

**TRIPOLI**

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*For the second day in a row - Arab versus Arab in Lebanon; with the main battle at Tripoli - the country's second largest city; where thousands of anti-Israeli demonstrators - clashed with government forces. The violence leaving at least five dead - another eight wounded.*

*At the same time - Syria applying additional pressure to the Lebanese government. Demanding that Lebanon take a more active role in the fighting against Israel - or else.*

*Or else - in this case - implying an invasion threat. Which in turn prompted a warning from Tel Aviv - that Israel "could not afford" to stand idly by in the face of such an event.*

*Radio Cairo and Radio Baghdad - further clouding the situation. Recalling that American forces landed in Lebanon - in the Nineteen-Fifties. Adding that the present crisis in Lebanon - is designed merely to serve as an excuse for another U. S. landing.*

BONN

At Bonn, West German Chancellor Will Brandt held his first Cabinet meeting today. The new regime - there taking its first decisive step; approving an upward revaluation of the West German mark - amounting to an increase of eight-and-a-half per cent.

This, in effect, raising the price of German exports - in the same amount; likewise - the cost to tourists visiting Germany. <sup>those</sup> It also means a bonanza for money speculators - who have been buying up marks for months, now.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - another important step ~~today~~ - in the so-called "Vietnamization" of the war, ~~there~~. The U.S. Command turning over to South Vietnamese control / the Army's Camp Blackhorse just northeast of Saigon; / <sup>it</sup> ~~which~~ thus becomes the third major American facility - so transferred over the last four months.

The U.S. Command adding that it further plans a switchover by the end of the year / involving two of the nation's main military ports; / the one at Saigon - and the one at Vung Tau, forty miles to the south.

*2 to 3 days in the  
wild*

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "CONNELLAN")

Next - Lowell Thomas; reporting again tonight -  
from the wide open spaces of Australia. Lowell...

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CONNELLAN

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*Good evening everybody:*

*You no doubt have read about Americans migrating to Australia. You have heard how some came here because they were fed up with the U S A fighting a war in Vietnam. Of course when they got here they discovered how the Australians are our partners in Vietnam, their soldiers fighting alongside our men in Southeast Asia. Also you have heard how some wealthy Americans have taken over huge cattle and sheep stations, here in the Out Back. So how are they doing? I'm told that for the most part they haven't been too successful. Why? I hear because of poor management. But there has been one outstanding exception. His name Art Linkletter. His huge place in western Australia is doing more than all right. And everybody in Australia seems to know about it, and about Art.*

*Oh yes, there are a few more cattle stations*

here -- ranches at the great geographical center --  
right here in the heart of the immense region that you  
could call the Great Australian Desert. In the mountains  
The McDonnell Ranges where Eddie Connellan runs cattle  
over his million or so acres the nearest neighbor is  
thirty-five miles away, another forty miles, one at sixty  
miles, that's it. But in their twin engine plane they  
can fly themselves in twenty five minutes to the frontier  
town of Alice Springs.

And maybe, maybe they've discovered the  
secret to the future of this immense empty interior of  
Australia. I'll tell you about that in my next report.

Solong.....

(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "CONNELLAN")

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

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## SPEAKER OF HOUSE

On Capitol Hill today, Speaker of the House John McCormack angrily replied to charges in Life magazine - allegations that his private office had been used by influence peddlers. Most of the charges concern a Washington lobbyist named Nathan Voloshen, and the Speaker's suspended administrative assistant, Martin Sweig. Life said McCormack was more than naively involved in whatever took place in his office. To which the Speaker responded - "irresponsible journalism - an unwarranted and malicious attack." McCormack saying his conscience is absolutely clear. Now Seventy-Seven years old, McCormack going on to say he'll run again next year - and seek another term also as Speaker.

At the other end of the Capitol, Democrat Stephen Young has decided to call it quits. The senior Senator from Ohio announcing he will not run for another term next year. Now eighty years old, Young declaring "The reality of age I shall not ignore."



## WHITE HOUSE

Across town at the White House - Vice President Spiro Agnew was again a topic of conversation. Reporters asking for the fifth straight day - whether the Vice President was speaking for the Administration in a number of recent controversial statements. To which New Secretary Ron Ziegler replied that "Administration officials - are free to express themselves" as they see fit "on matters that occur within this country." Ziegler adding that "the President doesn't put a leash on Cabinet members;" because that - said he - "would be censorship."

More news in a moment.

## DIAMOND

*Here in New York, the latest on that seventy-karat diamond - a flawless stone, as large as a pigeons egg - bought yesterday by Cartier for the record auction price of one Million, fifty thousand dollars. Cartier outbidding a representative of Elizabeth Taylor by fifty thousand bucks. Now the diamond has been sold ~~out~~ again - <sup>by</sup> Cartier - to none other than Richard Burton. The actor evidently deciding that if his wife wanted the diamond all that much, she'd better have it. How much Burton paid for it - not announced - but it was more than Cartier paid for it. The head of the firm saying only - "We're businessmen, and we're happy that Miss Taylor is happy." Whether Richard Burton is happy - something else again.*

*Dallas Townsend. saying goodnight.*