

*Friday, May 3, 1974
Mike Wallace - Sub.*

PHOENIX

President Nixon has flown to Phoenix - where he will address a big Republican rally later tonight.

Meantime, in Washington - the White House today expressed general satisfaction - with the way the nation's newspapers are handling the edited tapes transcript story. Spokesman Gerald Warren said the early reports focused, as expected, "on the most controversial sections of the Watergate tapes." He added - however, that reporters are now beginning to concentrate - on the "full volume" of the transcripts; and are thus "beginning to report and say that the President was not involved."

DAMASCUS

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was given a warm welcome today - on his arrival in Damascus. The Syrian Foreign Minister told Dr. Kissinger: "You have acted with patience and wisdom - and that convinces us you work for the best interests of all in the area."

Dr. Kissinger then met with Syria's President Assad; trying to hammer out a disengagement of troops - on the Golan Heights. Later, an aide to the Secretary said that he can now see "the shape of an agreement."

PARIS

With elections set for Sunday - France's three leading Presidential candidates were making their final appeals today. That two Gaullists, Valery Giscard D'Estaing and Jacques Chaban-Delmas - both concentrating their fire on leftist Francois Mitterand. D'Estaing, for example, now charges that Mitterand - would be nothing more than a puppet for the Communists; a charge, of course - promptly and hotly denied.

ALIOTO

San Francisco's Mayor Alioto - met today with Attorney General William Saxbe; trying to spur a Federal investigation - into the so-called "Zebra" killings on the West Coast. Alioto claimed an "interstate" plot. The result: A pledge from Saxbe - "to assist in any way" he can.

HEARST

Authorities in San Francisco say they've found an apartment apparently used by the Symbionese Liberation Army - about fourteen blocks from the FBI's San Francisco headquarters. Inside, they say - car keys and some coats apparently used in the SLA's bank robbery last month. On the wall - "revolutionary slogans," one of them signed "Tania" - the name supposedly taken by kidnaped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst. The FBI says the apartment seems not to have been used for a week.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The nation's unemployment rate - dropped by a tenth of one per cent last month - to an even five per cent.

In the words of Chairman Herbert Stein of the President's Council of Economic Advisers a decline - of "no great significance."

COLUMBUS

Senator Metzehbaum of Ohio was the target of an Eleven Million-Dollar slander suit - filed today by the Ohio Petroleum Marketers Association. The complaint alleging "numerous false, defamatory and libelous statements - in Metzehbaum's current TV ads, in support of his bid for reelection. Metzehbaum has been charging that oil companies have conspired to raise prices and increase profits.

I'll have a final story after this message.

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(FINAL STORY)

For Lowell Thomas - I'm Mike Wallace, CBS News.

MONTGOMERY

From George Wallace - a personal financial statement; listing his net worth - at roughly a Hundred-and-Fifty Thousand dollars. The Alabama Governor said: "That's not much - for a man who has been in office as long as I have."

The Governor also disclosed that his tax return for Nineteen-Sixty-Eight - was audited by the IRS. The only thing they found wrong - he said - was that he had overpaid his taxes.

Mike Wallace for Lowell Thomas Good Night.