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Good Evening Everybody:

History was made on this day - in Britain's House of Commons - as it voted - by a big majority - to take Britain into the European Common Market. It's Britain's most important foreign-policy decision of the century - ending a thousand years of independent power status.

It was a major victory for Prime Minister Heath - who led Britain's first attempt to join the Common Market - ten years ago. That - as you remember was vetoed by the late French President Charles DeGaulle. There was a big cross-over of Labor-party members - that gave Heath's Conservative government a majority of One-Hundred-Twelve - in the final tally.

But - that's not the end of the struggle. Ahead - a year-long battle to get Parliament approval of the detailed enabling legislation - in time for Britain to join on the target date of January First - in Nineteen-Seveny-Three. And the opposition Labor party is vowed - to fight it all the way.

FOREIGN-AID BILL

A setback in the Senate - for those who wanted to limit further funds for Vietnam - to the single purpose of withdrawing U.S. troops. Such an amendment - written in to the pending Foreign-aid bill by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee - was written out - by vote of the full Senate - Forty-Seven to Forty-Four. The rejection came - after the administration warned there wouldn't be any Foreign-aid bill - with that restriction in it - that the President would veto it as too restrictive on the President's Foreign-Policy powers.

TALKS

At the peace table in Paris - the U.S. called attention today - to South Vietnam's plan to release nearly three thousand prisoners of war. Our Ambassador William Porter urged the Communist side - to respond with some reciprocal gesture. But the Communists noting that all the Communist prisoners to be released - have elected to remain in South Vietnam. Therefore, calling the Saigon move - "an impudent maneuver" - "a farce." In short - no dice.

WHITE HOUSE

From the White House - an economic "pep talk" today. President Nixon saying: "I am happy to report that the ninety-day wage-price freeze we put into effect in mid-August - has been extraordinarily successful; it's success has been a great tribute - to the patriotism and the pride of the American people; we have launched an offensive in the battle against inflation - and we are going to win this battle." The President's remarks - via closed circuit television; addressed to twenty-six seminars across the nation - sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers.

A later report from the Commerce Department; shows a U.S. trade surplus of more than a Quarter-of-a-Billion in September - after four straight months of deficits. And this - despite the long West Coast dock strike.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "LONDON # 1"

*And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas; with
another special report tonight - this one from London. Lowell.*

SUGGESTED FOLLOW UP TO THOMAS TAPE "LONDON #1"

Thank you, Lowell.

PRINCETON

Starting tomorrow at the Princeton University - a conference of lawyers, journalists, scholars and former government officials; a conference - supposedly "non-partisan;" with its self-assigned task, quote - "an attempt to understand the FBI and its role and powers in American society;" and so an invitation to J. Edgar Hoover - to send along a spokesman.

Now - the reply. J. Edgar Hoover relaying to Princeton - a lengthy "defense" - his word. The FBI Director admitted that his administration - has not been without mistakes. But he cited numerous innovations - aimed at protecting the rights of individuals; also, countless achievements - in safeguarding the nation. Adding that "many charges against the FBI must go unanswered - because they could be proved false only by the use of information which must be kept in confidence."

Hoover declining, however - to send along a representative; for the Princeton commission - said he - rather reminiscent " of the frontier judge who said he

