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SAN FRANCISCO

*Good evening. At San Francisco - at last - a tentative agreement today in that four-month-long West Coast dock strike. Terms not disclosed. However, union and management negotiators - announced that all economic issues have now been settled. Adding that "certain non-economic issues - will be mediated and, if necessary, arbitrated."*

*All this - subject, of course, to ratification by the dockworkers' full membership. Observers predicted though - speedy approval. And so ends, it seems - one of the costliest strikes in American history; in terms of foreign trade - one that may have caused irreparable damage.*

## SENATE

*But despite that tentative agreement - the Senate late in the day moved quickly - and strongly - to approve a plan of compulsory arbitration to settle the walkout - if necessary. The vote was seventy-nine to three - with only three Senators voting against it - two Democrats - Proxmire of Wisconsin - Harris of Oklahoma - and one Republican Weicker of Connecticut.*

*The measure provides for termination of arbitration proceedings - any time a voluntary settlement is formally certified. It now goes to the House - for doubtful reception.*

## WHITE HOUSE

*Word from the White House that President Nixon - will make a live nationwide radio broadcast tomorrow morning - on the general subject of Foreign Policy. It's in connection with a voluminous Foreign-Policy report he's sending to Congress - setting forth his view of the state of the world - at the end of his third year in office.*

*The President will speak from his oval office in the White House tomorrow morning - starting at six minutes after eleven - Eastern Time . The speech to be heard live over these CBS network radio stations.*

## PRESIDENT

*Also from the White House - a gift to the nation today.*

*President Nixon turned over to state and local governments  
- twenty parcels of Federal land worth four-and-a-half million.  
These to be used for parks and recreational purposes - along  
with a previous gift of sixty-three such parcels just last year*

*The President also issued an executive order - which  
virtually bans the poisoning of eagles, hawks, coyotes,  
falcons and other predators. At the same time, he urged  
Congress to pass legislation - to protect these creatures  
from shooting and trapping as well; also, legislation aimed  
at identifying additional endangered species - before it's  
too late.*

*"Clean air and clean water - the wise use of our land  
- the protection of wildlife and natural beauty - parks for  
all to enjoy - these" - said the President - "are part of the  
birthright of every American." But "to guarantee that  
birthright" - he continued - "we must act and act decisively;  
- saying - it is literally - now or never."*

## PENTAGON

Over at the Pentagon - ankles away today. Navy Secretary John Chafee turned down the applications of two young women - for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. Chafee explained the manpower needs of ships at sea - currently demand "every bit of output" the Academy can provide.

However, the Secretary also announced plans to open a coed Naval ROTC program at Jacksonville University; with other schools - soon to follow. Chafee observing that "maybe somewhere down the road" - girls will be admitted to Annapolis; but for now - said he - "we hope they'll go into the ROTC program, instead."

**SENATE**

*As everyone knows - the mills of Congress normally grind exceeding slow; but this year - slower than ever.*

*Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield observing today; "It's been a lousy January and a lousy February." And the main reason - said he - rampant Senate absenteeism.*

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "NEW HIMALAYAN HOTEL"**

*Next - Lowell Thomas; telling tonight of a brand new traveler's rest - in the High Himalayas. Lowell...*



NEW HIMALAYAN HOTEL

*L. J. Pope insert  
undated*

A couple of years ago when along with Ralph Scott and the Durrances, I was involved in filming in Nepal, the wedding of the Crown Prince, and then a jungle expedition to capture a young rhinoceros, we were told about a plan to build a handsome hotel in a most, most unusual place. The idea was to go more than a hundred miles to the north-east of Kathmandu out to the Mount Everest area. Now the word comes that the hotel has actually been built on a mountaintop at an altitude of twelve thousand six hundred feet. This will just about make it the loftiest mountain hotel anywhere in the world. Of course there are some small inns at higher altitudes in Tibet, and in the Andes.

They have named this one The Hotel Everest View with a private bath for each room and all that. To get there, accompanied by sherpa guides you have to hike over mountain trails for two days. And when you get there for a single room, thirty-five bucks a day, per person plus ten or fifteen more for your meals. Oh yes, and if you



*have a little difficulty sleeping at night for an extra six bucks you get a cylinder of oxygen and a mask to wear in bed.*

*Will travelers go to all this trouble? I'm sure they will because from this new hotel you'll get a sublime view of Mt. Everest right there in front of you, along with Lholse and a dozen more of those mighty Himalayan peaks. And the season from October to May. Oh yes, you can fly there by helicopter. Almost everything used in the construction of this hotel was carried in by sherpa guides, porters, or by helicopters. Would you say it might be a bit startling to wake up in the morning and look over and see your wife on the other pillow wearing an oxygen mask? How about making a reservation, Warren?*

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "NEW HIMALAYAN HOTEL")**

*Thank you, Lowell.*

*A final note - in a moment.*

## LONDON

*For Britain's Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip and Princess Anne - a royal send-off today from London. The Royal Family headed for Bangkok - first stop on a seven-week tour of the Far East. Subsequent stops expected to include - Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Maldivian and Seychelles Islands, Mauritius; and then - on the way home - Kenya.*

*It was there in Kenya - during another visit - you'll recall - that Elizabeth first learned that she had become Queen - upon the death of her father - King George. The date - February Sixth, Nineteen-Fifty-Two; hard to believe - that was twenty years ago.*

*Now for Lowell Thomas - so long until tomorrow.*