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From Buenos Aires.....

From Minsk.....

From Gangkok, Sikkim comes today's news.

Good Evening Everybody. This is Lowell Thomas

for CBS News.

First, a salute to station W-I-C-E - Providence,

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BUENOS AIRES

The amazing ups and downs, the twists and turns,
in the life of Argentina's ^{colorful} Juan Peron - were finally
ended today by a fatal heart attack. Peron's death following
by just a year - his return to power after ^{eighteen} ~~seven~~ years
in exile. He was seventy-eight.

^{immediate}
Peron's [^] successor as President of Argentina - his
third wife, Maria Estela Martinez de Peron; moving up from
Vice President - to become the first woman President in
the Western Hemisphere. The former cabaret dancer, age
forty-three, pledging to fulfill, as she put it - "that which
God and Peron have given me as a mission."

BEIRUT

From Beirut ^{could} a report ~~today~~ that Palestinian
guerillas have agreed to stop using Lebanon - as a
springboard for attacks against Israel. This ~~an attempt~~
to bring an end to Israeli reprisal raids - into Southern
Lebanon.

MINSK

For President Nixon - a brief time-out today - from official consultations with Soviet leaders. The President flying to Minsk, newly-proclaimed a "Hero City" - going for an interlude of sightseeing and relaxation.

For the first time, the President showing some discomfort - from his mild bout with phlebitis. Limping noticeably - as he stepped from his plane. His doctors say - it's nothing serious. Aside from his limp - "the President appeared relaxed and in good spirits."

Later on - it was back to Moscow, where Henry Kissinger and Andrei Gromyko - were already drafting the final summit communique.

SUPREME COURT

Here at home - White House lawyers today filed their final brief - prior to oral arguments before the Supreme Court; again questioning the right of a Watergate grand jury - to name the President an "unindicted co-conspirator."

The White House saying: "The Presidency cannot function - if the President is preoccupied with the defense of a criminal case." ~~Adding that "the thought of a President exercising his great powers from a jail cell - boggles~~

~~the mind~~

HOUSE FOLLOW SUPREME COURT

Meanwhile, Chairman Rodino of the House Judiciary Committee - reversing himself and the committee's Democratic majority, ^{and} agreeing today to hear all six witnesses ~~as~~ earlier requested by the White House.

Rodino also proposed ~~today~~ to speed up the ~~impeachment~~ proceedings ~~and~~ by denying committee members the right to personally question witnesses. The full House refusing, however - to suspend its normal rules. Congressman Dennis of Indiana, for one, calling the Rodino proposal - an attempt at "parliamentary suicide."

~~And now~~ The latest: The House panel voting to question its witnesses - behind closed doors.

GANGTOK

The King of the Indian protectorate of Sikkim - ended today his week-long mission to New Delhi. The King flying back to Gangtok - after failing to win a restoration of some of his lost powers. As he left, saying he may decide to abdicate - rather than become a mere figurehead. An aide stressing, however, that come what may - the King "will stay in Sikkim."

ADDIS ABABA FOLLOW GANGTOK

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia - was also
a monarch virtually without a country today. The eighty-
year-old Lion of Judah - attempting to maintain a facade
of normalcy. Officials noting ~~though~~ ^{that he now} ~~he~~ is "a king
without any councillors, without any power;" the result of
~~an~~ ^{the} Army takeover last week, - ~~now said to be "a coup in~~
~~all but name."~~

ERIE

*At Erie, Pennsylvania - former United Mine Workers
official Albert Pass - was sentenced today to three
consecutive terms of life imprisonment; for helping to
arrange the murders - of union dissident ~~Jack~~ Yablonski,^{en}
his wife and his daughter. The judge basing his sentence -
on what he called the "horrendous seriousness of these
murders."*

ARMY

The nation's new all-volunteer Army - is one year old today; and according to Army Secretary Howard Callaway - a rousing success. Callaway noting "the Army ended fiscal 'Seventy-Four - at full strength;" adding that "quality - is far higher than it was last year." Also noting: "The desertion rate is down - the AWOL rate is down enormously" - and reenlistments are up. The main reason - said he: "The fact that the people coming in - are there because they want to be."

LOS ANGELES

Howard Hughes was the loser and Robert Maheu the winner - in a jury verdict returned today at Los Angeles. The panel ruling that Hughes was wrong - in calling his former employe "a no good dishonest S. O. B." who stole him "blind." The same jury now to hear additional evidence - to determine the extent of damages. Maheu seeking, in all - Seventeen-and-a-Half Million Bucks.

NOTHING

Here's one--the perfect gift for the man who has everything. It's "The Nothing Book" just out--~~from Harmony Books;~~ nearly two hundred pages--of absolutely nothing--all blank; in the words of the publisher--a book that can be "whatever you want it to be."

On the dust jacket, ^{are what appear to be some plugs} ~~by the way a number of~~
^{for the book.} ~~so-called "testimonials."~~ Ira Gershwin ~~quoted as~~ saying:

"I've got plenty of nothing." And, ~~this from~~ St. Paul's well known remark--

"We brought nothing into this world" ~~said he~~ and it

is certain we can carry nothing out." Another:-

"Nothing begins and nothing ends! Oh, but this to east does - as I say a-l-u-t-m.

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