

*In a world already weary with strife and turmoil - a sudden flare-up today in still another trouble-spot; with Radio Pongyang reported the sinking of a so-called "American spy-ship" - off the coast of Communist North Korea. Further charging that the alleged "naval spy intrusion" - was but one more in a series of recent "mad@provocations" against North Korea "by land and sea."*

*But, the U.S. Navy in Washington - quickly refuted the Communist broadcast. Saying flatly - there is "no indication" of any U.S. involvement." Washington added that the vessel in question was probably that of a South Korean craft - whose capture by North Korean gunboats was reported earlier from South Korea.*

## **WHITE HOUSE**

**The White House - President Nixon named a new special envoy to the Vatican - namely, Henry Cabot Lodge. The White House saying that Lodge will visit with Pope Paul - two or three times each year; explaining the President's views - also, seeking the Pontiff's views. This marks the first official link between Washington and the Vatican - since Nineteen-Fifty. A move quickly welcomed by the Holy See - which called it "a chance for a more direct collaboration in the cause of peace."**

## SAIGON

*In Vietnam - a high-ranking North Vietnamese Army defector - was presented to a Saigon news conference today.*

*Lieut. Colonel Nguyen Van Nang told the conference that Allied intervention in Cambodia - cut short an enemy plan for a general offensive in South Vietnam. First - he said - because a number of scheduled attack units had lost most of their supplies; and second - because they had also suffered heavy casualties.*

*On the debit side though - Colonel Nang observed that Communist troops are no longer bothered greatly - or at least surprised - by saturation raids from big U.S. B-Fifty-Twos. And the reason - he said - is the fact that Communist intelligence has been able to give advance notice of such raids; advance notice ranging - in some cases - up to twenty-four hours ahead of time.*

WASHINGTON

*Here at home - House Republican Leader Gerald Ford - the main speaker at commencement exercise at the National War College in Washington. He said that the war in Vietnam - is really a "war with the Soviet Union by proxy;" for the Soviets - he said - are attempting "to make Vietnam a Communist bridgehead - from which new offensive operations could be launched against non-Communist states." And Ford added that Russia's ultimate aim - "whether in Vietnam, Cuba, or the Middle East" - is still the same: That of destroying the American will to resist Communism.*

**SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS SLUGGED "NEW YORK"**

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

**presenting tonight an offbeat look - at the American way of**

**life and death. Lowell...**

... searching old graveyards -- looking for odd epitaphs. For

example:

"Here lies the body of Susan Lander.

"Who burst while drinking a Sedlitz Powder.

"Called from this world to her heavenly rest.

"She should have waited till it effervesced."

Which calls to mind another famous epitaph --

... covered by a bereaved farmer on the grave of his wife.

The farmer noting simply: "My light has gone out." When

a few months later he remarried -- the farmer added

a second line. Making it read: "My light has gone out -- and

... been struck a new match."

*Here's one -- a story ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime. Telling of the strange hobby of a New York couple -- Ann and Avon Neal; who spend their spare time haunting old graveyards -- looking for odd epitaphs. For example:*

*"Here lies the body of Suzan Lowder,*

*"Who burst while drinking a Sedlitz Powder.*

*"Called from this world to her heavenly rest,*

*"She should have waited till it effervesced."*

*Which calls to mind another famous epitaph -- carved by a bereaved farmer on the gravestone of his wife. The farmer noting simply: "My light has gone out." When a few months later he remarried -- the farmer merely adding a second line. Making it read: "My light has gone out -- so I have struck a new match."*

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "NEW YORK"**

**Thank you, Lowell - a most illuminating story.**

**Back to the news...**

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as Egyptian troops border the Sinai Canal right around the  
clock.

Reverse side - Arab demonstrators protesting  
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the Jordan - also, the Gaza Strip. While thousands of  
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drove through the streets of Cairo. The mob chanting over  
and over: "We shall fight! We shall fight!"

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**CAIRO**

The third anniversary of the start of that "Six-Day War" in the Middle East - <sup>was</sup> the signal for Israeli air raids today - the heaviest since the end of open hostilities.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT**

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**Turning to the domestic front - the U. S.**

gold rush that was called "another Klondike" until the  
**unemployment rate is up again. According to government**  
the Klondike - it finally petered out.  
**figures announced today - rising from four-point-eight**

per cent in April to a full five per cent in May; as compared  
with a figure of only three-point-four per cent - at the start  
of the year. **AFL-CIO President George Meany promptly**  
**charged that this clearly demonstrates - "the complete**  
**failure of the Administration's economic policies."**

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one this time.

## KALGOORLIE

The great Australian outback - once the scene of a gold rush that was called "another Klondike;" until - like the Klondike - it finally petered out.

Now - from Kalgoorlie in Western Australia - the story of another great rush to riches; with the government today lifting a ban - on the staking of mine claims. This sent hundreds of prospectors - streaming into the "outback"; looking this time not for gold but rather nickel - which was recently discovered in great abundance. Indeed, Warren, they're calling it once again - "another Klondike." A nickel one this time.

## **SWEDE**

*Sweden's visiting Prime Minister - Olof Palme - a guest speaker today at the National Press Club in Washington. In the course of his remarks - he attempted to clear up some alleged "misconceptions" about Swedish sex-life. "We have conducted some Kinsey studies of our own" - said the Prime Minister - "and we have found that sex habits of the Swedish population and the American population are almost exactly the same." And then he added: "That might reassure somebody - one way or the other."*

*And now for Lowell - this is Allen Jackson saying so long.*