

2/28-before-bed apologies and an alert

I had been busy writing when I remember there were to be b'casts of N's return, and they were a third thru when I tuned in Agnew was not even acceptably in his banalities. He fell far short of raving, and N was not precisely the same as he had been in China. Then I remember the NET special, so I tuned it in. When it began with the same crap, I didn't think of taping for you. Suddenly it changed, and I got engrossed and didn't think of getting the recorder. It began with Vanocur and Teddy White. Later they were joined with Lisagor, who had been in the pool (Severeid, too. Before then—oh, yes, Max Frankel, too, at the beginning. He and White were, I think, honest until Lisagor came in and corrupted the whole thing. Thereafter, once in a while, W and F got to say a little about how it is, but not much. The opening confessions were remarkable, esp. after the way White was on leaving. I hope this is aired on the Education radio. I think you should ask out there. White's chief impression was the dramatic change in the people, in their attitudes, their new pride, and their well-being. He went out of his way to say they are now well fed and not servile.

Next Monday, 3/6, there is to be an all-White NET special on the trip. If I can, I'll tape for you. But if you are not working and the schedule with the 3-hr. Difference is not impossible, I think you may want to see it. One of the interesting things Lisagor learned on the plane coming back (others can't be aired) is that the Chinese would not agree to a joint communique until the last minute, the issue Taiwan, as you figured. But this also explains the changes in Chou I thought I noticed. And an interesting final comment Chou make to Green as Green explained, "You have no easy job ahead of you." Green's immediate job is to explain this to our Asian allies, beginning with Japan. There was much bad in this, in large part but by no means entirely due to Lisagor. White, for example, admitted he had been racist, of the much good. Some simply incredible. The unrecognized ignorance and the unhidden prejudices of the formers of opinion is hard to describe. H