

Tues., August 27, 1974

From Washington.....

From Ankara.....

From Cagliari....., Sardinia comes today's news.

This is Lowell Thomas. Good Evening Everybody.

At the White House - for President Ford another busy day. As an aide said: - to put his stamp on the Presidency - "as fast as he can and as fast as would be good for the country."

First an early-morning briefing - from White House Chief of Staff Haig; then a prayer breakfast attended by much of official Washington; where he heard a prayer - "that the President might bring equanimity to this country and peace to the world."

Next a lengthy meeting with key economic advisers; boning up for his news conference tomorrow afternoon, followed by a series of ceremonial and diplomatic appointments. At one of these, the President accepting an

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**invitation to visit Rumania - just as soon as he gets the
time.**

STATE

From the State Department ^{comes} an announcement ~~today~~

that ^{Sec. of State} ~~Henry~~ Kissinger will ~~soon be visiting~~ ^{visit} again of Peking;

if not late this year - ~~then~~ early next year. This ~~we~~

~~was told~~ in response to a message from Peking - urging

a speed-up in the normalization of relations between the

U.S. and Red China.

CHICAGO

~~For~~ Attorney General ~~William~~ Saxbe - ~~a trip today~~

ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ Chicago ~~where he~~ ^{ing} addressed a meeting of police commissioners, ~~Saxbe noting~~ ^{spoke of} a fifteen per cent increase

in the nation's crime rate - during the first quarter of

the year. ~~Saying~~ ^{Said Saxbe} "If we go on as we are - there is every

possibility that crime will inundate us;" in which case - he

continued - it would take "a national police force - to

restore domestic order."

~~"But that" - said he - "is not our way." Saxbe~~

~~adding that~~ ^{For this he added} "The real answer" ^{lies in restoring the "inner}
strength" of the nation. ^{This to be} ~~it is partly~~ the job of every

citizen, of every institution, of every business" - ~~said he~~ -

^{he went on,} "because if they fail, ["] then our system of criminal justice

simply will be unable to hold back the tide."

MOSCOW

The Soviet Union ^{has} ~~today~~ announced the orbiting -
of another two-man spacecraft. The crew of Russia's
Soyuz-Fourteen - including the first grandfather ever to
fly in space; Colonel Lev Demin - age forty-eight. He and
his partner, Colonel Gennady Sarafanov - docking their
spaceship with Salyut-Three, the ^{is already} ~~Russians~~ orbiting space
station. Western experts calling this another tune-up - in
preparation for the joint U.S. and Russian space flight
coming up next summer.

ANKARA

~~As expected,~~ Turkey today rejected the idea of Soviet participation - in expanded Cyprus peace talks. The Turkish position - much the same as that of the U.S. Britain and Greece. Ankara saying the problem can best be dealt with - by the parties most directly involved.

TEL AVIV

Police in Tel Aviv today announced the arrest of sixteen men - in connection with an upsurge in ~~Arab~~ guerilla activity in Central Israel. Israeli Police minister Shlomo Hillel saying: "There's no doubt that we face a new attempt - to disrupt our life here."

SAFETY

From the National Highway Safety Administration - comes another auto safety study. This one said to show that automobile air bags, used in combination with lap belts - could save an estimated fifteen thousand lives a year. Safety Administrator James Gregory saying the only question now - is whether the auto buyer "is willing to pay the added cost;" an estimated Two Hundred and Ten Bucks per car.

BUCHAREST

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CARACAS FOLLOW BUCHAREST

~~The~~ ten-week world Sea Law Conference at Caracas was also nearing its completion today - with no agreement yet in sight. Participating nations agreeing, ~~however~~ - ~~they~~^{to} try again next Spring, in Geneva.

CAGLIARI

In the "people are strange" department - this next from Cagliari, Sardinia. A man by the name of Giovanni Serra, who recently sold a large tract of land ^{was} - [^] ordered to pay an additional Twenty Thousand in taxes. He appealed - but lost; whereupon he hanged himself - leaving a note saying the tax payment would have depleted his life savings.

A tragic story - that of a man seemingly driven to his death by unyielding bureaucrats. ^{However} [^] a later investigation ^{did} [^] disclosing ~~though~~ ^{that} [^] Giovanni Serra was actually worth Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars. ^{apparently} [^] But [^] not enough ~~apparently~~ to satisfy his own fears.

LINDBERGH
~~KIPANULU~~

The death of Charles Lindbergh, the famed "Lone Eagle," was mourned in public and private today - right around the globe.

In Paris - a moving tribute from pioneering French flyer Maurice Bellonte. In Switzerland - a tribute to his "exceptional contributions" to nature conservation. In the Philippines - a remembrance of how he helped ~~to~~ save rare wildlife and protect tribal minorities.

While here at home - President Ford ^{was} saying that Charles Lindbergh "represented all that was best in our country; honesty - courage - and the will to greatness."

And now this message.

SAN FRANCISCO

America's oldest Red Cross worker - Mrs. Louise Macleod, age ninety, of San Francisco; who did her first volunteer work - during the Spanish-American War. Now the recipient of the Red Cross's first-ever - seventy-five-year service pin.

Said Mrs. Macleod; - ~~of course, honored. But she said:~~

"If I had any decency - I wouldn't accept ^{the} ~~the~~ pin."

Why ^{not?} Because - said she - "the Red Cross has done so much for me."

This is LT for CBS News saying
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