

Monday, August 5, 1974

*From Washington.....*

*From Calcutta.....*

*From Cowes England.....comes today's news. Good*

*Evening Everybody. This is Lowell Thomas.*

*President Nixon acknowledged today that, two years ago, he had ordered the F B I to curtail its Watergate investigation - realizing that it would hide the involvement of several persons connected with his re-election committee. In announcing this, the President said he with-held this information not only from the House Judiciary Committee but also from his own counsel James St. Clair. As a consequence, the President continued - he is today turning over to the Judiciary Committee the transcripts of three tapes - conversations he had with former White House aide H.R. Haldeman in June of Nineteen Seventy-Two - only six days after the Watergate burglary. The President further*

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*says he's convinced the record - in its entirety - "does not justify the extreme step of impeachment." Explaining further how he said he didn't realize at the time, two years ago, the implications the three conversations with Haldeman might have. "As a result," the President continued - "those arguing and passing judgement on my case did so with information that was incomplete and, in some respects, erroneous. This was a serious act of omission for which I take full responsibility and which I deeply regret." And he added: "I also recognize that this additional matter I am now furnishing may further damage my case - especially because attention will be drawn to its separately, rather than to the evidence in its entirety."*

*In acknowledging that a House vote of impeachment is "virtually a foregone conclusion," the President also said he would provide the Senate with everything from the sixty-four tapes previously subpoenaed by the Watergate prosecutors.*

## DEFENSE

President Nixon today signed into law a measure providing twenty-two billion for defense project - also funds to provide ~~missile~~ military aircraft for South Vietnam. Even so, the President says he has "serious reservations" about one section which, apparently, gives Congress the authority to over-rule ~~the~~ Presidential ~~decisions~~ to export certain goods and technology to other countries - such as nuclear technology to Israel and Egypt.

## **PHONES**

**Although the nationwide strike of Bell Telephone employees was called off just before the deadline as you may have heard more than fifty thousand Western Electric workers did walk off their jobs in a contract dispute - workers involved in the manufacturing end of the telephone system.**

# CYPRUS

Turkey and Greece today reached a tentative agreement on cease-fire lines ~~along the~~ <sup>on</sup> Cyprus, ~~front-~~  
~~the~~ <sup>on this</sup> U N announcement coming after two days of helicopter surveys by officers from both sides. And, U S Envoy Arthur Hartman arrived in Nicosia to help push negotiations along.

## BOMBS

In Italy - a right wing extremist group calling itself the "black order" -- claims responsibility for yesterday's bomb explosion aboard a train - which killed twelve, injuring forty-eight others. The same group previously claimed credit for bombings in Milan and other Italian cities.

In Brussels - a ~~series~~ series of four bomb explosions <sup>S</sup> shattered windows and injured several persons - the largest blast coming in front of the Spanish Iberia airlines office. Other ~~targets~~ targets included two Spanish banks where terrorist pamphlets were found scattered in the streets.



## CABBIES

Two San Francisco taxicab drivers are in the eighth week of a hunger strike in prison at Calcutta, India - and vow they'll starve themselves to death unless they're given a trial on spying charges. Richard Harcos - twenty-seven - and Alan Fletcher - thirty - have been locked up for more than a year - charged with suspicion of espionage. They admit coming to India to smuggle hashish back to the U S - but deny any connection with espionage.

## SAILOR

An Irish sailor <sup>-a</sup> streaked in plain view  
of British Royalty with mixed results. As the  
yachts lined up to start a race at Cowes, England,  
the streaker appeared on the deck of the Irish  
yacht near a boat carrying Prince Philip and  
Princess Alexandra. The Prince ~~was~~ obviously <sup>was</sup> amused  
-- the Princess ~~was~~ apparently <sup>was</sup> not. From the look  
on her face she regarded the sailor as a pain  
in the - neck. - And now this mess -



## CHURCH

The little brown church in the wildwood still stands among the towering pines in the vale at Nashua, Iowa. And two hundred twenty couples came back from many states to attend the annual reunion of those who, over the years - were married there. The small frame church first opened in eighteen sixty-four. - Abraham Lincoln's picture is on the wall, ~~and~~ Since <sup>1864</sup> ~~1864~~, some fifty thousand couples have taken the vows before its altar. The twenty-eighth pastor to serve - Reverend Marshall Hinds - says that as many as sixteen weddings are often held on a ~~Sunday~~ Saturday, <sup>by</sup> about seven hundred a year, <sup>at</sup> the "church in the valley of the wildwood - no lovelier spot in the dale."

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