

Monday - Doug Poling
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From St. Louis.....

From Washington....

From Detroit.....comes today's news. Good Evening everyone. This is Doug Poling substituting for Lowell Thomas, on the CBS Radio Network.

For President Ford - a quick trip today to St. Louis; where he told the American Farm Bureau Federation - "U.S.-Soviet rivalry in some areas" of the world "has, unfortunately, not ceased." The President added: "The answer is to take appropriate limited measures necessary - to block, and stop, Soviet actions that we find unacceptable - and we will."

President Ford declined to specify what areas he had in mind - but he also called for an end to all foreign involvement in Angola. The President ruling out, however the possibility of shutting off grain sales to Russia because of its actions in Angola. That - said he - would help

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nobody - not Angola, not U.S.-Soviet relations and especially not the American farmer.

UIGE

Meanwhile, the Russian-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola - claims to have captured the northern stronghold of its pro-Western rivals. The Marxists saying, in the process, they destroyed two American aircraft - and also seized "several hundred tons" of arms and equipment.

Now this message...

DERWINSKI

A senior Republican Congressman said today that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has lost the confidence of Congress, and should resign for the good of the country.

Representative Edward Derwinski of Illinois said Congress is not pleased because Kissinger has withheld information from the lawmakers about foreign policy matters. The Congressman also said Kissinger has become a political liability for President Ford.

WASHINGTON

In Washington - the start of final hearings today - on whether the British-French supersonic Concorde should be allowed to fly to the U.S. Roger Strelow of the Environmental Protection Agency, for one - saying no - never; on the grounds that "introduction of Concorde service - runs directly counter to the noise abatement and other environmental programs" now in effect in the U.S.

Reverse side - from acting U.S. space agency chief George Low; insisting the Concorde's noise would "affect less than Two Per Cent additional population" at JFK in New York - and "no additional population" at Dulles near Washington.

DETROIT

In the latest new car sales figures from Detroit another big improvement. American Motors, Ford and Chrysler - all showing sales gains of more than Forty-Per Cent - as compared with last year. At the same time, at GM - an increase of more than Twenty Percent. And this seen by Detroit - as the end of the auto industry's two-year slump.

Ford's William Benton saying: "With sales for eight consecutive ten-day reporting periods way above a year ago - there no longer can be any doubt about the recovery of our business." Benton adding that "sales momentum is growing and indications are the "sales pace will continue to strengthen."

SACRAMENTO

At Sacramento - American Motors Corporation was fined today Four-point-Two Million dollars for selling cars that fail to comply with California anti-smog laws. This - by order of California's Air Resources board; which also banned the sale in California -of all AMC Matadors, Hornets and Gremlin's powered by V-8 engines. The board adding an investigation is now underway - to determine whether AMC may have deliberately falsified its auto emission test reports.

In Detroit, an AMC spokesman termed the heavy fine unreasonable. The company claims it has co-operated fully in trying to conform with California air pollution standards.

SOUTH AFRICA

It's been around for many years in almost all of the countries of the industrialized west - but nationwide television just arrived today in South Africa. About one million viewers watched as the South African Broadcasting Corporation sent its first TV program to the entire country. Prime Minister John Vorster inaugurated the service. But he was not smiling when he came on and said I am not over enthusiastic about television. Vorster concedes television is a great medium of entertainment. But he added - it carries great responsibilities. The Prime Minister mentioned what he termed the possibility of slanted news and pictures, and unbalanced presentations. He said South Africa has long been a victim of that sort of thing. For Lowell Thomas, this is Doug Poling, CBS News.