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HI-JACKING

Good evening. There have been too many airliner hijackings recently and the airlines - acting on their own - haven't taken enough preventive measures. That's the view of Federal Aviation Administrator John Shafer - and he issued an order - directing all U.S. scheduled airlines to start screening passengers and baggage on airflights for weapons or sabotage devices. The airlines must put such a screening system into effect - within three days after the order appears in the government's official Federal Register. That will be tomorrow or Wednesday - so the new order applying to all domestic scheduled airlines - and U.S. Flag international airlines - will go into effect Friday or Saturday.

BELFAST-COMMONS

In Northern Ireland - rioters rampaged through the streets of Belfast today; and a general strike by Roman Catholics - was fast-spreading across the land. This in protest against the slaying of thirteen civilians - during a demonstration yesterday at Londonderry.

The violence in Northern Ireland - also spilled over into the British House of Commons; where fiery Bernadette Devlin - today physically attacked British Home Secretary Reginal Maudling; with slaps and scratches - and calling him a "murdering hypocrite." This was in response to Maudling's claim - that the British troops in Londonderry fired only in self-defense.

ZURICH

At Zurich, Switzerland - arrest warrants were issued today for author Clifford Irving and his wife, Edith. The couple accused of possible criminal fraud - in connection with monies paid for publication rights to that so-called Howard Hughes "autobiography." Here on our own shores - the Irvings also facing appearances before two grand juries. Slowly but surely - the plot thickens.

PARIS

From the Communist side at Paris - an attempt today to set the record straight. An enemy spokesman disclosed the terms of a nine-point secret peace offer - which the U.S. is said to have turned down flat. Hanoi supposedly offered a return of all American prisoners - in return for complete U.S. withdrawal - also, an overthrow of the Thieu regime in Saigon - also, an agreement to pay full reparations for all damages caused to the people of North Vietnam. All of which apparently - in the Washington view - a price just too steep.

CAPITOL HILL

Treasury Secretary John Connally - the chief witness today before the House Ways and Means Committee; there urging an increase of Fifty Billion in the legal national debt limit - in order to facilitate the President's fight against unemployment and inflation.

Along the way, Connally also ^{S. J.}saying that he sees no need for a tax increase - either this year or next; assuming, of course, that Federal expenditures - do not exceed present estimates.

HODGSON FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - Labor Secretary James Hodgson; telling a House labor subcommittee - that the current West Coast dock strike has already cost the U.S. about One-point-Four Billion in exports. Hodgson, therefore, urging Congress to "gear up" - for speedy passage of the President's requested emergency legislation to end the walkout. Also, urging passage of long-pending legislation - giving the government greater power to deal with all transportation strikes.

BHARATPUR

At Bharatpur in the Kingdom of Nepal - the King is dead. King Mahendra Bir Vikram Shah Deva - the victim of a heart attack. His body - quickly flown to Nepal's capital city of Katmandu; where plans were made for immediate cremation - in the Hindu tradition. The King's funeral procession - will pass through the streets of Katmandu; ending up at the Pashupatinath Temple - on the banks of the sacred Bagmati River. There - the final scene.

King Mahendra Bir Vikram Shah Deva - only fifty-one.

LONDON

London again - the British government confirmed today that it plans to recognize "very soon" - the new State of Bangladesh. At the same time, Britain expressing great regret - at Pakistan's advance decision to leave the British Commonwealth in protest. Foreign Secretary Sir Alex Douglas-Home saying - Britain "is in no way hostile to Pakistan, but we have to face the facts."

PEKING FOLLOW LONDON

Pakistan's President Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto - a visitor today in Peking; where he was met by a large welcoming delegation - including Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai. President Bhutto expected to ask for - and receive - stepped-up support and assistance.

The Peking People's Daily - also taking a shot today at both India and Russia; accusing Moscow of trying to, quote - "legalize India's invasion and occupation of East Pakistan."

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "CAMPUS MORALS"

As you may have guessed by now - Lowell Thomas is off again on another jaunt; about which - we'll doubtless be hearing more in days to come. In the meantime - a special report he left us. Subject - campus morals. Lowell...

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Here's one - a study of American campus morals; coming up with a set of conclusions - both good and bad.

On the debit side, the study concluding: "The Middle West seems to lead in immorality - the South excels in drinking, with the East a close second - the Far West concentrates on stealing." That's for men. For women, the study reporting that Eastern coeds - tend to be the fastest, loosest around.

On the plus side though - the study noting that college students "are no longer hypocrites;" they demand more of society - they demand more of their peers. Adding that on the whole - they're really more staid than they used to be; also - far more responsible.

All this - perhaps what you might expect - except for one thing: The study in question - originally compiled in Nineteen-Twenty-Seven; one of the reprints they're currently running - in the new Liberty Magazine.

Apparently proving again - the more things change, the more they remain the same.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "CAMPUS MORALS "

Thank you, Lowell...

A final note after this

NEW HAVEN

In the city of New Haven - hard by Yale - a shudder was felt today "through the tables down at Mory's to the place where Louie dwells." - for those of you familiar with words of Yale's famous drinking song. Connecticut's state liquor commission - voted two-to-one, to revoke Mory's liquor license. This because its "men only" rule is said to constitute an act of discrimination against women. And the Whiffen-Poofs who gather there - now, it seems will be truly "lost sheep."

And now for Lowell - so long until tomorrow.