

*In the Middle East a partial breakthrough .*

*Arab guerillas releasing Sixty-Six hijack hostages - held previously in a hotel at Amman, Jordan. These - later flown to Nicosia, the capital of nearby Cyprus - on a Royal Jordanian Airlines plane. Guerilla leaders also ordering the transfer to Amman of some two hundred and fifty additional hostages - still held aboard <sup>the</sup> three hijacked airliners. This - we are told - for "humanitarian" reasons; in compliance with a plea from the International Red Cross. A few of them have already arrived in Amman disheveled and exhausted in their long ordeal.*

*As for the liberated hostages now on Cyprus, most of them are American women and children. One teen-age girl says there was panic on the plane when the hijacking occurred last Sunday - and some of the women fainted when the plane landed on the desert airstrip. Afterwards, people were very tense and couldn't sleep - Commandoes were walking up and down the aisle with guns drawn. And*

things were not much better when they were taken to the hotel in Amman. The girl - who won't let her name be used - says there was a lot of shooting and shelling, and they were lying on the floor in the corridors, crying. All agreed they had been through a dreadful experience.

## **PRESIDENT**

*The U.S. is taking steps to ensure that it doesn't happen again - at least, not on American planes. President Nixon announcing the start of a program, assigning armed plainclothes guards to selected U.S. domestic and overseas airline flights. This to be combined with increased use of electronic surveillance equipment - additional ground police and security agents - also, a step-up in anti-sabotage training among airline personnel. The President asserting: "We can - and we will - deal effectively with piracy in the skies."*

## ISRAEL

*Israel today charged for the first time that Sam-three missiles have been moved into the Suez Canal truce zone, in further violation of the Middle East ceasefire. This was Israel's Thirteenth complaint of a ceasefire violation by Egypt... and the first to mention the sophisticated Sam-threes, which Israel says are manned by Soviet crews.*

WASHINGTON

~~Turning to the domestic front~~ - Another round today in the continuing battle of the White House versus Capitol Hill. President Nixon accusing the Democratic-controlled Congress of tinkering with its old programs while all but ignoring his new ones. The President mentioning specifically his commitment, ultimately, to an all-volunteer army; also, his pending family assistance plan as well as his stalled anti-crime package. The President asserting: "There is an unmistakable national judgement that something needs to be done."

## DETROIT

*In Detroit - first Chrysler - now General Motors.*

*GM negotiators presenting to the United Auto Workers today - their own newly-sweetened contract proposal; / said to contain, among other things / a wage boost amounting to better than nine per cent in the first year. / However, union leaders - quickly rejecting the offer. / The UAW's Irving Bluestone saying: "Based on the current situation - I would have to predict there will be a strike." / And the deadline remains, of course - midnight Monday.*

## KOMPONG THOM

*War news from Southeast Asia includes a report today - telling of a series of American air strikes in direct support of Cambodian troops. The U.S. jets supposedly dropping bombs and napalm - just ahead of a Cambodian task force which has been inching its way toward Kompong Thom. However, the task force is still said to be making little progress - its advance held up mainly, we are told, by blown-out bridges. An amphibious government force did reach and re-occupy, Kompong Thom earlier this week.*

**WHITE HOUSE**

*President Nixon has picked a tentative prime site - for the celebration of America's two hundredth birthday in Nineteen-Seventy-Six. The White House announcing - it's Philadelphia; a selection contingent - we are told - only on the raising of necessary funds. Philadelphia where the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed in 1776.*

*The President thus by-passing Boston, Washington, New York and Miami - all of which had also put in bids for the prime bicentennial celebration. The President noting that the over-all observance - would not be limited to "a single city"; stressing, however, that Philadelphia - the fabled "cradle of liberty" - could well be "an exciting focal point for international participation."*



**SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE "ASWAN - THE HIGH DAM"**

**And now - as Lowell Thomas continues his trek up North - it's time again for another special report he left us. Subject for tonight - Egypt's Aswan High Dam.**

**Lowell...**

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Good Evening Everybody:

What with war news dominating the Mid-east headlines these recent ~~few~~ years - the growing impact of Egypt's ~~new~~ new Aswan High Dam has to some extent been ~~almost~~ overlooked; I was out there not long ago - and now comes <sup>another</sup> report detailing some of the good - and <sup>perhaps some of</sup> ~~also~~ the bad - that has been wrought by this miracle of modern engineering. ~~And~~ An engineering job that we might have had, and turned down.

On the debit side - valuable minerals that once flowed unobstructed down the Nile - are now reported to be trapped upstream behind that dam; with the <sup>result</sup> ~~result~~ that vast numbers of fish have all but deserted Mediterranean waters near the mouth of the Nile. There has also been a slow but steady ~~in~~ incursion of sea water leaving harmful salt deposits in the Nile Delta, as a result of the high dam. We are further told that many Nubians forced to vacate their lands - to make way for Lake Nasser - that's the great

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*body of water behind the dam - have been finding their new lives difficult and they are bitter.*

*But on the credit side thousands of Egyptian farmers are already reaping bumper crops of grains, fruits and vegetables. Egyptian industry, some of it, is reported to be bounding ahead thanks to the ten billion kilowatt hours of electricity that enormous dam is producing, and the once-sleepy village of Aswan has already become one of Egypt's modern dynamic cities.*

*The National Geographic tells us that "even the Pharaohs would be awed by the Aswan High Dam- if only for the fact that it contains enough material to build seventeen Great Pyramids.*

*Solong.....*

**DETROIT**

**Reid Collins  
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*The deadline for that big strike in the auto industry - still hours away; with negotiators for the United Auto Workers and giant General Motors - still slugging it out in Detroit; hoping to achieve a last-minute agreement - and thereby prevent a crippling blow to the nation's economy.*

*But even as the talks went on today - the walkout had already begun. U.A.W. members jumping the gun with wildcat strikes - at Framingham, Mass. - North Tarrytown New York - Janesville, Wisconsin - Windsor, Ontario - Ste. Therese, Quebec. Both sides agreeing, what's more, an all-out strike is now inevitable - barring a "dramatic move" by one side or the other.*