

Thursday, August 10, 1972

**Good Evening:**

**The House of Representatives has voted on the proposal to set a deadline for a U-S pullout from South**

**Viet Nam. The story from Washington and Leslie Stahl:**

**(Tape)**

## **MANCHESTER**

*George McGovern today returned to Manchester, New Hampshire - to launch a two-day campaign swing through New England; a "listening tour" - he called it; and as it turned out, a "talking tour" as well.*

*Senator McGovern urged President Nixon to - put aside politics as usual and join him in a series of major television debates this fall. Actually, in practice, Presidents in office do not debate challengers. He said: "If there had been debates in Nineteen-Sixty-Eight - perhaps we would have learned more about Nixon's secret plan to end the war; a plan that is still secret - about a war that still goes on - four years later."*

## **PENTAGON FOLLOW MANCHESTER**

*From the Pentagon: comes a report entitled "The Economics of Defense Spending - a Look at Realities:" professing to "take apart," point by point - Senator McGovern's call for a Thirty-Billion-Dollar-cut in defense spending.*

*The study concludes: "Those who suggest that we can solve our public spending problem by peeling some easy Billions off the defense budget - are arguing not only with the Pentagon but with reality; and reality - is a formidable opponent."*

## **MACGREGOR FOLLOW PENTAGON**

*Another attack on Senator McGovern comes from President Nixon's campaign director - Clark MacGregor; who urged the Democratic candidate to put his welfare proposals to a Senate test.*

*"Will he do so?" - asked Mr. MacGregor; then, answered his own question: "Of course not," for "he knows his program would be rejected - by a vote of ninety-five-to-one.*

**WHITE HOUSE**

**President Nixon backs the Senate-passed gun control bill; News Secretary Ron Ziegler - saying the President fully supports the "elimination of Saturday night specials", but adding that the legislation "should be worded in such a way - so as not to penalize the many legitimate sportsmen and target shooters."**

## **MEDIA FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE**

*The White House also announced that it will not make the performance of the news media "an issue in the coming campaign." Ron Ziegler saying: "We expect the press to be factual in their reports" - although the reports may "not necessarily be written in a way which we would agree."*

*And he added: "The President feels the free press should not be an issue - we have always felt this." When he was asked: How does Spiro Agnew feel about all this? Mr. Ziegler replied - Spiro Agnew speaks for himself.*

## PARIS

*At the talks in Paris, the Communists today cited statements attributed to Actress Jane Fonda - Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts - former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark - and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Their statements cited to back up Hanoi's claim that the U.S. is deliberately bombing dikes and dams in North Vietnam. The Communists also saying that "as long as" South Vietnam's President Thieu remains in office, quote - "the war goes on ... and the negotiations are deadlocked."*

*William Porter for the U.S. accused the Communists of unleashing "a flood of propaganda" - in an effort to obscure the real issues; one of which - he says, is North Vietnam's "obsessive pursuit" of a military victory - in an attempt to seize power in South Vietnam.*

## QUANG TRI CITY FOLLOW PARIS

*On the battlefield, the struggle for Quang Tri City; was marked by an attempt to bypass the city's enemy-held walled Citadel. Government troops seized a key bridgehead - about a mile farther on; their greatest advance - in more than a week.*

*For the first time at Quang Tri - U.S. air support is also playing an important role; with American jets - now free to hit "specific targets," and the American pilots using the "smart bombs" - in an effort to minimize needless damage.*



**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "LONDON SPORTSMEN"**

*And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;  
discussing tonight - a new slant on sports. Lowell...*

## LONDON SPORTSMEN

*In the current issue of a London medical bulletin - an article headlined: "The Unfitness of Leading Sportsmen." Which could mean a lot of things - but really purports to show that a good athlete isn't always a healthy athlete.*

*To back up its point, the bulletin citing - in Britain - increased signs of early arthritis among soccer players; in Austria - a growing number of heart attacks among young skiers; and in the U.S. - a long history of professional athletes who were found unfit for the draft.*

*The study also citing tests in Australia - on rugby players, tennis stars, body builders and even a couple of "Mr. Universes." Dr. James Sutton quoted as saying: "Big muscles and powerful body - have nothing to do with cardio-respiratory fitness." And that - he maintains - "the one essential for staying power."*

*Dr. Sutton adding, in short: "In sports, as in all things - appearances can be deceptive."*



## **SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO**

*From San Juan Capistrano in California - the story of Walter Botts; back in the Nineteen Twenties and 'Thirties - a vocalist and saxaphonist with Red Nichols, Jack Teagarden and Harry James; also, an artist's model in his spare time - and therein lies his greatest fame.*

*Walter Botts finally catching the eye - of famed artist James Montgomery Flagg; who promptly painted him as Uncle Sam - in that classic "I Want You" poster of World War Two. Flagg's and Botts' Uncle Sam - becoming the symbol of America's strength and determination throughout the world; surely, one of the greatest and most enduring portraits of its kind in all history.*

*Now - the final entry. Walter Botts passing away in his Capistrano home - after a brief illness. When he posed as Uncle Sam - only thirty-eight. At the end - only seventy-two.*

*Good Night.*