

February 18, 1970  
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Good evening everybody, the jury returns - the verdict is in; and an end at last - to that marathon trial of the "Chicago Seven."

Of charges that they conspired to incite riots during the Nineteen-Sixty-Eight Democratic National Convention - all seven acquitted. Of charges that they crossed state lines with intent to incite riot - two innocent but the other five found guilty. David Dellinger, Rennie Davis, Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin and Thomas Hayden - all of whom were jailed last week for contempt. Judge Julius Hoffman did not set a date for sentencing. The maximum sentence <sup>2</sup> would <sup>be</sup> five years in prison - and a ten-thousand dollar fine.

As might be expected this verdict set off another uproar in the courtroom. Eventually forcing eviction of three of the defendants' wives - for screaming epithets at Judge Hoffman. Perhaps most ironic though - the reaction of university professor John Froines - one of the two men acquitted. The disappointed defendant shouting over and over - "it's not fair, it's not fair."

Defense Attorney William Kunstler had a lot more than that to say about it. He called the verdict a "terrible compromise - an outrage" - and plans an immediate appeal.

But Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley says "The defendants have had their day in court - they received a fair trial - and all of us should respect the verdict."

## SCHOOL DESEGREGATION

*The South today won a major victory in the Senate on the sensitive issue of school desegregation. By a vote of fifty-six to thirty-six, the Senate approved an amendment by Democratic John Stennis of Mississippi to the pending education bill. The amendment would eliminate the distinction between segregation resulting from southern laws and segregation caused by housing patterns in many northern cities. It calls for enforcement of desegregation laws uniformly in all parts of the country.*

*Before passing the Stennis amendment, the Senate rejected one sponsored by Republican leader Hugh Scott. It also would have ordered equal enforcement in all parts of the country, but would not have equated DeFacto with De Jure segregation. Defeat of the Scott amendment was a setback for the White House, which publicly endorsed it just a few hours before the vote.*

**(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED  
"DEREHAM")**

*Lowell Thomas is off again tonight - on another  
round-the-world tour; heading for "high adventure" in  
the Kingdom of Nepal - up near the "roof of the world."  
And he'll be telling us all about it - in future broadcasts.*

*In the meantime - a special taped report he left  
us. Something of a post-script - on a recent American  
holiday. Lowell...*

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DEREHAM

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This next - a bit late perhaps for Lincoln's

Birthday; nevertheless, the story today of a latter-day  
Lincoln - alive and well and living in Dereham, England.

This Lincoln - Mrs. Ethel Lincoln Battelley; a direct  
descendant of Richard Lincoln - whose son Samuel emigrated  
to the Colonies way back in Sixteen-Thirty-Seven. Samuel  
Lincoln becoming the great-great-treat-great-treat  
grandfather - of America's Great Emancipator.

Getting back to Mrs. Battelley - she's the wife of a  
local truck driver - she also has three sons of her own;  
including one - Martin - said to bear a striking resemblance  
to the martyred American President. And they all act like  
Lincolns - we are told. Mrs. Battelley explaining: "There  
are no log cabins around there - but we've always been  
proud of one thing - and you might as well call it the Lincoln  
in us; we have no patience with anything crooked - anything  
deceitful."

In other words - they're Honest Abes, British style  
each and every one.

**(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED  
DEREHAM")**

**Thank you, Lowell. And speaking of Lincoln - a  
related item from Washington. A historian at the venerable  
Riggs National Bank - reporting that Lincoln's account was  
often overdrawn. This - because he "was so busy with the war!"**

**However, a bank official of the day - quoted as saying:  
"We didn't mind a bit of an overdraft - we knew he was always  
good for it."**

## WHITE HOUSE

*President Nixon's long-awaited "State of the World" message - went to Congress today . In it, the President calling for an end to the cold war - in favor of a new "era of negotiation." In the same vein, he urged a joint effort with the Soviet Union - to end the war in Vietnam and also avert a nuclear confrontation in the Middle East. The President further rejecting the idea of committing U.S. ground troops - to any future Vietnam-style guerilla wars; except - said he - in cases of outside aggression - overt attack - or a clear threat to vital American interests.*

*Reverse side - the President expressed his concern - over growing Soviet missile advances. Pledging to meet this challenge - with appropriate U.S. responses. He also pledged continued U.S. aid - in areas "where it makes a real difference." The President stressing that "military force" - remains "the basis of American foreign policy." And he added "We have no intention - of withdrawing from the world."*

GENEVA

United Nations Secretary General U Thant paid a call today - on a special session of that Geneva Disarmament Conference. ~~There~~ urging the U.S. and Russia to declare a joint moratorium - on both offensive and defensive strategic nuclear weapons. / U Thant asserting that this could serve as the foundation - of a new "disarmament decade;" / for it "would have" - <sup>he said</sup> ~~said he~~ "an immeasurably beneficial effect on all aspects of disarmament - and, indeed, for world peace."

## **PLAIN OF JARS**

*In Southeast Asia - the focus of air war suddenly shifted to Laos. With America's big B-Fifty-Twos - suspending air strikes against Communist targets in Vietnam. Reportedly concentrating instead - on North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao Forces in neighboring Laos. These currently battling Royal Laotian troops - for control of the key Plain of Jars.*

## **MIDDLE EAST**

**As for that conflict in the Middle East - Egyptian jets attacking Israeli targets - along the Suez Canal; Israeli ground forces battling Jordanian troops - across the Jordan River; Arab commandoes carrying out another hit-and-run attack - in the Occupied Golan Heights.**

**And now Warren, a word from you.**

## KENNEDY AIRPORT

*It happened in the International Arrivals building at Kennedy airport. Five pretty college coeds, in their late teens, waiting for their parents - and as they did so, talking about all their expenses - laundry and telephone bills, and so forth. Then they got an idea - why not sell kisses for one dollar piece - to help make ends meet. So they set up a makeshift booth and began selling kisses at once - finding a ready market. But then enter a sober-faced Port Authority official. This is against all rules and regulations, he said, closing down the kiss sale as would-be customers booed hearily. Total take - four dollars.*

*Good night.*