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BEIRUT

*Reported details of a new U.S. peace offensive in the Middle East - were disclosed for the first time today in Beirut. Lebanese sources are quoted as saying the U.S. is now urging - a three-month so-called "peace pause". This is to permit intensive diplomatic efforts - toward a permanent solution to the current Arab-Israeli impasse. It also suggests - that both sides withdraw at least twelve miles from the banks of the Suez Canal. The <sup>U.S.</sup> plan, according to the Lebanese sources does not call for direct Arab-Israeli talks. Secretary of State Rogers will hold a news conference tomorrow morning. In the meantime - a related item from London; suggesting the Kremlin is having some serious second thoughts - about the extent of its current involvement in the Middle East. The Russians are said by some East European sources to fear the possibility of a direct confrontation between the U.S. and Russia - arising from circumstances that neither might be able to control.*

## CAMBODIA

*Half-a-world away - the man who headed that Allied offensive into Cambodia - today called the entire operation a "brilliant" maneuver, U.S. Major-General George Casey - asserted "it really changed the military balance here." He added that U.S. and South Vietnamese forces - have seized more than a year's supply of Communist arms and equipment. He also said: "Our instructions are at this time to be out completely by June Thirtieth - and we have no plans at all for going back in."*

## SENATE

*In Washington, the Senate today repealed by a vote of eighty-one to ten - its controversial Nineteen-Sixty-Four Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. This - was - the measure requested by Lyndon Johnson that first authorized unlimited military intervention in Southeast Asia. However, President Nixon now says - he doesn't need it; and, in fact, today's revocation was initiated by a number of Republicans - acting with Administration approval.*

*Senator Fulbright, voted against repeal - even though he has long-criticized the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution - which he originally sponsored, incidentally. Fulbright contended that today's action - was a violation of normal Senate procedure. In voting ot to repeal - he added - he was merely attempting to "preserve the integrity" of the Senate.*

## WASHINGTON

*In response to President Nixon's economic report to the nation last week - Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, moved front and center today in Washington. Granted time to reply by NBC - Mansfield said that the U.S. is now in the throes of a dangerous slump. "Inflation, unemployment and war" - said Mansfield - these are the words that "spell recession."*

*The Senator added - that the President is permitting inflation to run rampant; while ignoring - said Mansfield - the tools, such as credit controls, which Congress has already given him. Mansfield said: "For too long - we have pursued the nation's security all over the globe; for too long - we have forgotten that national security begins at home."*

## **RICHARDSON**

*Elsewhere in Washington - Elliott Richardson was officially sworn in today - as the new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; a job that so far has defied anybody to hold it - longer than two years. Richardson, nevertheless, pledged an all-out effort - to attain the Administration's goal " of better quality of life for all Americans."*

*Among those present - the man who appointed Richardson to his new job - President Nixon; who later said he had just learned - that the new Secretary was nicknamed "Lucky" during World War Two. "I can only say" - said the President - "he is lucky and we are lucky."*

*Richardson himself observed: "I'm going to need a little bit of luck."*

*Now this message...*



# SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE "SIBERIA IV"

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;  
presenting tonight another installment - on his latest  
Siberian adventure. Lowell...

...the most about  
...of course by some  
...we all know, the boys that only  
...can you really get an  
...of how vast it is. For average freight  
...of the part of Asia, as being included  
...Siberia. As you perhaps know, Siberia  
...include all of the huge area  
...between the Urals - marking the boundary  
...with Europe - and the Pacific. But  
...Siberia does dominate it.

Altho' Russia, Mother Russia - the  
part in Europe, is a big country, it  
...small compared with Siberia and Asia  
...in Asia. The distance from the western  
...Russian frontier across Europe and Asia  
...is about 10,000 miles. From the Atlantic coast  
...to the River Oxus - the border of Afghanistan  
...more than 20,000 miles. And that's  
...more than twice the size of the United States  
...and the size of Australia. So you see, the  
...continent of Asia, Russia, Siberia

Good Eve Ev'dy:-

What has impressed me the most about Siberia, so far? Why, its size. Of course I knew, we all know, its huge. But only by coming here can you really get an idea of how vast it is? I've always thought of all of the part of Asia as being included in Siberia. As you perhaps know Siberia doesn't include all of the huge area between the Urals - marking the boundary with Europe - and the Pacific. But Siberia does dominate it.

Altho' Russia - "Mother Russia" - the part in Europe, is a big country, its small compared with Siberia and Russia in Asia. The distance from the western Russian frontier across Europe and Asia is some 6000 miles. From the Arctic coast to the River Oxus - the border of Afghanistan - more than 2000 miles. All of that area is more than twice the size of the United States, twice the size of Australia, larger than the entire continent of So. Amer.; almost

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW UP TO THOMAS TAPE "SIBERIA IV"**

**Thank you, Lowell.**

**This is Stuart Novins - Good Night.**

Arctic Ocean - in fact, by land the sea. It includes the largest lake in the world, The Caspian, and the deepest lake Baikal where we have been enjoying the scenery. A lake containing as much water as all of our Great Lakes. The deepest lake in the world, surrounded by snow capped mountains. Three hundred rivers flow into it.

As you fly across Siberia you are impressed by the Siberian forest - one third of all the timber land in the world.

I wonder if the Russians realize how rich, how fortunate they are?

Maybe they are just making up to what they have. Maybe that's why they have permitted Alaska Airlines to make this first flight. At any rate we had better know our neighbors - and I'm glad at last to have a look at what has been like a mysterious land of mystery. So long.



## SIBERIA IV

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