

REYKJAVIK

*At Reykjavik - Bobby Fischer closes in on the world chess championship. In game eighteen today accepting a draw as offered by reigning champ Boris Spassky; doing so - even though he clearly held an advantage. The American challenger thus picking up another half point raising him to ten-and-a-half in all. With six games still to go he now needs only two more points to become America's first world chess champion.*

*Says U S grandmaster Larry Evans. "I wouldn't be surprised if Fischer is content to play the rest out in draws."*

## MINNEAPOLIS

Vice President Agnew today was at Minneapolis - addressing the national convention of the veterans of foreign wars, lashing out at George McGovern for suggesting that, quote, "a general amnesty is a tradition among the Presidents of this country." Such a statement - clearly evasion of fact - said Ted Agnew. Adding: "The truth is - the U S has always looked with disdain on those who in time of need walk out on their obligations to the nation and their fellow citizens."

He was also contending that "this kind of amnesty - would tear the country apart." "It would anger, and I believe rightly so - said he - "the millions who have served honorably in our armed services; and the tens of millions whose sons and husbands and other relatives - have been or now are in uniform."

**WASHINGTON FOLLOW MINNEAPOLIS**

*On the Democratic side - Senator McGovern in Washington, was issuing a statement accusing President Nixon of turning the nation into a "palace for the privileged few." Also, accusing the President of sending into exile - the nation's principals of peace, prosperity, justice and open government. "*

*And then a speech to a National Labor Committee for McGovern-Shriver he was accusing the President of attempting to cloud the issues; of which "issue number one" - said he - is now unemployment. The Senator adding that his new tax welfare proposals - "will put people back to work placing "the number one emphasis - on providing a job for everyone who is able to work. "*

UNITED NATIONS

At the ~~United~~ United Nations - the peoples  
Republic of China cast<sup>s</sup> its first veto. As one of the  
permanent members of the U N Security Council -  
- for the present -  
successfully barring ~~the admission of~~ the new state  
of Bangladesh <sup>from</sup> ~~the~~ U N membership.

China's ambassador Huang Hua charging that  
Russia and India - were "guilty of aggression in East  
Pakistan;" and now - in seeking membership for  
Bangladesh - attempting to, "legalize their violation  
of the U N charter." Adding ~~that~~ in effect, no dice.

## SUYDAM CUTTING

*The New York Times refers to Explorer Suydam Cutting as "the first white Christian ever to enter the forbidden city of Lhasa in Tibet." He was indeed one of the first, and Lowell Jr. and I were much indebted to him for suggestions and help he gave us just before we crossed the Himalayas to Lhasa in 1949.*

*Suydam Cutting, descendant of a family that became wealthy way back in Colonial Days, died at his Cape Cod home at age eighty-three. He was one of the most modest and self-effacing of modern explorers. A close friend of the President Theodore Roosevelt family he made several Asian journeys with the T R 's two sons, Kermit and Ted; just about the first Americans to bring back the horns of the rare ovis poli, the magnificent high Asian sheep named for Marco Polo.*

*Among his associates were the Jay Goulds, the Vincent Astors, and nearly all of the legendary social group of the era before World War One.*

*His journey to Lhasa in Nineteen Thirty-five was in company with Arthur Verney, pal of the Duke of Windsor. When he returned Suydam wrote a fine book, - The Fire Ox And Other Years, in which he referred to the Dalai Lama's palace, the Potala, as the most magnificent building in the world. Suydam Cutting an explorer of another era!*

# MOUNT INDEX

*In Snowhomish county, Washington - on the slopes of Mr. Index - a local helicopter crew succeeded in hauling in a stranded climber; one Craig Keyes, who had dangled since Monday at the end of a rope hundreds of feet above the ground. Rescuers further reporting: He's in good shape - much better than expected.*



# MUNICH

The name Bob Hoffman - a name revered by generations of body-builders and weight lifters the world over. At age seventy-four the living ~~px~~ proof of all that he preaches two hundred and fifty pounds of ~~pure~~ pure muscle as well ~~as~~ as a millionaire many times over; <sup>this</sup> from the sale of health equipment - ~~and~~ and books such as "you are what you eat".

Now <sup>at</sup> ~~from~~ Munich where he's attending the Olympics, - discussing the physical demands of political power, <sup>strong man</sup> says Hoffman - "the average man has about twelve days a year when he's ~~just~~ just not up to par, <sup>then he adds,</sup> but a sneeze from the President - can echo throughout the world; so the Chief Executive - must always be in top shape. <sup>)</sup> He, therefore, recommends among other things - a coffee free diet, plenty of apples and peanut butter. And regular exercise. "I gave President Nixon some of my dumb-



bells that he uses from time to time" - says Bob Hoffman. Adding: "That's one reason - he's the

healthiest President in a century." Next question:

Does he also plan <sup>to prescribe</sup> ~~to prescribe~~ a physical regimen

- for Democratic challenger George McGovern. ~~Says~~

~~Bill leave that to some~~

~~Bob Hoffman: Let a Democrat do that.~~

Bill, the Strong Man side-stepped that one.

## LEWISTON

*One of the most enduring of American traditions is the venerable old Farmers' Almanac, published at Lewiston, Maine. Year in and year out - The Farmers' Almanac pokes gentle fun at women. Once observing: "One of the best ways for a woman to catch a man - is to keep her trap shut." Another: "Many women would be more spic - if they had less span."*

*Ah, but times change. And this year - in response to complaints for womens libbers - Almanac new editor Ray Geigerhas is changing his tune with an article praising women for their intelligence, wit, charm and beauty; also, their fiscal responsibility - and political acumen.*

*Elsewhere inthe Almanac, he has some one liners on on women. In one he says: "My wife leads a double life - hers and mine."*