

**POSTAL**

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**Good evening everybody.**

**Another big labor dispute - finally settled in Washington. The nation's seven postal unions - reaching a tentative agreement with the new U.S. Postal Service. This said to call for a two-year pact - at a cost of well over a Billion dollars, which could mean higher rates - but, almost certainly, better service.**

**Striking telephone workers are scheduled to return to their jobs tonight with the Bell system - under terms of a tentative new contract - but evidently not all of them will obey the union's back to work order.**

**And no progress is reported toward settling a work rules dispute that led to walk out last week against the Union Pacific and the Southern Railroad.**

## WHITE HOUSE

**At the White House today - President Nixon met with Republican leaders in Congress; who later said that the President's revenue sharing plan, once passed - will help to stimulate the nation's economy. House Minority Leader Gerald Ford adding, however, that "overall - it appears the economy is moving upward - at a very encouraging rate."**

## **MIAMI BEACH FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE**

*The reverse side - from Democratic Senator Humphrey of Minnesota; who addressed a longshoremen's convention - at Miami Beach; there charging that the Administration has juggled both figures and phrases - in an attempt to cover up the "failure " of its economic policies.*

*Said Humphrey: "They redefine a whopping budget deficit - as a 'full employment budget.' They have a more genteel word for inflation - 'cost-price squeeze.' And they don't use the word poverty any more - they talk about 'income-level tables.'" But "the real facts are simple and harsh" - said Humphrey - "and they demand action now."*

## CAPE KENNEDY

*Exactly two years to the day after that first manned landing on the moon - the final countdown began today for our most ambitious lunar mission yet. Space officials at Cape Kennedy - setting in motion the wheels that will lead to the launch of Apollo-Fifteen, next Monday. A feat expected to draw a million-and-a-half spectators in the Cape Kennedy area - which is half-again as many as attended the launch of historic Apollo-Eleven.*



## MOSCOW FOLLOW CAPE KENNEDY

*The Soviets issued today a status report - on the flight of their own Salyut space station; their first such report - since the deaths of the three cosmonauts who last manned it. Moscow saying the space vehicle is still functioning normally - after some fourteen hundred and ninety revolutions around the earth.*

## DRAFT

This year's draft lottery to determine next year's draft priorities - to be held August Fifth in Washington. So announced today - by the Selective Service System; based on the assumption that one day, sooner or later - the Congress will pass an two-year extension of the draft law which expired three weeks ago. But officials add that either way - the government "responsibility to conduct the lottery continues;" and it's doing so now - we are told - on the grounds that "young men who face possible induction - deserve to know their relative chances;" the better - "to plan ahead."

*In the Middle East - Egyptian jets again crossed the Suez Canal today; buzzing Israeli positions - on two separate occasions. They were shot at both times - <sup>but</sup> apparently escaped unscathed.*

*Iraq and Libya are calling for an emergency meeting - of the fourteen-nation Arab League; to consider "ways of stopping" Jordan - from committing alleged "massacres" against Palestinian guerillas. At the same time, Tel Aviv reporting that it now holds - about four thousand captured guerillas; or more than those now active - in all Arab countries put together.*

## **KHARTOUM FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST**

**Farther south - a new left-leaning revolutionary council was established today - in Sudan, Africa's largest nation. Its member including - we are told - at least five Communists or Communist sympathizers; who will have the task now - of bringing some sort of order out of a very disorderly domestic situation.**



## DOLE

*President Nixon conferred privately today - with Republican National Chairman Robert Dole. Chief topic - the choice of a site for the Nineteen-Seventy-Two Republican National Convention. Dole is said to have left with the impression - that the President would accept a decision of the GOP Site Committee. But his first choice - we hear is still San Diego. And the oddsmakers now offering twenty-to-one - that's what it'll be.*

## **TEXAS**

**Federal officials at Houston, Texas - say they have almost Seven-Hundred-Thousand doses of vaccine - ready to give horses in Texas and five other states - hoping that this will halt the spread of a deadly sleeping sickness that has affected many thousands of animals. Texas Governor Preston Smith has urged Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin to remove the experimental label from the vaccine now being given horses in the six-state area. As long as it has that label, the vaccine cannot be distributed commercially.**

**We'll have tonight's report from Lowell Thomas after this message.**

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "ROMANS"**

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

*one of the world's most famous travelers - discussing tonight*

*a breed of travelers who lived some two thousand years ago.*

*Lowell....*

Travelling ~~the~~ across the country or even around the world - it all seems so easy these days. And yet the greatest tourists of all time - the National Geographic reminds us the early Romans; who travelled back and forth - on the most modern of highways, from Scotland to Sahara - from Western Spain to the Caspian Sea; like modern American tourists - staying at roadside motels - complaining about the food - carrying paperback novels - and spending more than they could afford.

Of course, <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ Roman travellers <sup>did</sup>~~also~~ faced a few hazards - not normally found today. He might be robbed - or ~~was~~ murdered by Marauding bandits - or even ~~worse~~ be sold into slavery; and a few - who fell in with ~~beasts~~ cannibals - actually ended up - "in the <sup>pot.</sup>~~soup~~". But the lure of the open road was still so ~~great~~ great - that Julius Caesar was finally



*forced to impose universal traffic restrictions; to  
head off a complete breakdown in Roman communications.*

*Incidentally, the seasoned Roman traveller -  
seldom carrying more than fifty denarii in cash;  
when more was needed <sup>he</sup> simply cashed ~~ing~~ another Roman  
travellers check.*

## GETTYSBURG

A plan to build a giant observation tower overlooking the famed Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg - was nipped in the bud today; with the State of Pennsylvania - winning a temporary injunction halting construction.

Governor Milton Shapp later traveling to the site of the proposed tower; only twelve hundred feet - from the spot where Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address. The Governor saying: "Five score and eight years ago - our forefathers battled at Gettysburg to prevent the destruction of this nation; and we are now engaged in "a second battle of Gettysburg" - said Governor Shapp - "to prevent the environmental desecration of this historic battle site."

Dallas Townsend saying good night.