

MANCHESTER

Fri, Apr. 16-71.

~~Rep~~ Senator Muskie of Maine - ~~a busy storming~~
was in ~~trip today to~~ New Hampshire, ~~and~~ maybe ~~the opening gun~~
~~for~~ ^{today,} ~~for~~ ^{the} launching
~~of his~~ ^{his} "campaign 'Seventy-Two."

~~first stop~~ ^{at} Manchester, ~~where the Senator~~ ^{he}
~~again~~ condemned the F.B.I. ~~for~~ alleged surveillance
activities at ~~more than fifty~~ earthday rallies last
spring, ~~Muskie adding that if he were~~ ^{saying} President - he'd
~~would~~ "invite" J. Edgar Hoover to resign.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW MANCHESTER

~~But all this~~ ^{coming} ~~running simultaneous with a~~

~~This~~ while at the Press White House Secretary Ron Ziegler ^{was} ~~who~~
~~blatantly~~ ^{saying there is} ~~charged the existence of~~ a "blatantly political effort"

- to spread "fear and intimidation" among the American

people; ~~to do this - said he~~ by creating the

impression that the FBI - is ~~deliberately~~ spying on

peaceful, law-abiding citizens; when, in fact - he

continued - nothing could be further from the truth.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Tonight as you know,
~~And there may be more yet to come.~~

President Nixon ^{will be at a session}
~~making an appearance tonight - at a~~

~~meeting~~ of the American Society of Newspaper Editors;
to take part in
~~where he will grant~~ a broadcast panel interview.

^{You'll}
~~And you can~~ hear it ~~right~~ here ^{on} many of these CBS
radio stations.

CANTON

For the members of that touring U.S. table tennis team - on their last full day in Red China - a busy ^{one.} ~~schedule today.~~ ^{First} ~~Starting out~~ in Shanghai - ~~with a~~ ~~visit to~~ an industrial exhibit, = a hasty lunch, ~~and~~ then a visit to a people's commune on the outskirts. ~~of town.~~

^{Then,} ~~After which~~ they were flown to the ~~great city of~~ Canton in South China; there ^{to} ~~attending~~ a performance of the Popular Revolutionary Ballet - whose opening curtain was delayed ten minutes ^{for them.} ~~pending their arrival.~~ ~~The show~~

^{The show} ~~they saw~~ a government special entitled "Red Detachment of Women."

UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW CANTON

A related item: U N Secretary General U Thant
- returning to New York today following a trip to Costa
Rica and Nicaragua. ~~The first question he was~~ ^{When} asked:
"What now with regard to Red China?" ~~Whereupon~~ he
referred reporters - to a statement he made last
September; ~~and that~~ - a prediction that Peking's
"involvement in ^{U. N.} ~~United Nations~~ affairs" - could well begin
as early as "November or December, 1972."

As for his own future - U Thant ^{repeats} ~~saying that~~
he has no intention - of serving beyond his present term;
~~which expires as you know at the~~ ^{which} end of this year.

From the commanding general of South Vietnam's Central Highlands - a final report today on the outcome of that battle for Fire Base Six. General Ngo Dzu stating that big U.S. B52 ~~sakuradobix~~ saturation raids - had helped to turn the tide; almost wiping out three battalions of North Vietnamese troops, ~~containing~~ an estimated fifteen to eighteen hundred men. ~~With~~ U.S. military advisors ^{ed} confirming that this ~~was, indeed,~~ ~~the case.~~

Meanwhile, South Vietnamese troops were reportedly launching a new offensive - against Communist positions in the key A Shau Valley; ~~taking up the attack~~ ~~once again - in~~ a battleground ~~the~~ site of ^{much} ~~repeated~~ action - dating ~~all the way~~ back to the French Indo-China War.

At the Vatican ~~in Rome~~ - a special Papal audience today - for some fifty hippy type singers, actors and rock musicians. This in recognition of a Rome peace and brotherhood show - called "Only One Color In The World." Pope Paul telling the young people he could not appreciate their "artistic forms" - but he did appreciate their sincerity and their inherent right, in effect, to do their own thing.

Before it was over though = one of the group asked the Pope: "If you can ban Roman Catholics from taking contraceptives - why don't you ban them from fighting" and thus end all war? To which the Pope replied - after a brief pause: "it is not within our power."

DIRIGIBLES

Have you ever wondered whether the dirigible might come back, those fabulous lighter-than air ships-of-the-sky that amazed the world back in the 'thirties in the days of Dr. Hugo Eckner and our own dirigible people? Zack Landow and Rosendahl.

an A. P.

Since it was mentioned in a news story --

entirely unexpectedly to me -- that I celebrated my birthday by ~~going up~~ ^{a flight} in a dirigible, ~~it~~ ^{was} merely ~~the~~ ^{take time} to explain that ~~in spite of~~ ^{with} all the flying around the

world I ~~have~~ ^{one} done, I had never been up in ~~a dirigible~~.

So, ~~I thought that might be a good way to celebrate~~ ^{why not for a birthday}

~~have another first~~ ^{have another first} ~~a birthday and do something a bit different.~~ There

no longer are any ^{huge} rigid airships such as the German

Zepelins, and our own Macon and Akron. And so far as

I know there are only three of the non-rigid variety

~~anywhere~~ in the world, The Columbia, The America, and

The Mayflower, built and flown by Goodyear. I made my

flight along the Florida Coast aboard the Mayflower. She's
A hundred-and-sixty feet long, fifty-eight feet in height
from the gondola where we ~~road~~^{were} to the top of the blimp;
and fifty-seven feet in width.

Our dirigible ~~center~~^{headquarters}, as you will recall ~~used~~
~~was~~^{was} at Lakehurst, New Jersey where the Zepelin The
~~non~~ Hindenburg exploded, ~~with~~ one of the great tragedies
of that ~~era~~^{century}. All the lighter than air pilots in America
have just been invited to come back to Lakehurst ~~some~~
six weeks from now, to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary

As you know helium, a non-explosive gas, ~~one~~
that won't burn, is now used, and ~~the~~^{out} three non-rigid
dirigibles, the only three in the world, have carried
more than a million men, women and children "without
so much as a scratch or bruise". So, Admiral
Rosendal and some of our other experts believe the
airship one of these days will again be seen in the skies,
right around the world.

It's ~~quite~~ an experience to ride in one. I
 hope ~~all of~~ you will try it, ~~or most of you~~. There's
 nothing quite like it, floating ^{along} ~~up there~~, quietly; and
 when you want to you can stop and hang ⁱⁿ one spot there
 in the sky. ~~Why wouldn't it be~~ ^{What} a wonderful way for
 commuters to get in and out of ^{our traffic snarled} cities, ~~a way to take~~
^{Why not?} ~~Why not?~~
~~a lot of the traffic off the highways?~~

EVERGLADES

In the ~~parched Florida~~ Everglades ^{near where} ~~it's one~~
~~down~~ ^{I flew,} ~~but one more still to go.~~ U.S. rangers ^{today} finally
succeeding ~~today~~ in "containing" ^{the} ~~that~~ big ~~grass~~ fire
at the northeast corner, ~~of the park,~~ only to discover
the outbreak of another ^{a few miles away.} ~~big blaze~~ ~~across the way at~~
~~the northwest corner.~~ ^{Said one} A ranger spokesman observing
~~that~~ the only real solution ~~now is~~ "rain - lots and lots
of heavy rain;" of which there is, ~~as yet~~ none in
sight.

NEEDMORE FOLLOW EVERGLADES

Meanwhile they get their frog strangling
~~Reverse side~~ lorential rains today ~~across~~

~~the plains of~~ ⁱⁿ West Texas. For ~~the moment, at least,~~
ending seven months of ~~steady~~ drought - ^{much like} ~~said to rival~~
the ~~Texas~~ "dust bowl" days of forty years ago. In some

~~San Angelo apparently getting the best of it -~~

~~with~~ ^{areas} five inches, ^{others} ~~of total rainfall, Carlsbad~~ four inches;

and ~~Water valley~~ three and a ~~half~~ half. ~~One exception~~

But in the ~~though the little~~ town of Needmore; ~~where the total~~
~~accumulation was~~ only half an inch, ^{Obviously} or so. ~~The locals~~

ⁱⁿ Needmore needs more!
~~noting that Needmore needs a little more.~~

LONDON

Troubador

~~Over in London - singer actor~~ Burl Ives - age

sixty-one, ^{in London,} was married today to a California interior

designer, ~~the former~~ Dorothy Coster, + age forty-four.

~~All prim and proper - except that~~ The bridegroom ~~arrived~~

^{a few} ~~about five~~ minutes late. ~~And this~~ because he stopped

to sing for newsmen. - ^{He sang} an old Irish folksong appropriate

to the occasion, ~~a little~~ ditty entitled: "It will not

be long, love, until our wedding day."