

*Friday, October 11, 1974
John Hart*

From Washington.....

From London.....

From Atlanta, Georgia.... comes today's news. Good evening. This is John Hart sitting in for Lowell Thomas.

A hotel doorman, a dime store clerk, a coffeemaker a school matron, and an unemployed woman are among the people who will judge five men who helped run the country once, and who are accused of helping to cover up the Watergate crimes.

The jury, selected in Washington today is mostly female, mostly middle aged and mostly black.

There are nine women to three men...eight blacks to four whites.

Judge John Sirica told them, "all you have to do is use your good common sense you were given when you were born."

Sirica took the seal off some motions by Richard Nixon's lawyers, in which the former President claims executive privilege allows him NOT to testify at the trial. Nixon also sent in statements from four California doctors saying his phlebitis makes any testifying risky to his health.

TURKEY

The Congress is going to stick around an extra week to finish its fight with President Ford over aid to Turkey. The House today refused to compromise, and voted to stop sending more weapons to Turkey right away, since American weapons were used in the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. The President promised to veto it, and the Congress is having to stay on to see if it can override the veto.

FIRST LADY

Mrs. Betty Ford went home from the hospital today, taking a helicopter to the White House two weeks after breast surgery. She looked weak, but her doctors say her recovery is excellent.

HAROLD WILSON

Harold Wilson kept his job as Prime Minister of England, and enough people in his labor party won in the elections yesterday to give Wilson a majority a two in Parliament. Not much, but enough, says Wilson, to go ahead with his socialist plans for Britain's economic troubles. Including taxing the rich, and nationalizing vital industries.

BOMBS

Three bombs went off in London tonight, in two clubs for former servicemen.

No one killed so far as we know, one or two people were hurt.

BREZHNEV

Russia's leader, Leonid Brezhnev, made a speech today, saying the Middle East is a powderkeg that can blow up any moment. He blamed Israel saying it was planning to hold onto occupied Arab land, and was relying on support from its foreign patron the United States.

Secretary of State Kissinger went to Jordan today, going ahead with his trip in the Middle East, after a machine gun fell off its rack and accidentally went off aboard Kissinger's plane. His body guard was wounded, but not badly. Kissinger not hurt at all.

MILLS

Congressman Wilbur Mills didn't show up for work today after all. His office saying, he has a bug and nobody knows how long it will take to get over it.

Mills has not been seen since Sunday night, when his car was stopped and a woman jumped out and into the Washington tidal basin.

The Washington Post had a picture of the woman today, when she was known as the Argentine Firecracker. She was a pneumatic dancer in an entertainment club - in Washington Mills said she got sick at a farewell party for a Mills family friend.

Back in Arkansas, where Mills is running for re-election, the Arkansas Democrat, a Little Rock newspaper, said it would be unfair to crucify the Congressman just because he got caught.

COCA COLA

A great-great grandson of the man who started Coca Cola, is broke. More than broke. John Candler filed for bankruptcy saying he owes over eleven-million dollars and is worth only forty-five hundred. Owing most of it to banks which helped him buy sick companies, that went ahead and died.

We'll hear from Lowell in a minute.

COMMERCIAL

LOWELL THOMAS is still in Iceland tonight, where he went to the Island of Haymay, still cooling off from the volcano that went off there, nearly two years ago. And he sent us a report:

IN: "Today I walked through...."

Time: 1:13

OUT: "...So Long."

ICELAND

Lowell Thomas
(Tape from Iceland)

Hello Everybody. Have you ever wondered what happened to all the people who fled during that dramatic night twenty-two months ago, fleeing from a volcano that was erupting up here in the North Atlantic? It was one of the most dramatic volcano eruptions of our time in the Westman Islands just off the south coast of Iceland as you know. Well I was curious to know what happened to them and I flew out there today in a small plane. And you might be interested to hear that of the five thousand residents of Heimaey who all fled that night from the erupting volcano nearly all of them have returned to their island even though many of their homes are still buried, buried under several hundred feet of lava. Today I walked through streets where steam was still emerging from the hot porous rock. The streets were hot. The entire town is either overwhelmed by that lava flow twenty-two months ago, overwhelmed to a depth of several feet with ash. In some cases over a

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hundred feet or ~~four~~^{more} but sixty-per cent of the town of Heimaey has now been ^{re}occupied, hundreds of buildings repainted, the harbor entrance is much narrower now because of the lava flowing into it but apparently it's easier than ever to enter. And everybody seems cheerful on the island. And the volcano experts have told them that there will not be another eruption here for four thousand, maybe five thousand years. So don't miss a visit to the scene of this spectacular event if you ever come to Iceland. It's a thrilling experience. Actually I'm up here to take part in celebrating the coming of the Vikings Eleven Hundred years ago. And now from Iceland.... So Long.