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WATERGATE

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In the Senate Watergate hearings--John Ehrlichman versus John Dean. The President's former chief domestic affairs adviser--disputing Dean's previous testimony in virtually every key detail.

Ehrlichman denying that he had actually ordered a break-in--at Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office; denying that he ever urged the destruction of secret documents--taken from the White House safe of convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt; and, most especially, denying that he had ever passed along--a promise of executive clemency.

Ehrlichman going on to say: "The President wanted no one in the White House--to get into this whole area of clemency with anyone involved in this case; and surely--not <sup>to</sup> to give them any assurances."

Ehrlichman adding that Dean's testimony suggested to him--that Dean was merely attempting to cover his own tracks. "I'm speculating--rankly speculating"--said he; "I don't know if that's what happened--or not. But it

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certainly occurred to me"--he continued--"as I watched John Dean spinning those tales."

Ehrlichman also told of conferring with Federal Judge ~~John~~ <sup>Matthew</sup> Byrne--over the possibility of Judge Byrne's becoming the new FBI director. This at a time--when Byrne was presiding over the Pentagon Papers trial. Ehrlichman insisting, however--there was "no impropriety."

## WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, the White House was apparently the only place in Washington--indeed, the whole nation--where the Watergate case was not the main topic of conversation. President Nixon meeting with Republican Congressional leaders--for nearly two hours today; discussing the outlook--for pending Administration legislative programs. We are told though--with regard to Watergate--"the President offered no comment--and the subject was not raised."

However, the meeting ended--Watergate was again paramount. Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott--reaffirming his faith in the President. "I think the President has been entirely truthful--to Congress and to the American people"--said he. Scott also accusing the Watergate committee--of bearing down harder on witnesses favorable to the President. Adding that he was confident the Supreme Court would uphold the President--in his refusal to release confidential Presidential tapes.

And what if the court rules otherwise? "I cannot

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imagine the President--not enforcing the laws of the  
land"--said Scott; "I do not believe the President--  
would defy the law."

SHAH

The White House again--President Nixon held a second meeting today--with the visiting Shah of Iran. Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren saying later--the President and the Shah "reviewed developments in the Middle East; and expressed hope for progress--towards a lasting peace in the area." Warren adding that "the President reaffirmed the willingness of the U.S.--to play a constructive role in the search for such a peace."

## CONNALLY FOLLOW SHAH

The White House also announced today--that John Connally is quitting his part-time post--as a special White House adviser. The former Texas governor--former Treasury Secretary--said to be rejoining his Houston law firm.

At the same time, the President expressing his "deepest gratitude to Governor Connally--for the wise counsel he has given; and the personal sacrifice he made--in coming to Washington." The President stressing, what's more, that Connally will "remain available--for future consultation."

## UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations--a new Middle East resolution was introduced today--by eight non-aligned countries. India, Guinea, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, Peru, Sudan and Yugoslavia--calling for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands. This--as a prelude to peace talks. Also, calling for recognition of, quote--"the rights and legitimate aspirations" of Palestinian refugees. All of which--could bring an American veto.

## JERUSALEM FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

More on the same--from Jerusalem; where Israeli Premier Golda Meir--was addressing today the Israeli Parliament.

Madame Meir saying: "The continued talk in the U.N. of the legitimate interests of the Palestine people--does not contribute to the advancement of peace." "These statements"--she continued--"even if they are uttered in all innocence"--can only "awaken false hopes;" and thereby--"stimulate the activities of the terrorist organizations."

## HONG KONG

Today in Hong Kong--the biggest funeral since the death of Asian movie queen Linda Lin-Dai--nearly a decade ago. More than twelve thousand fans--paying their final respects to film hero Bruce Lee. The mourners--made up mostly of teen-agers; who helped to skyrocket <sup>the</sup> young actor to international fame--via a series of Kung Fu movies.

Bruce Lee's American-born widow and his two children--were also there. But not the actress--in whose home he died. Betty Ting-Pai--said to be under heavy sedation. And a wreath sent in her name--saying <sup>g</sup> merely: "To Bruce--from Betty."

By the way, the cause of death--still not disclosed. Movie sources indicating, however--it may have been a massive brain hemorrhage.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "CRIPPLE CREEK-SAPHO"

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

Another sidelight on life in a gold mining camp.

I have been revisiting scenes of my youth in the Cripple Creek-Victor gold area where there are signs of a <sup>coming</sup> boom.

In the old days, when there were nearly as many people in the Cripple Creek District as there were in Denver,

all ~~the~~ theatrical troupes touring America would pay us a visit. Sapho was an example. The press agent <sup>for Sapho</sup> had

given it quite a buildup as the most immoral play of its time. I've enjoyed <sup>re-</sup>reading the local critics' comment in

the Cripple Creek paper following the night Sapho was

presented at The Grand Opera House. ~~He~~ <sup>he:-</sup> Said, "Sapho

as presented last evening did not approach the limit one's mind had been worked up to through the press notices.

From them one would have been prone to draw the inference

that this, a most immoral play, should be ~~op-~~ <sup>su-</sup>pressed and

forever stopped by the censor." <sup>Whereupon</sup> ~~Then~~ the Cripple Creek

Times critic <sup>added that</sup> ~~went on to say how~~ he found it far from

immoral <sup>^</sup> unless you had an evil mind. ~~The~~ The part of Sapho

was played by a famous New York actress of the day, Miss Beryl Hope. The critic tells how she fainted during the second act, probably because of the altitude up there at nearly ten thousand feet. Whereupon the leading man, John Flood, picked her up, placed her arm around his neck, carried her off stage and down went the curtain. But a few minutes later up went the curtain. She had recovered and as the review tells it: "Beryl Hope as Fanny LaGrand Sapho proved to be equal to the part, an emotional actress with no superior." Joe Jefferson appeared in the same Grand Opera House with his UNCLE TOM'S CABIN. Lillian Russell was there. Edwin Booth, and nearly all of the legendary actors and actresses around the turn of the century in the days when Teddy Roosevelt and William Jennings Bryan <sup>were on their</sup> ~~included us in their~~ campaign tour.

I wonder if anything like it will happen now as a result of <sup>the present rise in</sup> ~~what is happening to~~ the price of gold?

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "CRIPPLE CREEK-SAPHO"

And now--it's time again for Lowell Thomas; with  
another tale--from Cripple Creek gold rush days. Lowell..

## VENEZUELA

From Western Venezuela--a report today telling of the discovery--of an ancient Indian cemetery. Interred therein--we hear--the remains of a race of pygmies; who apparently roamed that part of the world--up to around Four Hundred A.D.

What happened to these pygmies--why did they vanish--hard to say. The experts tell us, however--they probably fell victim to neighboring tribes; bigger physically--and more advanced in weaponry. For the pygmies--you might even say--a case of too little, too late.

This is Mary Saper for  
Lowell Thomas -  
- Goodnight -