

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Mon. Mar. 23-70

I have just flown in from Central Asia, the
Himalayas, and before we take a look at the news I
want to salute three of my colleagues who made it
possible for me to be away long enough to attend the
royal wedding in Nepal, take part in the capture of a
rare rhino and ^{then} ~~even~~ pay a visit to the Dalai Lama in the
western Himalayas. The three who ^{made this possible} ~~took my place~~ are
three of the ablest newsmen on the air, Dallas Townsend,
Allan Jackson and Mike Wallace.

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Now - The White House - President Nixon ~~takes the bull~~
~~by the horns~~ - as you no doubt have heard by now - ~~The~~
~~has proclaimed~~
~~President declaring~~ a State of National Emergency - in
the face of ^{the} spreading mail crisis from coast-to-coast.
~~Accordingly~~ ^{He has} ordering ^{ed} the use of Federal troops - to
replace striking postal employees. First, in New York -
said he; and later, if needed - in other strikebound post
offices.

The President explained that "New York City - is
where the current illegal stoppages began;" also - said
he - the place "where the mail has been halted the longest -
where the resultant problems have become most acute." The
President adding: "We cannot and will not negotiate - while
thousands of postal workers are participating in an illegal
work stoppage."

Next question: ~~Will it work?~~ Will ^{this} ~~it~~ end the
tie-up - get the mail rolling again - get the men back to
work? ~~And the answer to that - we can only wait and see.~~

~~For what it's worth though, observers noting that the~~
~~President's order, if carried through - would~~ ^{will} ~~mark the~~
~~first peace-time use of U.S. troops - ever - to replace~~
~~striking workers, in private industry.~~

Elsewhere in Washington - Secretary of State ~~William~~
Rogers made it official today, ~~Announcing~~ that the U.S.
will not - ~~repeat~~ - ~~will not~~ be sending additional jets to
Israel - for the present, anyway. Instead - said ^{he} ~~Rogers~~ -
the U.S. will now launch "a very vigorous effort;" aimed
at getting an agreement with Russia - to limit arms
shipments to the entire Middle East area.

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The Secretary then went on to stress, ~~however~~ the
U.S. has "no intention of jeopardizing the security of
Israel." And he added that if Russia takes steps "which
might upset the current balance - or if, in our judgment,
political developments warrant - the President will not
hesitate to reconsider this matter."

BROACH CITY India

Earthquake in Hindustan. A series of tremblors hitting several ~~towns~~^{areas} today ~~in~~ⁱⁿ India, Northern Gujarat State, on the Gulf of Bombay ~~the west coast.~~^{the west coast.} This at the height of India's annual Holi Festival - ~~literally~~^{the} a "color-throwing" celebration. The quake causing ~~the worst~~^{much} damage - ~~at a~~^{with} ~~place called Broach City.~~ First reports indicating more than a score dead - mostly children - ~~as well as~~ hundreds injured.

INTRO TO TAPE

Now Let's imagine we are ^{back} in Nepal. ~~for a moment.~~

Here is a tape I sent back from ~~Ma~~ Kathmandu, and
~~it is~~ on a familiar theme.

HIPPIES

~~Good evening everybody.~~ I presume you read, or heard, how several years ago the ^{us} was a hippie invasion of Nepal? From far and wide, [^] most of them from America and Europe, [^] young hippies of both sexes, a small army of them, descended upon this Lost Horizon country. They came for a variety of reasons; because hashish, marijuana and other drugs are cheap; the Hindu - Buddhist religio^us atmosphere, which they think so congenial to their a-moral approach to life; the towering Himalayas, ^{the} and [^] ideal climate.

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Some of them had plenty of money. But they got rid of it fast and became a problem to King Mahendra's government. Some even became prostitutes - both sexes - to make enough to buy durgs.

All the Nepalese who said anything about them to us - to me at any rate - expressed dislike for them and said their interest in the religions of Shangrila was mainly a ruse to make it easier for them to stay - and to get drugs

King Mahendra ousted most of them before the Royal

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Wedding. But everytime we went to such temples as
Swayambhunath and Bodhnath; where those strange hypnotic
Buddah eyes peer down at you from ~~Stupendous~~ temple
towers, ^{and} watch you which ~~every~~ way you turn, here we always
encountered a few western hippies, with long hair, attempting
to look like Saddhus, Hindu holy men.

Also, at the Golden Pagoda of Hiranya Varna
Mahavihar in the city of Pat^{na}~~na~~. This is a phenomennon
some of us find hard to figure out - this wierd restlessness
of the youth of our time. ~~But not all the American boys and
girls you meet in Katmandu or in India are hippie - even
tho' they are on the move, searching for something. ~~Subong~~~~

FOLLOW TAPE

I'll have another tape on this same subject ~~for~~
another evening later in the week. ~~or next week.~~

Let's turn now to the war news from southeast
Asia, word of increasing Cambodian involvement. That
is, South Vietnam's official army paper tells us ^{how} ~~today~~
~~that~~ Cambodian forces, aided by South Vietnam artillery
have just killed more than three hundred Viet Cong.

Here in New York - the so-called "Mr. Big" of the Mafia was arrested today by the FBI. Sixty-seven-year-old Carlo Gambino - accused of plotting to rob an armored truck that was carrying Six Million Bucks. His arrest - announced personally by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover; who said today's action - culminated a long and extensive investigation.

BRAZZAVILLE

In the former French Congo - now the Republic
of Congo - an attempted coup today; with a rebel force of
about thirty soldiers - seizing ^{for an hour or two} ~~briefly~~ Radio Brazzaville;
^{They were soon} ~~which was then~~ surrounded by loyal troops - who promptly
blasted the revolution into oblivion. In the process - we
are told - killing the man who started it all - a former
Army officer by the name of Lieutenant Kikanga.

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The Congo's left-leaning President - Marien Ngouabi
- himself later, ^{over the} ~~taking to~~ radio; calling the would-be
revolutionaries - nothing but mere "lackeys of international
imperialism."

POTATO

Speaking of things Nepalese - I've just received a copy of the latest Rising Nepal - which is an English-language newspaper published in that country. Among other things - the Rising Nepal reporting development of a new strain of potato - especially suited to the Nepalese climate. A potato they call - officially - the "Desiree".

And why such a sexy name - for a mere potato?

John Shafer -

Because ^λ says the Rising Nepal - the "Desiree" potato

"has creamy flesh, ~~and~~ shallow eyes - ~~she~~ peels easily -

and she ^λ ~~is also~~ readily available."