rock like an Indian in the old days - see me coming, then they ^{fade} ~~drop~~ ~~back~~ back into the hills." Now this mess -

WALLIES

The Wallies of Wessex are resisting all efforts to evict them from their wig-wams on the fields at Stonehenge, England's famed stone-age monument. The British government which owns Stonehenge wants them to leave - even though the Wallies are a religious group led by young Wally Hope who wears a Cypriot soldier's uniform. He cites pre-historic precedent - pointing out that the Druids - a religious sect - built Stonehenge some thousands of years ago. "We are not Druids - says Wally Hope, "but we^{do} believe in peace and love - and we don't like drugs and free sex." As of tonight, the Wallies of Wessex are still in their ^{English} wigwams.

This is LT for CBS news - saying s-l-u-t-m