

Monday, July 29, 1974

From Washington.....

From London.....

From Caracas, Venezuela.....

comes today's news. Good Evening Everybody. This is Lowell Thomas for CBS News.

Former Treasury Secretary and former Texas Governor - John Connolly was indicted today by a Watergate Grand Jury. Connolly charged with bribery, perjury and obstruction of Justice, in connection with the so-called Milk Fund. Fourth former Nixon cabinet member - to face Federal

Connolly's response in a brief statement issued from Houston, Texas. "For months," said he "there have been leaks, rumors and speculation - concerning my role in the milk support price increase. The matter is now in the open where it can be dealt with honestly and fairly." Then he continued: "I again deny that I am guilty of any wrong

doing and am confident that I will be completely exonerated."

HOUSE

On the impeachment front - the House
Judiciary Committee ^{today} took up ~~today~~ where it left
off ^{on} Saturday. The panel debating its second article
of impeachment -- as ~~insert~~ rewritten over the
weekend. ^{In it} The President ^{is} accused of abusing Presidential
powers - on at least five counts: ~~These including~~
alleged mis-use of the internal revenue service, -
and federal investigative agencies; also, authorizing
a secret spy unit - failing to report violations of the
law - and interfering with federal agencies.

^{TR} According to some ^{this is} the heart of the whole
impeachment case. ~~Under review~~ The second ranking
Republican on the panel, Congressman McClory of
Illinois ^{was} saying today ^{that} he will vote to impeach on
article two. This in spite of his previous vote
against impeachment - in connection with ~~the~~ Watergate
per se. McClory telling his fellow members - the

abuse of powers article demonstrates "clear acts of mis-conduct;" and thus a violation of the President's oath of office - to ^{quote} "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." [^] **¶** Far from giving up ~~but~~ though, the President's supporters on the ~~panel~~ ^{were} panel [^] again fighting his accusers all the way.

Congressman Wiggins of California claiming that the President's alleged abuses - were neither "high crimes" nor "misdemeanors." Congressman Hutchison of Michigan saying the President was forced to cope with "violence" and disorder and the war - which nearly had this nation on its knees."

Congressman Sandman of New Jersey accusing the Democrats of making up "new laws"; - in effect, [†] [^] convicting the President - of guilt by association.

Another night session still to come.

WHITE HOUSE
~~SAN CLEMENTE~~

at the White House
Meanwhile, ~~at San Clemente~~ - ~~the President~~

~~was still "hanging tough."~~ Spokesman Gerald Warren
WAA
saying: "The President believes individual members
of the House - will not approve a bill of impeachment."
Why not? Because - he replied -- "the House will
not ~~shirk~~ shirk its responsibility, and the ~~President~~
President is confident - there is no evidence to
support impeachment."

Next question? If he were to be impeached
by the House - would the President resign rather
than face a trial in the Senate? Would he consider
doing so - "in the best interests of the country?"
Warren replying that he could not "foresee any
circumstances wherein the President would consider
resigning 'in the best ~~interests~~ interests of the country!'"

RUSH FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

More of the same from Kenneth Rush the President's top economic advisor at ~~unusually~~ an appearance ~~today~~ before a joint congressional committee. This in ~~unusually~~ response to a question from Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin - as to whether the President can still effectively lead ~~the~~ the country.

~~Kenneth~~ Rush replying -- there can be no doubt; the President is exercising very ~~a~~ strong leadership - especially in the economic field. Rush adding that this is true - because the people "are anxious to work with the President" to cool inflation. He also observed that "many ~~of~~ Presidents have been under siege and have exercised leadership" going all the way ~~quote~~ "back to Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War."

LONDON

One of America's top female ~~not~~ vocalists

-- has died in London. Cass Ellicott, commonly
called Mamma Cass said to have ^{died} ~~passed away~~ in
~~her sleep~~ her sleep. This following a two week engagement
at the London Palladium. Cass Elliott - only thirty-
three.

CARACAS

From Caracas, Venezuela - the story of Ramon Rivera Rodriguez; a man declared legally dead - ^{then} in his coffin, in the midst of funeral services ~~was~~ he suddenly came to.

If we could end it right there - a joyful occasion. Except that poor Ramon Rivera Rodriguez realizing he was supposed to be dead - ^{then another} ~~there~~ ~~he~~ had a heart attack - and, ~~promptly~~ ~~he~~ expired.

His family now suing the doctors & whose death verdict ^{had been} ~~was~~ just a bit premature.

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GODFATHER

From NBC - an announcement today telling of plans to televise the hit film - The Godfather, on Two nights this November. NBC purchasing the TV rights for this one time - from Paramount Pictures. The inducement it used - an offer of ten ~~million~~ ^{million} bucks. The highest price ever paid for a movie to be shown on television. An offer apparently - that Paramount just couldn't refuse.

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