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## HIJACK

*Good evening everybody.*

*Two hijacked airliners - one T-W-A plane and the other a Swissair - are standing on a remote airstrip in Jordan tonight. Both planes, packed with explosives, placed there by Palestine guerrillas who threaten to blow up both aircraft and One-Hundred-and-Eighty passengers and crew on board if their terms are NOT met. Among the terms - release of seven Commandos now imprisoned in Switzerland, Britain and West Germany. Switzerland and West Germany agreed to meet the demands - to release six of the commandos. Britain ignored the ultimatum, which is due to expire Wednesday at Eleven P.M. Eastern time. Three hundred persons had been aboard the two captured planes - but One Hundred-Twenty women and children among them have been taken to Amman. Earlier, the guerrillas blew up a hijacked Pan-American Seven-Forty-Seven which landed at Cairo. All of the passengers and crew left the plane safely and later began a return trip to the United States.*

**In Beirut, a spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Front says the airliners were hijacked because, as he put it, "the Arab resistance movement was in danger of liquidation", on account of American efforts to bring peace in the Mideast. This statement came as Palestinian guerrillas again fought Jordanian forces in the streets of Amman - with television and radio stations there coming under attack.**

## **PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

*Primary elections will be held in seven other states tomorrow - among them Florida, where a heated contest has been under way for the Republican Senatorial nomination. Representative William Cramer versus G. Harrold Carswell, the former Federal Judge whose nomination to the Supreme Court was rejected by the Senate.*

*In the Democratic Senatorial primary, former Governor Farris Bryant is running against four opponents. The seat they are contending for is being vacated by Democrat Spessard Holland.*

*Republican Governor Claude Kirk is running for renomination against Jack Eckerd, a millionaire drugstore-chain operator. The Democratic gubernatorial nomination is being sought by State Attorney General Earl Faircloth, Dade County Mayor Chuck Hall and two state Senators.*

## GOVERNORS

*If New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller wins re-election this fall, he'll eventually have the distinction of serving longer than any other governor in American history - except the first chief executive of his own state - George Clinton. Rockefeller seeks his fourth four-year term which would keep him in office sixteen years. Clinton served twenty-one years. At the moment, however, the modern record for gubernatorial tenure is held by the late Albert Ritchie who was Maryland's governor for fifteen years.*

*After four years out of office, former Governor Orval Faubus of Arkansas is seeking the Democratic nomination to his seventh two-year term in tomorrow's runoff primary. His opponent is Attorney Dale Bumpers. Today, in Little Rock, he startled a news conference by saying - "I've been told I'll be dead within thirty days if elected, the plain implication being - I will be assassinated." Faubus quoted reliable sources as saying the threat came "from a left-wing group." He's giving law enforcement agencies full details.*

## **INDOCHINA**

**The Cambodian Army today opened an offensive operation in an apparent effort to break through the Communist lines around Kompong Thom - a town about eighty miles North of Phnom Penh. Western observers say about four-thousand Cambodian troops are taking part in the new offensive, which one senior officer calls their "biggest of the war." In Saigon, South Vietnamese spokesmen claim a major victory in a battle with Communist forces in the Mekong Delta. And the U-S Command announced that, due to withdrawals, American troop strength in Vietnam has dropped below four-hundred-thousand and for the first time since early in Nineteen-Sixty-Seven. The Air Force also announced plans for major cutbacks in its war zone operations.**

## CONSTITUTION

*The center for the study of Democratic institutions - at Santa Barbara, California - has developed a model for a new United States Constitution. It describes the present constitution as containing outmodes and sometimes primitive concepts. The model - running to ten thousand words - was drafted by Rexford Tugwell, Professor Emeritus at Columbia University and once a close adviser of President Franklin Roosevelt. The proposed new constitution contains many ideas - some startling, some not so startling - among them, a single nine-year term for the President - the groupings of the various states into political subdivisions, to be called Republics. Members of the Senate would serve for life and would not be elected directly.*

*The center - a non-profit research organization - says that among the principal reasons for undertaking the study of a new constitution is that the present one is a "precious symbol that has become largely a myth - no longer often read, but fiercely defended." Also, it might be added, one that is extremely difficult to change.*

**THOMAS**

As you may have guessed by now - Lowell Thomas

is off again on another journey; heading north to Alaska -

about which, no doubt, he'll be telling us more in days to

come. In the meantime - another special report he left us.

Lowell's subject for tonight - Alaska's Slim Carlson.

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ALASKA - Slim Carlson

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**Hello Everybody:**

*I'm in Alaska tonight and every time I come north to see Lowell Jr. and his family someone ~~ex~~ says to me: "Why, why would anyone choose to live in such a cold frozen remote part of the world? Number one, it no longer is remote. You can get to Alaska in a hurry by a number of airlines. And then, it's not cold not where I am at any rate. Of course there is ice up on the edge of the Polar Sea. But for the most part the climate of Alaska is glorious. much like it is in Scandinavia. But you'll get a lot of different answers and reasons for living up here. I've just heard from an old trapper friend at Lake Minchumina, Alaska and perhaps he has the best explanation of all. His name is Hjalmar "Slim" Carlson and Slim is still going strong at age eighty-five and he says "an awful lot of people on the outside no doubt would think that I'm a lonely man but you can tell 'em that I*



wouldn't trade my life with any of them and then he goes on to say that the main reason is the complete freedom that he enjoys in his northland paradise and this at a time he contends when the whole world seems to have gone crazy. So says Slim. Not that Alaska hasn't left its scars even on this doughty ~~Dr~~ Northwoodsman. Slim Carlson recalls how "Once my big toe froze - so I cut ~~of~~ it off." ~~It was that bad.~~ There was no doctor around, he couldn't get to one. "Another time = he says "I chopped off my left thumb - accidentally; and I tried to sew it back on, but had no luck." Observed Slim: "Up here it's either operate on yourself or die." And of course that's not true in most of Alaska, because there are many great doctors in the North now.

As for company ~~Slip~~ Slim goes on to say: "I have my books, my magazines, my radio - and I always have my dogs to talk ~~to~~." "And when they start answering back" he goes on - "then, then I'll know I'm really in ~~trouble~~ trouble. But not now = and it's not likely, he adds.

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Hjalmar "Slim" Carlson - a <sup>man</sup> ~~man~~ who has carved  
for himself ~~one~~ quite a shangri-la up here in Alaska.

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