

September 9, 1970
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Good evening everybody.

The UN Security council late today held an emergency session in New York. Subject - the growing crisis over piracy in the air. The session - originally scheduled for mid-afternoon - was delayed by private consultations. Finally, without debate or a formal vote, the council approved a compromise resolution - calling for the immediate release of passengers and crew, without exception, held as the result of aerial hijacking - or any other interference with international ^{travel,} It also urged states to take all possible legal steps to prevent further crimes of this type.

The council acted only hours after the latest hijacking in the Middle East.

DESERT AIRSTRIP

Palestinian air pirates seizing - a British airliner with a hundred and fifteen persons aboard. Flying one and all to that desert air strip near Amman in Jordan - the field where they are already holding a pair of American and Swiss jets - with an additional hundred and eighty-four passengers. This marking the fourth successful hijacking by Arab guerillas - since the start of the week. Guerilla leaders further warning of more to come - unless seven Arab terrorists currently held in Europe are released forthwith.

HIJACK

West Germany and Switzerland already have agreed, conditionally, to release the six commandoes held by them. And there are strong indications that Great Britain is preparing to release the seventh - Leila Khaled, the girl commando involved in the unsuccessful attempt to hijack an Israeli airliner on Sunday.

The guerillas originally set a deadline of 8 P.M. tonight, Eastern time, for return of the seven ^Iterrorists in exchange for the hostages being held on the Jordanian desert. But British officials in London say the guerillas have extended the time of their ultimatum - and no New deadline has been set.

JORDAN

The situation in Jordan has been increasingly complicated by the latest outbreak of heavy fighting between guerillas and Jordanian army troops. King Hussein has turned over control of the armed forces to his chief of staff - and that officer has ordered everybody to stop firing at once. Vloators, he says, will meet the most rigorous mil punishment. ██████ Even so, the situation in Jordan tonight is described as the most serious in more than three years.

Washington heard unofficial reports today that the Nixon Administration decided to sell Israel additional Phantom jet fighter-bombers. Cairo radio, commenting, calls this regrettable - a move that could have grave consequences.

SRANG

Half-a-world away / an enemy escape in Indochina.

Cambodian officers reporting that a Communist force trapped since last week in the mountains near Srang / has now managed to slip away; / thus escaping - potential annihilation.

One Cambodian commander saying: "We saw them moving - we simply could not get any air strikes to stop them."

PORNOGRAPHY

~~Turning to the domestic front~~ A suit was filed today in Washington - by the only Nixon-appointee to the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography. Cincinnati lawyer Charles Keating Junior blocking - at least, temporarily / a planned public release of the commission's report. / Keating charging that "for all practical purposes" - he had been "denied the right of dissent;" an area - he indicated - in which he intends to refute strongly - the commission's supposedly ultra-liberal views.

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PEKING

From Peking - an announcement ~~today~~ that Red China's Communist Party - has finally ordered preparations for its long-delayed Fourth National People's Congress. This coming nearly six years / after the convening of China's last People's Congress; / a body which is supposed to serve, in effect / as a broad-based national legislature - / with meetings "once a year." / However, Peking ~~ignoring~~ the lapse - merely stating: / "The excellent situation prevailing at home and abroad" - will make it possible to convene the Fourth National People's Congress "at an appropriate time."

NEW YORK

Detroit pitching star Denny McLain - who was suspended from baseball the first half of this season for alleged involvement in a bookmaking operation - was suspended again today for the remainder of the year. Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn - who pronounced sentence - asserting that McLain had violated the terms of his probation. This apparently referring to a recent incident - where Tiger pitcher threw ice water on a pair of Detroit sportswriters. Kuhn also citing information - "that on occasion McLain has carried a gun."

AUTO WORKERS

United auto workers President Leonard Woodcock met separately today in Detroit with officials of General Motors and Chrysler - in an effort, he said, to get things moving and reach a settlement before the present contracts expire at midnight September Fourteenth. But afterward, the union president said that unless something radically changes, General Motors and Chrysler - in his words - are stalling into a strike five days from now.

More news in a moment.

SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE "WORLDWIDE TELEVISION"

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And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas.

His topic tonight - worldwide television. Lowell...

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Hello Everybody:

Many of us, most of us can remember when there was no such thing as television. And now just ~~we~~ look at it. Today it actually seems difficult to realize that less than thirty years ago I for instance ~~was~~ was doing the first news broadcast in the history of television. That was just before World War Two. And in this brief period since then television has spread all the way round the globe. The National Geographic ~~magazine~~ is ~~telling~~ telling us that you will find TV in more than one hundred countries today, including such rather remote ones as Albania and Zambia, Yemen and Mauritius. The Australians tell me that within a few years they will be introducing educational television to the Stone Age inhabitants of the wild island of New Guinea. Maybe they'll even get the Beverly Hillbillies. Today there are more than two hundred and twenty five million TV ~~sets~~ sets of which more than one third are here in our own country. Japan

ranks second with twenty million TV ~~sets~~ sets.

Recently in ~~China~~ Central Asia I was watching TV in far off glamorous Samarkand. One wonders what effect this medium is going to have ultimately on the human race. I wonder if within a hundred years it will result in say - a universal language? Also, will people ~~everywhere~~ everywhere dress alike because of Television. Also TV and radio have transformed political techniques and political strategy here in our own country, as we know and in many other lands. Up in Alaska where I am at the moment its hard to over estimate the ~~the~~ importance, the power the influence of television and radio.

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