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PRESIDENT NIXON

Good Evening: President Nixon leaves tomorrow on the historic mission to Moscow. At the White House late today - he outlined some of the objectives of the trip - as Robert Pierpoint reports....

Vice President Spiro Agnew - just back from a visit to Japan and then Vietnam. Conferred today with President Nixon - and then held a forty-minute news conference.

The Vice President contended that the military situation in South Vietnam - is rapidly improving. "We're coming out of the woods" - said he.

The Vice President also said - it has not been decided whether "he" will run again this fall. But he stressed it is "totally unrealistic" - to believe that outgoing Treasury Secretary John Connally might take his place. Said Spiro Agnew: "I don't understand how anybody could seriously believe - that a man who is registered as a Democrat in the middle of May - can turn Republican and be nominated for Vice President.

SILVER SPRING

At Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland - a surprise visit from President Nixon; who talked for forty minutes - with the wounded George Wallace.

The President later said - Wallace was "very alert and in good spirits;" indeed - "ace high." Adding - from all appearances - "you would think he was just in for a tonsillectomy or something like that." The President also saying: "I don't know what the physical damage is going to be - but the most important thing is that nothing has happened to his head and his heart." Wallace, in turn, saying he "appreciated the President's visit - and enjoyed talking with him."

And now the latest: Wallace sat up for a short time this afternoon - in a hospital chair. Then taking his first oral nourishment - since he was shot down last Monday. A half-a-bowl of chicken broth - after which the Governor reporting: "I'm stuffed."

By the way, the Governor also issued today - a

*statement of thanks "to the people of Alabama;" whose
constant support - said he - had led this country "in
a new direction." Wallace observing: "Most of the
politicians - are now sounding like me."*

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "LINDBERGH"

And now - its time again for Lowell Thomas.

Subject tonight: An upcoming tribute - to the famed

"Lone Eagle" Lowell...

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than any other pilot in the world. Remember when Dick Merrill flew the Atlantic in his plane full of ping pong balls in order to make it more buoyant if it came down on the water.

Others who will be taking part in the celebration are Senator Barry Goldwater, Arthur Godfrey, Lowell Jr. who is a part time bush pilot in Alaska when he's not tied up with politics in Juneau.

Russ Brinkley, president of Silver Wings has issued a nationwide appeal for every pilot to get into the air, if only for a few minutes during the weekend of the twentieth and twenty-first, to help celebrate the Atlantic flight of "The Spirit of St. Louis", the historic Lindbergh plane now on display at the Smithsonian in Washington. He believes over a hundred thousand aviators will take part in this Forty-Fifth Anniversary celebration. Solong....

LINDBERGH ANNIVERSARY

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Hello everybody.

Coming up this weekend air-minded people right across this continent will be celebrating the Forty-Fifth anniversary of Lindbergh's fabulous solo flight across the Atlantic - New York to Paris. The way in which many will do their celebrating is interesting. An organization that describes itself as Aviation Pathfinders, or Harrisburg, Pennsylvania - actually they call themselves The Silver Wings - are doing much of the promotion. The Silver Wings fraternity is made up of men and women who made their first solo flights at least twenty-five years ago. Some of them even go back to the days of the Wright Brothers and Glen Curtis. For one, Ernest Hall of Warren, Ohio, is said to have been flying longer than any other airman anywhere in any country. Obviously his slogan is "I don't want to be the best aviator in the world. I want to be the oldest!" Which ~~is~~^{he} is. Other members of Silver Wings are Dick Merrill, who has piled up more hours, he believes,

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "LINDBERGH"

Thank you, Lowell.

A final story - in a moment.

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia - a brief visit from the ever-talkative Martha Mitchell - wife of former Attorney General John Mitchell; who made another pitch - for a woman Cabinet member. Contending: "There should have been one twenty years ago - no, two hundred years ago." she said.

Incidentally, Martha Mitchell has already picked out - the woman she would most like to see in the Cabinet; namely - Martha Mitchell. And then - she adds: "John can stay home - and do the dishes."

Now for Lowell Thomas - so long until Monday.