

PRESIDENT

For a sick man, President Johnson today was exceedingly newsworthy. Still recuperating from a bad cold, Mr. Johnson spent much of the day in bed, taking life "very easy", according to the White House. But the imprint of the President's hand was all over Washington.

At noon there was the President's Economic Report to Congress. In it, Mr. Johnson diagnosed the state of the economy as "excellent" and further predicted a year of "uninterrupted and vigorous expansion".

At the same time, Mr. Johnson asked Congress to eliminate the legal requirement of gold backing for Federal Reserve deposits. This bookkeeping change would, he said, permit needed growth in the domestic money supply yet strengthen our commitments abroad.

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Back at the White House, Press Secretary

George Reedy ~~later~~ announced the President's appointment of Nicholas Katzenbach as Attorney General. Katzenbach has been serving as acting Attorney General since the resignation of Robert Kennedy last September. He now takes on the job in his own right.

Later

Finally, the President gave his full support to General Maxwell Taylor, the U.S. Ambassador to Viet Nam. There has been growing speculation that the latest Vietnamese coup spelled an end to General Taylor's usefulness in that country. But the State Department, with White House authorization, said today that Taylor "has the full confidence of the President", and there is no basis for speculation "concerning his position".

Finally the President late today threw his

support behind <sup>A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</sup> ~~proposed legislation~~ to provide for orderly continuation of the Presidency and Vice Presidency,

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Lowell Thomas might give us another report ~~in the event of death or disability.~~ **ACTION** Such ~~legislation,~~

country is West Africa -- Lowell

said Mr. Johnson, "is imperative to the success and stability of our system".

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY

Lowell Thomas tonight gives us another report from the big game country in East Africa -- Lowell

Let's take a look at the things actually happened. Later on, well, history may tell, after that tell, about people who are actually forgotten by us today. And, I'm after running into the history books of this, and here in the big game country of East Africa once more I find a striking example.

I am sure many of you will remember that first American big game nation pictures that were taken. They probably were made by Meritt Johnson, and his wife, Osa. But out here in the big game country, I don't recall before I could find a single human being who had ever seen Meritt and Osa Johnson. For several years Meritt and Osa had a semi-permanent camp right on the rim of the Natronogore Crater, where they were making "simba" and their other dramatic pictures of the game. Of course that was more than thirty years ago, in the late Twenties and the early Thirties.

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## MARTIN AND OSA JOHNSON

**GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:**

*As you no doubt know, contemporary history is so quickly forgotten by those of us who live during the same era when the things actually happened. Later on, well - history may tell, often does tell, about people who are actually forgotten by us today. And, I'm often running into illustrations of this, and here in the big game country of East Africa once more I find a striking example.*

*I am sure many of you will remember the first American big game motion pictures that you saw. They probably were made by Martin Johnson, and his beautiful wife Osa. But out here in the big game country, days went by before I could find a single human being who had ever even heard of Martin and Osa Johnson. For several years Martin and Osa had a semi-permanent camp right on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, where they were making "Simba" and their other dramatic pictures of the game. Of course that was more than thirty years ago, in the late Twenties and the early Thirties.*

*Martin had been Jack London's cook, on a famous and disastrous voyage of the SNARK, a voyage of adventure into the South Pacific. After that, Martin returned to Kansas, married the beautiful Osa, and together*

*they set forth on their own adventures in the South Seas, the Solomon Islands, Borneo, cannibal lands, finally, to East Africa. They may have been the first ever to do any important filming in great Ngorongoro Crater. At any rate, their motion pictures made Martin and Osa Johnson world-famous, in their day. Today, out here, they seem to be utterly forgotten. In a way, this seems tragic to me.*

*On the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater there is a new stone monument, and it's dedicated to the memory of a young man, from Central Europe, who came out here with his father to study these marvelous animals, the elephant, the lion, the rhino, the leopard, the giraffe, and all the rest of them. The boy's name, Michael Grzimek. Michael Grzimek and his father made a most important study of the animals of the Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti Plain. And then young Michael crashed in his small plane on the rim of this extinct volcano and was killed. The monument, of course, is important. But somehow, I think there should be another monument on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. A monument to Martin and Osa Johnson, who did more to spread the fame of African wildlife throughout the world, than any other human beings. Maybe, when I get home, I'll take this up with my fellow members of the Explorers Club, and see what they think about it. We might do something.*

**When I started off a moment ago, I had intended to tell you about two more young Americans who are out here at the Ngorongoro Crater. But I'll have to do that next time.**

**Solong.....**

## CHURCHILL

*The final tribute to Sir Winston Churchill continues to break all British precedent.*

*Queen Elizabeth herself visited Westminster Hall tonight to stand quietly beside the coffin of the ~~HERO~~ HERO statesman. Never before in all British history had a monarch paid homage at the bier of a commoner.*

*At almost the same moment, former President Eisenhower returned to England to pay last respects to his wartime comrade-at-arms. General Eisenhower landed at London Airport with two members of the official American delegation - Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Chief Justice Earl Warren.*

*The American mourners were quickly enveloped in Britain's tightest security guard since the coronation in Nineteen fifty-three. It is expected that in the final count, ~~the~~ top dignitaries of more than one hundred countries - on both sides of the Iron Curtain -*



will attend Sir Winston's funeral services, Saturday at  
St. Paul's Cathedral.

VIET NAM FOLLOW PRESIDENT

In Viet Nam <sup>today,</sup> ~~itself~~ the situation remained <sup>tense and</sup> explosive. As a result, the new military regime was forced to ~~cancel~~ <sup>POSTPONE</sup> the scheduled public execution of a Viet Cong terrorist.

The condemned man was slated to face a firing squad in a sandbag revetment set up near Saigon's central market. But by late afternoon some three thousand Vietnamese rallied on the scene, and at the last minute, the execution was called off.

## SUBS

The Soviet Union today declared full knowledge of the movements of U.S. Polaris submarines and said it could destroy them on a moment's notice. The Russian claim was contained in a magazine article written by Admiral Sergei Gorshkov, Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Navy.

Gorshkov added that Soviet missiles could similarly seek out and destroy any surface ships in the proposed Multilateral Nuclear surface fleet. He said: "It is precisely now, when U.S. military leaders boast of their unheard of military might, that the U.S. is most vulnerable".

Washington reaction: Hogwash. The Gorshkov statement seen as simply another Soviet attempt to block NATO development of the U.S.-backed nuclear armada.

## EARNINGS

In Detroit - General Motors today reported the final tally for company operations in nineteen sixty-four. Net profits - one billion, seven hundred thirty-five million dollars, an all time record for GM and for the nation.

Coincidentally, prices on the New York Stock Exchange soared to a long-awaited landmark. For the first time in history, the Dow Jones Average of thirty industrial stocks passed the lofty nine hundred mark- closing at nine hundred-point-two-five.

Now a word from Dick Noel.

## SANDWICH

*This next item comes from Chalfont St. Peter, England, where the local pub is now serving a concoction known as the "Mother-in-Law Sandwich". This delicacy is said to contain cold shoulder, strong pickle and tongue, embellished, in extreme cases, with horse radish - and all on rye.*

*And tonight, the latest sales report on the "Mother-in-Law" sandwich is simply - smashing.*

That's news —  
as LT would say,  
so long