

Thursday, December 13, 1974  
Columbia University

DUPONT AWARDS

*Tonight I am in the handsome Rotunda of the Low Library at Columbia University. The occasion, the annual presenting of the famous Dupont Awards. To the world of broadcasting these are what the Pulitzer Awards are to newspaper journalism and the world of letters. Why am I here? I guess because, as many of you know, Raymond Gram Swing, H. V. Kaltenborn, Elmer Davis, Ed Murrow have all passed on. Of those who received the Dupont long ago I am the sole survivor. And, maybe I'm folding up and don't know it.*

*The Dupont Award originated in Nineteen-Forty-Two with a widow Elie Able, Dean of the renowned Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, Marvin Barrett, head of the Dupont Awards Group and many other notables - Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon. Throughout the year people from*

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coast to coast competent people watch for meritorious achievement in the domain of broadcasting. Then, Elie Abel and six distinguished jurors choose those to receive the awards. The awards they will be given in a few minutes. As soon as I am off the air the presentations will be made to the fortunate nine. But so many were recommended this year that the jurors decided for the first time there should be eleven additional citations. The fortunate ones? Alas I haven't even time to read them to you. But I hope you do read all about them in your newspapers.

## ENERGY

*In the battle to conserve energy - a major breakthrough. President Nixon disclosing today that emergency measures now in effect - have already cut gasoline consumption by fifteen per cent. The President also ordering additional ~~savings measures~~ including cutbacks in commercial and highway lighting. ~~This in a rare appearance~~ - At a special White House news briefing.*

*The President saying: "We are going to be able to deal with this problem - in a way that is effective; one in which everyone will sacrifice something - but in ~~which~~ no one will ~~be required to~~ suffer."*

LONDON

~~Overseas again~~ - London - Britain has just recorded its worst two-month trade deficit in history. ~~The figures~~ for October and November, <sup>in</sup> ~~as announced today~~ ~~running in~~ the red <sup>by</sup> nearly a Billion-and-a-Half. ~~According to~~ <sup>The</sup> British ~~calling this a~~ ~~headlines~~ <sup>a</sup> "national disaster," with

~~But~~ the worst ~~A~~ maybe yet to come. Britain's Prime Minister Heath today ordering a three-day industrial work-week - in an attempt to conserve badly-depleted fuel supplies. Heath telling Parliament: "Unless we can save electricity and all fuels, in every aspect of our daily lives (if we shall have to impose ~~yet~~ additional restrictions."

## TALKS

*For Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho - co-winners of this year's Nobel Peace Prize - it will soon be back to Paris. The U.S. and North Vietnam - today scheduling another Paris meeting a week hence. The two sides saying they plan to discuss - "matters of mutual interest, ~~in the present situation~~" a reference apparently - to the sudden increase in fighting throughout Indochina.*

## ALGIERS FOLLOW TALKS

Meanwhile, Dr. Kissinger was conferring ~~today~~ with Algerian President Houari Boumedienne in Algiers; the first stop - on his current peace mission, ~~to the~~ Middle East.

Dr. Kissinger later saying only: "We had a full, frank and constructive discussion - on the Middle East and the question of bilateral relations." ~~And Then~~ ~~it was~~ on to Cairo.

## WATERGATE

The mystery of that eighteen-minute gap in one of ~~President Nixon's~~ <sup>the</sup> Watergate tapes - continues to defy ~~an~~ explanation. A team of electronic experts concluding ~~today~~ that the President's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods - may have erased some of the tape. ~~Adding, however,~~ <sup>But</sup> they have been unable as yet - to determine the cause of the hum that now fills the tape. They also note that "any speech ~~that~~ ~~might have been~~ recorded under the <sup>it</sup> buzz - "probably will not be retrievable."

WHITE HOUSE

~~From~~ The White House <sup>again</sup> - an announcement ~~today~~ that President Nixon "welcome<sup>s</sup> the examination" of his tax returns - as now planned by a joint Congressional committee. Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren saying the President "is confident - all doubts will be removed." Adding: "If the competent authorities find that the President does owe further taxes - he will pay them, of course."



## POPULARITY

After a ~~long~~ long decline, President Nixon's standing ~~with the voters~~ has apparently begun to climb, again. ~~At any rate, the nation's two leading public opinion polls -~~ The Gallup and Harris Polls ~~4~~ today showing a marked improvement, ~~in Presidential support.~~

The Gallup ~~organization adding that~~ <sup>saying</sup> the President's "Operation Candor" - ~~was believed to be,~~ <sup>is no doubt</sup> a major factor.

FORT WORTH

A revolutionary new jetfighter built by General Dynamics - was unveiled today at Fort Worth, Texas. The YF-Sixteen - a relatively small, lightweight plane; but its range - estimated at more than two thousand miles; its maximum speed - about fifteen hundred miles an hour; and ~~it's said to~~ <sup>with</sup> accelerate <sup>in</sup> "twice as fast <sup>that of</sup> as the best fighters now in operational squadrons."

~~As for Cost ? - about~~ <sup>only</sup> Three Million <sup>each; only</sup> ~~at today's~~ ~~prices - a comparative bargain. A company spokesman~~ ~~saying that "low cost - was considered to be a goal as~~ ~~important as performance."~~

First, it was NOW - ~~the~~ National Organization of Women. Now, it's HOW - ~~the~~ Happiness of Womanhood; ~~an organization~~ headed by Mrs. Jacqui Davison of San Diego - which has just completed a novel poll.

~~They call it a Jones poll.~~ HOW members, the nation <sup>each</sup> over, - phoning a hundred persons ~~apiece~~ all named Jones; Franklin D. Roosevelt Jones and so on white ones, black ones } rich ones, poor ones. Results? - ~~as follows:~~

~~Fully~~ seventy-five per cent - preferring the use of Miss or Mrs. instead of Ms. Eighty-one per cent saying they believe a woman can find fulfillment and joy  $\&$  by being ~~solely~~ <sup>just</sup> a wife and mother. Eighty-three per cent saying the man  $\&$  should be the head of the family. The Joneses also turning thumbs down - on non-therapeutic abortion, legalization of lesbianism and prostitution, and drafting  $\&$  women.

Mrs. Davison saying: "We were especially pleased with the results." ~~Further saying~~ <sup>They showed</sup> that the

majority of the people in this country - do not go for  
the feminist movement."

Of those responding, <sup>to the poll</sup> ~~incidentally~~, more than eighty  
per cent were women.

ROME

This next from Rome - where Sophia Loren is again making her home. The Italian film star - mother of two - recent author of a cook book - saying she tends to think of herself in terms of food. "Being Neapolitan" - she goes on <sup>--</sup> "I see myself as the classic pizza - made with tomato and mozzarella."

Why pizza? "Because" - says Miss Loren - "I happen to like it very much - it's common - and <sup>she added,</sup> ~~it's~~ I'm a very common housewife." <sup>TP</sup> When Sophia looks

~~in the mirror~~ ~~well~~ SHE may see a pizza, ~~in the mirror,~~ ~~Bill~~ ~~as for~~ <sup>Bill,</sup> wouldn't Sophia look ~~by the rest of us,~~ ~~though,~~ ~~I suspect it's~~ more like <sup>A</sup> chicken cacciatore. <sup>?</sup> ~~Or maybe stuffed zucchini?~~

## KEY WEST

At Key West, Florida - Christmas came early today to the local hoosegow. This courtesy of a young visitor from way up north - who was arrested earlier for "tipping a few."

Twenty year old Robert Palmieri of New York first sleeping it off then playing Sant Claus by bailing out not only himself - but also the rest of the jail's twenty three inmates, the total tab coming to more than twenty four hundred bucks. Patrolman John Hatt saying: "They all went walking out of here - with grins slitting their faces from ear to ear."