

LOWELL THOMAS BROADCAST, MON. MAY 19, 1969
(Juneau)

Good Evening Everybody:

*I am in one of the most picturesque cities
in the world tonight - Juneau, capitol of Alaska --
on my way to the Arctic. But, before I go into that
here are a few highlights in tonite's news:*

SPACE

TO THE BEAT OF "UP UP AND AWAY"--PLAYED ON A TAPE RECORDER--
AMERICA'S THREE APOLLO 10 SPACEMEN WERE "DOING THEIR THING" TODAY.
ASTRONAUTS STAFFORD, CERNAN AND YOUNG--SOARING PAST THE HALF WAY MARK
ON THEIR FANTASTIC VOYAGE TO THE MOON. ALONG THE WAY, SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETING A DELICATE MID-COURSE MANEUVER--CHARTING A PATH FOR THAT
MANNED LUNAR LANDING SOON TO COME.

LATER, ANOTHER TELEVISION PRESENTATION FROM SPACE--LIVE AND
IN COLOR--FOR MILLIONS OF VIEWERS AROUND THE GLOBE. INCLUDING A DISPLAY
OF SPACE ACROBATICS--ALSO, A VIEW OF THE EARTH--BLUE AND WHITE, "A
BEAUTIFUL SIGHT"--FAST FADING AWAY. THE ASTRONAUTS CAPPING THEIR
PERFORMANCE--WITH A RECORDING OF *the song* ~~FRANK SINATRA~~ "FLY ME TO THE MOON."

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY--THE MOST HAZARDOUS PART OF THE MISSION.
WHEN THE SPACECRAFT LUNAR LANDER AT LAST SEPARATES FROM THE COMMAND
SHIP--FOR A SOLO CLOSE-UP LOOK AT THE MOON. AS GENE CERNAN OBSERVED
TODAY: "IT'S ALMOST LIKE SCIENCE FICTION."

VIETNAM

ON THE WAR FRONT--VIETNAM--THE BATTLE OF "HAMBURGER HILL";
SO NAMED FOR THE BLOODY FIGHTING THERE--OVER THE PAST WEEK. FIGHTING
THAT WAS AGAIN JOINED TODAY--WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ABOUT 600 AMERICAN
REINFORCEMENTS. ATTEMPTING TO SECURE THE PEAK AT LAST--AND THEREBY
STEM THE FLOW OF COMMUNIST SUPPLIES THROUGH THE NEARBY ASHAB VALLEY.

HERE AT HOME--A PUBLIC APPEAL TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE--
FROM DEFENSE SECRETARY MELVIN LAIRD. URGING THE "PROMPT RELEASE"--
OF ALL U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR. OR FAILING THAT--THAT ~~HE~~ ^{they} AT LEAST
START TREATING THEM ACCORDING TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION.

SAFI

GETTING BACK TO EARTH--IN FACT, WAY BACK--THOR HEYERDAHL

RIDES AGAIN. HE RIDES THE WAVES, THAT IS. SAFI, MOROCCO--THE FAMED

has now taken
NORWEGIAN EXPLORER ~~TAKING~~ DELIVERY ~~THIS PAST WEEKEND~~ *of* A GIANT RAFT,

MADE OF REEDS, *and hopes to have* ~~EVEN THOUGH, READYING~~ HIS "PAPYRUS" BOAT *ready* FOR FINAL

EMBARKATION--PROBABLY TOMORROW OR THE NEXT DAY. THOR HEYERDAHL *to* ATTEMPTING

TO ~~SWIM~~ ACROSS THE ATLANTIC--AS HE BELIEVES THE EGYPTIANS *may* HAVE

DONE IT SOME 5,000 YEARS AGO, *somewhat* ~~INDEED, MUCH THE SAME~~ AS HE HIMSELF

FLOATED ACROSS THE PACIFIC SOME 20 YEARS BACK *on* ~~ABOARD~~ THE RAFT KON TIKI.

TP
~~BY THE WAY~~ A REPORT TODAY THAT THE U.S. SPACE AGENCY--HAD REQUESTED

PERMISSION TO PUT SOME HIGH-TEST COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT ABOARD,

HOPING FOR AN EVENTUAL HOOK-UP BETWEEN THE PAPYRUS BOAT--AND THE FIRST

if that comes
MEN TO LAND ON THE MOON--~~HOPEFULLY~~, IN JULY. HOWEVER, THOR HEYERDAHL

this. He wants
REJECTING THE IDEA, VOWING TO MAKE THE CROSSING--AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE--*in*

without modern gadgets and
EARLY-EGYPTIAN STYLE, ~~UP TO AND INCLUDING THE STORAGE OF ALL FOOD AND~~

marvels.
~~WATER IN PLAIN CERAMIC JARS. QUITE A TEST.~~

CAPITAL HILL FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

~~ACROSS TOWN~~ ON CAPITAL HILL--A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE
CROWNING OF A NEW "IKE DOLLAR"--WAS INTRODUCED TODAY IN THE HOUSE.
CONGRESSMAN CONTE OF MASSACHUSETTS--ACTING ON A RECOMMENDATION OF
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT; A RECOMMENDATION FULLY ENDORSED BY THE JOINT
CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON COINAGE ON WHICH HE IS A MEMBER. CONGRESSMAN
CONTE SAYING: "I CAN THINK OF NO MORE FITTING TRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR
TRULY GREAT AMERICANS--GENERAL EISENHOWER--THAN TO HAVE HIS LIKENESS
BORN ON THIS NEW COIN."

WHITE HOUSE

THE WHITE HOUSE--PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY HONORED 3 BLIND COLLEGE STUDENTS. SENIORS ALL WHO ARE GRADUATING THIS YEAR--RIGHT AT THE TOPS OF THEIR CLASSES. NAMELY: DAVID MISCHER OF TRINITY COLLEGE--JAMES SELBY III OF TULANE UNIVERSITY--AND MISS JUDITH KENT OF FONTBONNE COLLEGE, ST. LOUIS.

SAID THE PRESIDENT: "THESE ARE PEOPLE WE ALL ADMIRE NOT ONLY FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS--BUT ALSO FOR THE EXAMPLE THEY SET US."

PENTAGON

HERE'S ONE--A PACIFIC BURIAL AT SEA ANNOUNCED TODAY
BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY--PERHAPS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND. CARRYING
OUT THE LAST REQUEST OF MRS. ALEXANDER HILTON--A FORMER ARMY NURSE
OF AURORA, ILLINOIS; WHO STIPULATED IN HER WILL--THAT SHE BE BURIED
AT LATITUDE 15 DEGREES, 6 MINUTES NORTH--LONGITUDE 139 DEGREES,
20 MINUTES EAST.

WHY THAT EXACT SPOT? BECAUSE--WE ARE TOLD--IT WAS THE
SITE OF A NAVY PATROL BOAT CRASH--NEARLY 25 YEARS AGO DURING WORLD
WAR II; A CRASH THAT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF MRS. HILTON'S SON--
ALEXANDER HILTON, JR.--WHOM SHE NOW REJOINS IN DEATH.

SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON AGAIN--THE SUPREME COURT TODAY REVERSED A
NARCOTICS CONVICTION AGAINST DR. TIMOTHY LEARY. RULING THAT THE
SO-CALLED "HIGH PRIEST OF LSD"--COULD NOT BE CONVICTED OF FAILURE TO
PAY A FEDERAL TRANSFER TAX ON MARIJUANA; ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WOULD
THUS BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION UNDER STATE LAW--THEREBY SUBJECTING
HIMSELF TO SELF-INCRIMINATION. THIS, IN EFFECT, AN EXTENSION OF *an*
EARLY COURT RULING--DEALING WITH A FEDERAL ATTEMPT TO TAX PROFESSIONAL
GAMBLERS.

AT THE SAME TIME--ANOTHER FAR-REACHING DECISION. THE
SUPREME COURT UPHOLDING A VERDICT BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE SUPREME COURT--
REVERSING THE CONVICTION OF A TOPLESS GO-GO DANCER. THEREBY RULING THAT
THAT GIRL'S PERFORMANCE WAS NOT INDECENT, LEWD OR OBSCENE--BUT MERELY
AN EXPRESSION OF "FREE SPEECH."

What a speech! Warren!
Now it's the moment for you to - shall
~~WARREN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXERCISE A LITTLE FREE SPEECH ON~~
we say go! go!
~~YOUR OWN RIGHT ABOUT HERE~~

Tuneau : -

As I mentioned a moment ago I am back in Alaska, in Tuneau, at the head of a fjord - an arm of the Lynn Canal - ~~Eastineau~~ Channel is the name of the fjord. If you have never been up this way - right now is an ideal time to come. Spring in Alaska is a spectacular season. And the trip by boat, the new Alaska Ferry, up the Inside Passage, is one of the most thrilling in the world - second only to a flight to the moon.

We flew up today - but, we plan to return by boat. I've just been chatting with Bill James, head of one of the principal Alaskan newspapers, the Tuneau Empire. I ask him what effect the great Arctic Alaska oil rush is likely to have on this city on the south coast. He says many Tuneau people

are wondering if all the new oil wealth in the Far North may cause other Alaskans to want to move the capital to some other part of the state. However, he said all Alaskans are delighted at the prospect of this becoming not only the largest but the richest state!

Are you coming to Alaska?
Why not make it this Summer. And
now from 14 JNO Juneau,
2'd in-Town.

URBAHN, PEALE RUSK

Three eminent American men and their wives are in the studio with me tonight - Max Urbahn, a top architect who had a lot to do with building Cape Canaveral - Cape Kennedy; Norman Vincent Peale, known to everybody; and Doctor Howard Rusk, most widely known rehabilitation authority in the world. I wish I had an half-an-hour to tell about each. Since my time is so brief I'll merely salute one of the wives for a remark she made at a dinner in New York this week in honor of Nelson Rockefeller, where Bob Hope was on the program. Her comment was: - where there's a Rockefeller there's Hope! In his response to a toast Nelson Rockefeller used her line. I wish Mrs. Max Urbahn would give us lines like that - Warren.

A Friday the Thirteenth! - ^{So} ~~which~~ today is
 -- considered by some ^{not ideal for} ~~a bad day to~~ begin a major
 undertaking. Nevertheless, famed Evangelist Billy
 Graham starting ^{on} ~~ing~~ tonight ^{his} second New York Crusade
^{which will} ~~for Christ, also to~~ be carried by broadcast facilities -
 in Boston, Philadelphia; Washington, Detroit and
~~Cleveland.~~ ^{the} ~~And~~ why a Friday the thirteenth opening?
 Why not? - says Billy Graham. Adding: "I'm not
 superstitious, in fact I was married on Friday the
 Thirteenth. ^{And} ~~That's~~ what. Billy Graham
 thinks about ^{tri-ski-deck-a-fobia!} ~~so much for triskaidekaphobia.~~ ~~Heaven!~~
 and s-l-u-mas