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**WHITE HOUSE**

*At the White House - President Nixon issued today his annual foreign policy report to Congress; as you may have heard by now, calling the past twelve months a "watershed year" - because of breakthroughs in relations with both China and Russia.*

*The President said he does not expect his visit to China - to produce "instant solutions to deep-seated differences; but he also called it - "a beginning;" for now - said he - "the most powerful nation in the world and the most populous nation in the world - have begun a process of communication; the old exchange of denunciations - can be replaced with a constructive exchange of views."*

*As for relations with Russia - the President cited "positive steps toward peace in the past year; particularly in arms limitations - and economic cooperation." And "that is why" said he - "for the first time, a President of the United States will visit Russia." The President added: "I*

*will go to that meeting - with no naive illusions but with some reasonable expectations."*

*On the debit side - the President cited as his biggest disappointment - failure to end the Vietnam war in Nineteen-Seventy-One. In a broadcast speech accompanying the report though - the President said of the war; "It began long before I became President - and I have been doing everything I can honorably do to end it." "To date, however" - he went on - "our earnest efforts have foundered on Communist obstinacy;" leaving "us no choice - but to move toward ending the war through Vietnamization."*

*In the same vein, the President said: "I have no complaint that during this period - I have been subjected to vigorous criticism; I do not question the patriotism or the sincerity - of those who disagree with my policies to bring peace." But "I would hope" - he continued - "that anyone seeking the Presidency - would examine his statements carefully; to be certain that nothing he says - might give:*

*the enemy an incentive to prolong the war until after the election."*

## VIETNAM FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

*Half-a-world away - a sudden outbreak of enemy rocket and mortar attacks; more than forty - in the past twenty-four hours. According to Allied intelligence - maybe the opening gun in that long-awaited Tet offensive.*

*On the political front - South Vietnam's President Thieu was reemphasizing - his "four no's" policy toward peace talks. These including: No Communist-style neutrality - no territorial concessions - no Communists in the government - and no sell-out of the Army's sacrifices.*

## **BELFAST-LONDONDERRY**

*Northern Ireland's much-advertised "day of disruption" - for those who planned it, was more a "day of disappointment." Roman Catholic demonstrators - were relatively few in number - failing completely in their efforts to bring vital services to a standstill.*

*At Belfast - a protest spokesman finally saying: "Let's face it - this is an absolute disaster." At Londonderry - a second spokesman likewise admitted: "The response has not been as great - as we hoped or would have liked."*

*All this - amidst reports that London is attempting to work out a "new deal" for Northern Ireland; one that would make it democratic - "in the widest sense." London sources adding, however - as yet, nothing final.*

## LONDON

*In London again - in the fifth week of a nationwide coal strike - a state of national emergency; so ordered by the British government - in the face of a growing shortage of electricity. As of midnight tonight, the government is empowered to impose blackouts and use troops - "to the extent that necessity requires."*

*This is Britain's second such emergency - in a little over a year. The last one occurred in December, Nineteen-Seventy - during a slowdown by electrical workers.*



**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "ST. BARBE BAKER"**

*And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;*

*discussing tonight - the views of an old and respected friend.*

*Lowell...*

ST. BARBE BAKER

*L. S. insert tape*

Says St. Barbe-Baker, otherwise known as "the Man of the Trees", "The world may run out of fossil fuels, timber and many minerals within the lifetime of many living today."

He says this does not apply to China and Russia because they have seen the warning light and are on the job already. The trouble with democracies and plutocracies is that their governments do not take many actions which they know to be necessary for fear of losing votes. So wake up America! says The Man of the Trees. This is more vital than any war or planet probing or moon probing.

For one thing he says we must reclaim the world's deserts! He tells us enough has been done around the borders of the Sahara to show it to be possible. But it is a task requiring the efforts of a nation which is big in every sense of the word. It cannot be left to the scientists -- it requires the individual efforts of countless



*dedicated people, including the reclamation of our Middle West dust bowl.*

*It's fifty years since St. Barbe Baker set his Man of the Trees movement in motion. It was in Kenya, Africa where everything begins with a dance. They needed to plant trees to stop the desert so he got them going with a dance of the trees and they are still dancing, and still planting.*

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "ST. BARBE BAKER"**

**Thank you, Lowell.**

**A final note - in a moment.**

## **SYDNEY**

*From Sydney, Australia - the story of a dream that turned into a nightmare. American businessman Robert Palioca of Boston - migrated to Australia a year ago; taking along his wife and five children - on the promise of a well-paying job running an American-style motel. Palioca also hoped to leave behind - problems of drugs, violence and racial strife. But he found also in Australia - problems of drugs and violence - and no job.*

## MADRID

*The scene - a busy street in the heart of Madrid; with a car that's double-parked, motor-running - blocking traffic. Enter - a policeman. He notes the car is occupied solely by a dog - whereupon he writes out a ticket. The charge - "permitting a dog to drive a car."*

*Senora Dolores Garcia - owner of the car and the dog - returning just about then. When she demanded an explanation the policeman observed that her car was "considered to be in circulation;" her dog, Kira, sitting in the driver's seat - so obviously in charge.*

*Senora Garcia may yet have the last laugh though. The lady announced that she and her dog - will both plead innocent. And we all know - that even a dog is entitled to his day in court.*

*Now for Lowell - so long until tomorrow.*