

July 31, 1970
Allen Jackson

Good Evening. In the Arab-Israeli impasse - for the first time in ages, it seems - a ray of hope at last. Israel's government voting today - over the objections of Israeli hawks - to accept that latest U. S. peace plan on the Middle East; the same one - already accepted by Egypt and Jordan; thus clearing the way - for a ninety-day cease-fire; to be followed, hopefully, by a political settlement - under the auspices of the United Nations.

Whether it will all work out - well, that remains to be seen. But what with both sides agreeing now to "stop the shooting and start the talking" - at least, there's a fighting chance. Indeed, U. N. Secretary General U Thant quickly summoned back from Sweden - his special Mideast peace envoy, Gunnar Jarring. The two talks this weekend - as a prelude to revived peace talks.

At San Clemente - President Nixon said "We do not underestimate the difficulties which still lie ahead." Adding:

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"It will require moderation, flexibility and a willingness by both sides to accept less than their maximum positions - if progress toward a just and lasting peace is to be made. But the cease-fire and the negotiations that now seem within reach - these are an essential beginning" - he said.

CAMBODIA

War news from Cambodia centers today - on the struggle for control of the vital Krorom Plateau. An action that saw U.S. and Cambodian jets - ~~pounding~~ ^{hammering} away at entrenched enemy troops. Attempting to soften up the Communist defenses - for a massive Cambodian ground assault, probably Monday.

On the political front - back in Saigon - South Vietnam's President Thieu ^{is} addressing his people via radio and television. Calling for free elections - to end the war. Stressing, however, that South Vietnam is "an independent, free and democratic nation - which will not accept any form of coalition with the Communists." And he added that there can be no ⁹ cease-fire - except with "effective supervision."

MONTEVIDEO

At Montevideo - the capital of Uruguay - a sudden reign of terror today; with heavily-armed bands of men - identified as leftist Tupamaros - staging four kidnap attempts in the space of a few minutes; three of which - involved U.S. officials.

First to fall victim to the terrorists - American Dan Mitrione of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Next- Aloysio Mares Dias - a Brazilian consular officials.

The terrorists then stopped a car - bearing U.S. Vice Consul Gordon Jones - also, U.S. Cultural Attache Nathan Rosenfeld. Here, however - Rosenfeld beating off his would-be abductors; while Jones - though captured - later escaped when he jumped from the kidnapper's car.

The kidnappers now say they will exchange Mitrione and Dias - for ten political prisoners held by the Uruguayan government.

WASHINGTON

Here at home - the Nixon Administration turned its attention - to Equal Rights for Women. Labor Secretary James Hodgson announced plans to request of big Federal contractors - specific goals and timetables for the future employment of women. This⁻⁻ said he - in an attempt to help end discrimination - against the ~~the~~^{nation's} ~~the~~ twenty-seven million working women.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "DR. ZAKI"

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas. His subject tonight - the oil-rich Sheikdom of Kuwait. Lowell...

DR. ZAKI OF KUWAIT

One of the most impressive of the advisors to the oil rich sheikh of Kuwait is Dr. Ahmed Zaki, a patriarch who spent many years here in America at Syracuse University. He gave me what he said were the views of many of the leaders of the so-called Arab countries, that is, where they speak Arabic but are not necessarily related racially to the Arabs. Dr. Zaki says it should have been possible for the Jews to make friends with all of their neighbors in the Near and Middle East. And thus been able to dwell in peace, and at the same time flourish greatly in an economic way. In fact, Dr. Zaki still thinks it may come to pass - if the great powers stop using the Near East - Middle East situation to further their own temporary selfish ends.

By the way, as you may have heard, Kuwait now has the largest distillation plant in the world. The Ruler Sheik Sabah al-Salim al-Sabah spends many of his oil millions wisely on such projects.

He sends a stream of young people to the great American university at Beirut and to universities in Europe and America. As for the younger children, he has for them a central kitchen where more than a hundred thousand meals are cooked each day and then trucked to the various schools in this ultra-modern city of mosques, banks, tall office buildings and apartment houses.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "DR. ZAKI"

Thank you, Lowell. A final item - in a moment.

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WHITE HOUSE

Washington again - the White House East - a visit today from delegates to Girls Nation. In the absence of the First Family - Mrs. Spiro Agnew serving as a substitute, tour guide; filling in for her husband - who was busy elsewhere. The girls agreeing, nevertheless it was "quite an honor."

Once outside though - at least one girl from Girls Nation - indicated she would be glad when it was all over. Linda Plambeck of Carpenter, Wyoming - population seventy-five - observing that one week of Washington smog, heat and humidity had left her exhausted. Linda Plambeck of Carpenter, Wyoming - population seventy-five - observing that one week of Washington smog, heat and humidity had left her exhausted. Linda adding: "I just want to get back home - and see the sky again."

Linda - we heartily agree. ~~X~~ Now for Lowell Thomas - this is Allen Jackson saying so long.