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PIKES PEAK

What does the world look like from the summit of one of the highest mountains in North America? I've just come from a trip up Pikes Peak doing a Cog Road narration for my friend Thayer Tutt. But how about today's headlines?

DELEGATES

Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger today temporarily delayed the appeals court order which awards one-hundred-fifty-three disputed California convention delegates to Senator McGovern. This to give Chief Justice Burger more time to consider an urgent request by the Democratic National Committee which wants the Supreme Court to overturn the ruling. The Chief Justice also delayed another order, which would oust Chicago Mayor Daley and fifty-eight Illinois delegates.

POLITICS

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird turned some heavy verbal artillery on Senator McGovern today - accusing him of advocating a "give away now, beg later" philosophy of National Security - leaving future Presidents with a weak nuclear war policy. Laird released a Pentagon analysis of McGovern's proposal to reduce the defense budget by more than twenty billion dollars - a proposal Laird calls "the white flag surrender budget."

Meanwhile at Miami Beach, workmen are rushing to complete the usual temporary construction before the weekend arrival of more than five thousand delegates and alternates to the Democratic Convention which is due to begin Monday evening.

Senator McGovern, by the way, is reviewing a growing list of possible Vice Presidential running mates - confident, apparently, that he will get the number one nomination. The latest entry is Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska who announced today that he is in the running for the Vice Presidential

nomination and hopes the convention will choose him. The other announced candidate is Endicott "Chub" Peabody - a former Governor of Massachusetts. And there are other possibilities like Governors Lucey of Wisconsin, Gilligan of Ohio, Mandel of Maryland, Carter of Georgia, Scott of North Carolina, Askew of Florida, and Bumpers of Arkansas. Also, Senators Eagleton of Missouri, Mondale of Minnesota, Nelson of Wisconsin, Church of Idaho, Ribicoff of Connecticut, and Tunney of California. Then add the names of former Governor Sanford of North Carolina - and Hodding Carter, the liberal Greenville, Mississippi newspaper editor. Quite a list!

FOREIGN

Secretary of State Rogers, in Bucharest, Rumania
today - said that a European Security Conference will take
place next year - with Uncle Sam taking part. The
conference - originally proposed by the Russians - would
seek to ease tensions in Europe. Sounds like good news.

LANDSLIDE

Three days and nights of rain in Western Japan have left more than two hundred dead, injured and missing - with thousands more homeless. In one area two feet of rain triggered a landslide on Shikoku Island - burying fifty persons working on a washed out road.

VACCINE

A more potent vaccine will be made available to the public when the next influenza season comes along. The National Center for Disease Control says the flu vaccine all set for the coming winter should be more effective than what we've had. Sounds like more good news.

HIGH MOUNTAINS

If you were to attempt to make a list of the ten most famous mountains in the world, which would you name?

I suppose most of us would put the highest of them all - Mount Everest, as number one. Then, for Europe either Mount Blanc or the Matterhorn. The loftiest in Europe, of course, is Elbrus in the Caucasus. Number four, Kilimanjaro on the Equator in Africa; Mount Erebus the smoking volcano in the Antarctic; Aconcagua, highest in the Andes; Mount Cook in New Zealand - maybe. Our own Mount McKinley highest in North America. Fujiyama in Japan, of course. That's nine. But how about Mount Ararat in Turkish Armenia where Noah and the ark ran aground? That makes ten. Well, I'd drop New Zealand's Mount Cook and in its place put Pikes Peak where I spent this morning.

Maybe I'm prejudiced. You see I spent my youth on the western side of Pikes Peak.

KISSINGER

In Baltimore, forty-eight playboy bunnies chose Presidential advisor Henry Kissinger as the man they'd most like to go out on a date with. SAid one bunny - "you can look at his picture and just know he's a genius."

Wonder what Henry's White House colleagues will say - their comment on this?

How would you like to have such a vote of confidence from so many Baltimore Bunnies, Warren?

POWER

The Space Agency is launching a study -aimed at supplying the earth with much needed electric power produced by satellites riding in stationary orbits, twenty⁻⁻two thousand miles out in space. They would convert sunlight into electricity - sending it to earth by microwave beams. Conversion of sunlight to power already supplies electricity aboard spacecraft. Now, this new study would go even further - tapping solar energy for use perhaps in ~~an~~ your kitchen.