

Thurs. November 2, 1972
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WILD LINE

President Nixon made a nationwide television address this evening as he neared the end of his campaign. Here is part of what he said in the paid political address over NBC:

TAPE RUNS:

OUTCUE:

BOSTON

From Boston - a report that the famed Loch Ness monster is alive and well - and happily munching on salmon - maybe. This - according to a team of scientists just back from Loch Ness; among them - Robert Rines, the president of the Academy of Applied Science; who documents his case - with sonar graphs and underwater photos.

Rines says the "monster" or something very much like it - was spotted last August while apparently feasting on a school of salmon. He added that the evidence would seem to indicate - a creature with roughly the same shape "as a newt," a lizard-like amphibian. Except where the newt generally runs around two feet long - the latest findings are said to show a creature anywhere from twenty to thirty feet long.

Rines stopped just short - of saying this is the legendary Loch Ness Monster. But he does say: "Whatever it is - it is something awfully big that needs explaining."

KENNEDY

Arriving tonight at Kennedy Airport in New York

- one hundred stateless Asians; the first of a thousand such refugees - the U.S. has agreed to take in; men, women and children - recently expelled from the African nation of Uganda. For the first time in months - filled with new hope.

PRICES

Thanks mainly to lower prices for food and cars - the U.S. wholesale price index was down last month by two-tenths of one per cent; the first such decline - in exactly one year.

Dr. Ezra Solomon, a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers - called this "excellent." It proves - said he - that the Administration's Phase Two economic controls - have been "enormously successful" in curbing inflation.

LOS ANGELES FOLLOW CHICAGO-CINCINNATI

More on the same - from Los Angeles; where Spiro Agnew scoffed today - at the idea the incident in question was deliberately staged. "Those demonstrations" - said he - "were no more put up by me or anyone connected with the Nixon campaign - than the demonstrations Mrs. Nixon has encountered in her travels."

As for the Vice President's use of notes in - responding to the hecklers - a campaign aide said: "Yes, we have notes - the Vice President has notes because we have been accustomed in the past six weeks - to having McGovern people disrupting our meetings."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW LOS ANGELES

Back in Washington - the White House was also getting into the act. News Secretary Ron Ziegler personally accused McGovern aides - of deliberately fomenting disruptive demonstrations. Ziegler called for an end to such activities - saying they have "no place in the political process."

Meanwhile, the President himself - was conferring with Henry Kissinger; and then completing work - on a television address.

WASHINGTON

At the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, five-hundred protesting Indians seized control of the offices, piled up furniture, and fended off police with baseball bats and fire extinguishers.

The takeover came on the first day of a protest which brought more than one-thousand-five-hundred Indians to Washington to press for changes in U S government treatment of the American Indian. There has been no estimate, yet, of injuries or damages.

Here at home - in the closing stages of the race for the White House - the pace was quickening today.

On the Democratic side - George McGovern began out with a question and answer telethon in Chicago. Along the way, he accused South Vietnam's President Thieu - of wantonly blocking a cease-fire. McGovern said: "It will be one of the great tragedies of all time - if this little dictator in Saigon once again is allowed to veto our efforts for peace."

McGovern also asked that he be judged on his record - and not his decision to dump Thomas Eagleton as his running mate. To do otherwise - said he - "would be the height of foolishness." On a question about abortion - McGovern said he would leave it to the states. "I don't think we should run to Washington" - he said - "with every problem, especially these deeply religious questions."

And then - a nationwide radio broadcast. McGovern called for ninety per cent of parity on farm commodities.

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Followed by a quick flight - to Cincinnati; where he said that the heckling of Vice President Spiro Agnew last night in San Diego - was "a put up deal." "I think" - said he - "the old Nixon sabotage squad was at work."

PARIS

At that Paris peace parley - there was a Communist charge today that President Nixon was guilty of "bad faith," followed by a reply - from U.S. Ambassador William Porter.

Porter brushed aside the Communist tirade - saying "much has been accomplished" in the past few weeks. "And the few remaining problems of substance" - said he, "should not be dismissed as pretexts for delay; they "must be faced and frankly dealt with" - Added Porter: What's more, these issues "can be settled quickly by effort and goodwill." "We believe, therefore" - said he - that "peace is near."

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Meantime, in Vietnam - the fighting continues.

With government troops finally succeeding in securing, for now - all the roads and hamlets in the immediate vicinity of Saigon. While the Communist side - responded with more than a hundred and forty ground and shelling attacks throughout Vietnam; the greatest number - in more than ~~two~~^{three} years.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "H. L. HUNT"

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

with an inside look - at one of the world's richest men.

Lowell...

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Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.

DERBY

At Derby, England - the Ladies Soccer League; faces a shortage of referees. The head of the all-male referees society - noted that men who work the girls' matches "rarely want to do so again." He explains: "The trouble is some of the ladies do not behave like ladies - their language can be quite startling."

But the referees society - has hit on a solution. They plan to train women - to referee the women's matches. Fighting fire with fire.

This is Mike Wallace for Lowell Thomas.