

*Good evening everybody. The House of Representatives has voted to abolish the electoral college - and favors direct popular election of Presidents and Vice Presidents. A resolution containing a proposed constitutional amendment to that effect went through the House on a roll call vote of three hundred thirty-nine to seventy - far larger than the required two thirds majority. It's the first measure proposing reform of the presidential election system passed by the House in one hundred and sixty-six years. But it still faces a long hard road - corresponding approval in the Senate, and ratification by three-fourths of the states. It's almost certain that the electoral college will still be with us for the presidential election of Nineteen-Seventy-Two.*

*President Nixon's trip today to the United Nations - a mission of peace. The President telling a packed hall: "There are differences between people; but the people of the world - wherever they are - want peace." And he added, therefore, that world leaders - have "a responsibility to build for peace."*


*More specifically, the President went on <sup>to</sup> urge the world body - to take an active role in ending the conflict Vietna. "In the name of peace" - said he - "I urge all of you here to use your best diplomatic efforts - to persuade Hanoi to move seriously into the negotiations which could end this war." The President further asserting - as he has before: "The time has come for peace." Later, the President conferring privately - with the representatives of a number of member nations. And tonight, a reception for all delegates and their wives - excepting those from Cuba, Albania and Outer Mongolia - three countries of which the U.S. has no diplomatic relations.*

## VIETNAM FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

*For all the talk of peace though - for all the apparent good will in New York - still precious little of either in Vietnam. Battle reports telling of fierce ground action today - from the Mekong Delta all the way to the D.M.Z. and from the communists - an icy reaction to the President's address.*

**PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM**

As for peace talks in Paris - same old story. Henry Cabot Lodge reading aloud - the text of the President's statement two days ago regarding withdrawal of troops. Calling it - a "tremendously important, far-reaching statement!" Whereupon the Communist side promptly called it - "a farce."



## SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

*Be that as it may - General Abrams spelled out in Saigon - additional details of the new U.S. troop withdrawal. Announcing that the Third Brigade of the Army's Eight-Second Airborn Division - as well as major Marine elements - will also be coming home. Thus turning back to government troops - among other things - the job of defending exclusively their own capital.*



## GREEN BERET

*The Army today announced that six Green Beret officers will be courtmartialed on charges of murder, and conspiracy to commit murder. These are the men said to be involved in the killing of a Vietnamese double agent. Pending the outcome of their trials, charges against two other men in the case will ~~will~~ be held in abeyance. Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor says he feels sure the six accused will get a fair trial in Vietnam. But congressional defenders of the Green Berets take issue with that opinion they contend that Resor should have taken jurisdiction of the case himself.*

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

***While we're waiting for Lowell Thomas to check back  
in from the Pacific - another special report tonight; telling of  
African glories past - and problems present. Lowell...***

ZULULAND

*Good Evening Everybody: Over the past decade or so as you have have heard - the Uhuru Trail has beckoned to millions and millions of people in Africa. The so-called road to freedom - North, South, East and West; everywhere, but Zululand in South Africa - last of the black homelands in that part of the world to accept limited self-government.*

*The problem, well, it was in the fact that the Zulu elite - still think of themselves as the mighty conquerors that the Zulus once were; in the days when Zulu Kings were all-powerful - and they never let anyone forget it; as, for example, the time the great chief Shaka marched his men over a bed of thorns - and clubbed to death any man who showed signs of pain.*

*That was long ago, of course - and the Zulus have since been isolated in their own little corner of South Africa. But some have never forgotten - fighting every effort from Pretoria to make them accept homerule. Insisting that they*



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*want it all - complete freedom from the white man - or  
nothing at all.*

*For better or worse - the Zulus refusing to become  
mere hitch-hikers on that Uhuru Trail .*

*Solong.....*

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## NEW BEDFORD

At New Bedford, Mass. - a new turn in the Kennedy-Kopeczne case. District Attorney Edmund Dinis disclosing that a number of apparent blood stains - were found on the blouse of the dead Mary Jo Kopeczne. Also, "a certain amount of blood" in her "mouth and nose - which may or may not have been consistent with death by drowning" - said he.

All this - in a petition filed with a Pennsylvania court. Dinis attempting to justify his request for an autopsy - in compliance with the court's earlier demand for additional evidence.



## US MINT

*Mrs. Mary Brooks was sworn in today as the twenty-eighth director of the US Mint - and straightaway urged the American people to get all those pennies they're hoarding in cookie jars and piggy banks back into circulation. The penny, she said, is the forgotten American coin - adding "It's foolish for us to make Billions of pennies for you to take home and hide."*

*So Warren - right out of the cookie jar - a penny for your thoughts.*

*Good night.*



## TAMPA

*From Tampa, Florida - the story of a shrimp trawler - the Belvedere - that went to sea with four persons aboard - and came back with five. Explanation is that Mrs. Alice Raley - the wife of a deckhand - was one of the original four. In the midst of a raging storm - making it one more by giving premature birth to a bouncing baby boy. Both mother and son doing fine - in a Tampa hospital.*

*Mrs. Raley turned down the use of an ambulance - on reaching shore. Traveling to the hospital - by station wagon instead. The lady observing: "I don't need an ambulance." But looking around at her shipmates - she added: "I thought they did - when I told them the baby was coming."*

*Good night.*