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NORTHERN IRELAND

Good evening. A big question hangs over Northern Ireland this evening - will there be another bloody Sunday confrontation between Catholic marchers - and British troops? The Catholics insist that they will march - in the town of Newry on Sunday. The Prime Ministers of Britain - and Northern Ireland - urged them not to. So did the Catholic primate for all Ireland - Cardinal Conway.

The Prime Minister of the Irish Republic - Jack Lynch - urged Irishmen on both sides of the border to keep the ~~the~~ peace. Saying - don't do anything at all - that could give the slightest excuse to British troops to open fire again as they did in Londonderry.

Lynch also hinted that he might seek help from Communist countries - if Ireland's normally friendly allies don't lend their support in seeking a settlement.

DOCK STRIKE

An end to the long West Coast Dock Strike - may be near. After day-long testimony before a Congressional Committee - the top negotiators - Harry Bridges for the Longshoremen and Edmund Flynn for the shippers - are close to agreement on voluntary arbitration.

Bridges made the offer - saying he would be willing to submit unresolved economic issues to a private arbitrator if a negotiated agreement cannot be reached in a week. Flynn said he'd buy that - if the unresolved "non-economic" issues are also submitted to arbitration - Bridges agreed to two of these - was non-responsive on the third.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The U.S. unemployment rate - down slightly last month; from a previous six per cent to a present five-point-nine per cent - according to government figures announced today. In the words of Labor Department statisticians - "essentially unchanged."

Nevertheless - the White House taking heart. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler says the new figure - "gives us a sense of optimism." Labor Secretary James Hodgson said that unemployment - "is still on the march, steadily upward."

MOSCOW

Moscow - a joint communique today - marking the end of a two-day visit from Egypt's President Anwar Sadat. Along with the usual polemics though - something of a surprise. Russian and Egypt pledged a mutual effort - to seek a peaceful settlement to the current Mideast impasse. Also, they urged U.N. mediator Gunnar Jarring - to resume his contacts with the "interested parties." This - it was said - in compliance with U.N. resolutions. All of which could mean - hope at last where so long there has been none.

INDOCHINA

In the air war over Indochina - another U.S.

"protective reaction" strike deep into North Vietnam. An

American Phantom jet blasted an enemy anti-aircraft site -

for opening up on an unarmed U.S. reconnaissance plane.

MADISON

Here on our own shores - the Democrats were choosing sides today. At Madison, Wisconsin - Senator Jackson of Washington lashed out at Senator Muskie of Maine; calling the latter's criticism of President Nixon's latest peace plan - "a disservice to the country." Jackson added: "I feel deeply we should give the President some elbow room here - in order to continue negotiations."

Reverse side - from Senator McGovern of South Dakota; suggested that Muskie - should have gone even further

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "PEOPLE MOVERS"

**Next - Lowell Thomas; presenting tonight - a
moving story. Lowell...**

People Movers
Morgantown

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One of the features of the original Disney Land -- and now Walt Disney World -- so-called People Movers; whisking visitors from one area to another - quickly and safely.

Now - a real life "people mover" ~~at Morgantown~~
This the name they've given a new mini-mass transportation system -- currently under construction at Morgantown, West Virginia. The Morgantown people mover - to consist of more than seventy electrically ~~engine~~ powered rubber wheeled vehicles. These to run on suspected guide ways -- from the downtown area to the outlying university of West Virginia campus; each car capable of carrying seventeen passengers at speeds up to twenty-five miles an hour.

What makes the Morgantown project ~~truly~~
unique ^{is} ~~though~~ - the fact that it's planned to be completely computerized. A central communications

center - to control starting, spacing , speed and
stopping. Thus maintaining, efficient service,
hopefully - even in rain, fog, ice and snow.

All this - a cooperative effort with the U S
Department of Transportation; whose carlos villarreal
expresses hope that "people movers" - "will eventually
turn the traffic tide in a hundred or more cities

throughout the nation." Wish they hurry up and do
it in N.Y., Chgo. and a few other places where I
After And now its time for "this people" to move
on.

get hopelessly tied up in traffic

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "PEOPLE MOVERS"

Thank you, Lowell.

**And now - while you move on - I'll move over
briefly; after which - a final note.**

LA GUAIRA

La Guaira, Venezuela - the case of Luis Ramon Flores; a thirty-nine-year-old seaman reported in serious condition today - with a deep head wound. The way they tell it, Seaman Flores leaned over the side of his boat - when a swordfish leaped into the air and stabbed him full in the forehead.

Sound like just another "fish story," you say? Well, you might have a point - except for one thing. When they brought Flores into the hospital - the tip of the swordfish's "sword" was still imbedded in his forehead.

Now for Lowell Thomas - so long until Monday.