

July 17, 1970  
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War news from Southeast Asia - the best kind tonight;  
with ground action on all fronts - said to be at low ebb for  
the year. The U.S. Command in Saigon reporting, in fact -  
not one American casualty during the past twenty-four hours.

Meanwhile, South Vietnam's President Thieu - meeting  
with Cambodia's Premier Lon Nol. This at Neak Luong -  
a Cambodian ferry crossing on the Mekong River. The two  
men there mapping a common strategy - against their common  
enemy. After which Thieu would say only the success of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  
South Vietnamese and Cambodian alliance - "will be more a  
matter of how determined we are - than how stubborn the  
Communists are."

## WASHINGTON

*For Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Anne -  
an exercise today in winning friends and influencing people.  
On the second day of their busy American visit - the royal  
pair <sup>took</sup> taking in the highlights of official Washington; meeting  
with U.S. moonman Neil Armstrong - Vice President Spiro  
Agnew - also, a number of Congressional leaders. Along  
the way - charming one and all. Indeed, a lady reporter  
observing that the Prince, especially, had "captivated"  
the many Americans he met - "with his poise, sportsmanship,  
ebullience and interest in almost everything he has seen  
and heard."*

*Those so "captivated" / including, apparently, another  
lady reporter; who was so intent on covering Charles'  
visit to the Smithsonian - that she accidentally cracked her  
head on a wing of <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ X-Fifteen <sup>rocket plane</sup> and was knocked cold.*

*The Prince - clearly a stunning chap.*

## LONDON FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Back in Britain - that country's continuing dock strike was beginning to take its toll today. The spectre of impending food shortages - setting off a brief wave of panic buying; with British housewives gobbling up - beef, bacon, fruits and vegetables and other imported foodstuffs.

<sup>BUT</sup> Now this: The British government tonight making its first use - of newly-authorized emergency powers. Sending troops into the nation's strikebound ports - there to begin making preparations to unload perishable foodstuffs. The government also setting up a plan - to ration food and other vital commodities; but only - (we are told) - only if absolutely necessary.

## MIDDLE EAST

*In the Middle East - a joint communique today; marking the return of Egypt's President Nasser - from that extended visit to Russia. Cairo and Moscow together asserting there can never be peace in the Middle East - till Israel withdraws from all occupied territories. Adding that the situation "continues to remain very dangerous" - because of Israel's unceasing armed attacks on Arab territory; and these attacks would not be possible - the communique went on - without the support of the United States.*

*Reverse side: Israeli sources reporting that Premier Golda Meir - is planning another visit soon to the U.S. Purpose: To press for more U.S. aid - in view of the increased Soviet military involvement in the Mideast. And from Munich - a related item. Israel's chief of staff - General Haim Bar-Lev - saying the Israelies were prepared to fight Russian troops, if necessary - "until the very end."*

## WHITE HOUSE

Washington again - another new job for former Budget Director Robert P. Mayo. The man who was moved to the White House just three weeks ago - <sup>to</sup>becom<sup>e</sup>ing a Presidential counselor / now quitting that post to accept the presidency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Mayo explain<sup>i</sup>ng in a letter to the President - he was unable to pass up this "new public service challenge in the financial heart<sup>I</sup> of our great Midwest."

The President, in turn - expressing "deep regret" at Mayo's departure. "But it pleases me" - he added - "to know that you will be continuing to contribute your great talents to the cause of public service."

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "SIBERIAN REFLECTIONS"**

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As you may have guessed by now - Lowell Thomas is off again on another of his periodic peregrinations. His voice is still with us though - via tape. The world's foremost traveler - presenting tonight a final report on that last trip he took; a report he calls - "Siberian Reflections." Lowell...

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**SIBERIAN REFLECTIONS**  
**(Polytech Institute)**

*Recently I heard a Marine officer who had been making the rounds of our American college and University campuses say that he found the young women more courageous than the young men. That is, they would speak up when their male companions were reluctant to do so. We also found this true on our Siberian trip. Our schedule included a pre-arranged visit to the Polytechnic Institute in Irkutsk, the Siberian capital. There, a professor, head of the institute, told us about the training of engineers and so on. And then he got off on another subject. He wanted to know how we all felt about the way our country was involved in Vietnam. A lawyer from San Francisco gave him a diplomatic answer, whereupon Mrs. Bob Atwood from Anchorage, wife of publisher and editor of the Anchorage Times, spoke up in a firm voice and said: "We all stand behind our President!"*

*Then another lady in the group asked the professor a question: "How do you feel about your own involvement in the*

*Vietnam war?" And tell us about what you did in Hungary and more recently in Czechoslovakia?"*

*Bob Giersdorf, one of the heads of Alaska Airlines interrupted at that rather tense moment and skillfully smoothed things over.*

*Later on, the head of this Irkutsk Polytechnic Institute took one American young lady, Marquita Maytag to a case ~~where~~ where there was a large gold nugget. To her he said: "You Americans are too much interested in that!" Meaning gold. Whereupon the American young lady gave him a lecture that left him speechless; ending her remarks with the question. "Professor, we send exchange students from our country to all parts of the world. Why don't you send students to live in our homes in America where they will have an opportunity for a free exchange of ideas?"*

*The Professor rather glumly admitted he hoped the day would come when this would be possible. Everywhere we went and with just about all of the people we encountered we found*



*they had been fed so much propaganda they had no clear idea of what life was like outside their own land.*

*Nevertheless, numbers of Russians are now permitted to travel in other countries. But, they are carefully screened. You can't just go to an airport, buy a ticket, board a plane and go wherever you want to go.*

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "SIBERIAN REFLECTIONS"**

I'll be back with a final

**Thank you, Lowell. Back to the news...**

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A final note - on that visit from Prince Charles  
and Princess Anne. The royal twosome <sup>shook</sup> shaking hands  
with a number of Senate pages - lined up for the occasion,  
one by one; when Senator McGovern entered the Senate  
Chamber - saw what was going on - and decided to join the  
line.

At length - the Prince and the Senator <sup>shook</sup> shaking hands. <sup>100</sup>  
Charles inquiring: "And whom do you work for?" McGovern  
replying: "The people of South Dakota." Whereupon Charles  
observed: "Oh, ~~then~~, then, you're in the wrong queue."  
Which is now my cue to say - as Lowell would say / so long  
until Monday.

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## HICKEL

Elsewhere in Washington - a meeting of the National Petroleum Council; hearing today - from Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel; who praised the current drive - to clean up the nation's environment; but added that it does not have to degenerate - into a "dog eat dog struggle between industry and conservation."

The Secretary then went on to cite a number of examples - of how the nation can permit the development of its natural resources while still protecting the environment. These including - said he - the Santa Barbara Channel - the Trans-Alaska Pipeline - and the Rocky Mountain Oil Shale Reserve. Wally Hickel declaring - the trick is that of finding "new ways, better ways of doing business - so that our industries can prosper and our environment flourish at the same time."

## CAMBODIA

<sup>action</sup>  
The main focus of ground in Southeast Asia -

again centered in Cambodia; where the Communists were attempting today to retake the village of Saang - in another effort to cut off Phnom Penh's lifeline to the sea.

Here at home - the White House joining South Vietnam's President Thieu - in an attempt to clear up an apparent misunderstanding of late. White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler - declaring the U.S. will not - (repeat) - will not try to impose a coalition government on South Vietnam

## WASHINGTON

The President himself - at a late afternoon news conference - used even stronger terms saying - under no circumstances will his administration stand for an IMPOSED coalition government. "We have not done that - he said - and we are not going to.

On a couple of other points - he emphasized that no American ground forces will be used to interdict the Ho Chi Min supply trail in Laos.

And - on a domestic issue - he said the Administration does NOT intend to send a vigilante squad of justice department agents - to enforce desegregation in the south.

On that point - there was a comment from Attorney-General John Mitchell - who said - that the people in the south - ARE working hard to carry out court orders - which means, (he said) that by Nineteen-Seventy-Two the problems of desegregation will be behind us.