

PRIMARY

1st show Tues. Mar. 12-68.

On the political front - ~~all eyes are fixed~~ ^{Of course we are all}
~~watching~~ ^{watching} ~~tonight on~~ New Hampshire; First tally point - in the
making of a President sixty-eight.

On the Republican ticket - front runner Richard
Nixon facing a write-in ~~candidate~~ challenge from New
York's Governor Rockefeller. On the Democratic side -
peace candidate Senator McCarthy versus L B J, with
the outcome almost certain to have a major bearing -
on the future course of campaign ~~str~~ strategy. ~~Then~~
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2nd show Tues. Mar. 12-68.

C B S News election estimate is that the race between
President Johnson and Senator McCarthy is ~~very~~ close.

not close at all; by CBS
On the Republican side, the election estimate ~~is~~ that
Richard Nixon will get eighty-three percent of the
vote and Nelson Rockefeller fourteen percent.

83% in any national election would
be called an overwhelming landslide.

SENATE

In a crowded Senate hearing room - ^{more of that} ~~the great~~

~~debate~~ ^{today--} debate ^{part two.} ~~today.~~ Secretary of State

Dean Rusk standing steady fast against his Senate ~~critics~~ critics. Refusing to pledge the administration to inform Congress in advance - of any decision to step up the war in Vietnam. Suggesting once more that his questioners were pressing him to divulge information - that could be of incomparable value to the enemy.

For all this - Dean Rusk nevertheless insisting there is ~~no~~ presently "no great difference" between Americans; ^{that is,} no great difference [^] on the overriding goal of achieving a negotiated peace in Vietnam. The only question - how, said he, Suggesting ~~that~~ the answer ~~to~~ ~~that~~ - might best be found in a continuing series of closed meetings. With administration and congressional leaders joining together said Dean Rusk - to pursue in private the fragile ~~thread~~ thread of ~~the~~ peace lest it melt ~~us~~ away in the harsh glare of television.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW SENATE

Across town at the White House - something of a rarity today. President Johnson presiding at ^{that} a double Medal of Honor ceremony - for two Marine heroes of the fighting in Vietnam. Presenting the ~~nation's~~ nation's highest award for valor - to Major Robert Modrejewski of Annapolis, Maryland; also - to second Lieutenant John J. McGinty-the-Third of Laurel Bay, South Carolina.

At the same time - L B J taking advantage of the occasion ^{to} ~~urg~~ ^e Americans not to become "victims of despair" - as he put it - over the war in Vietnam. Further calling for national support of U S war aims - against what ~~he termed a~~ ^{he termed a} "mounting challenge" both at home and abroad.

VIETNAM FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

~~On the fighting front half way round the world~~

In Vietnam -

a special alert today at Khe Sanh. U S Marines and South

Vietnamese Rangers - ~~girding~~ ^{all set} ~~themselves~~ for any

eventuality, ^{on} ~~at~~ this the eve of the fourteenth anniversary

of the ~~six~~ start of the battle of Dien Bien Phu.

~~At the same time~~ ^{while} ~~the~~ U S B-Fifty Twos were

striking ~~six times today~~ at enemy bunkers surrounding

Khe Sanh. ~~American bombardiers~~ using a new type delayed

action bomb - a so-called "burrowing" bomb; capable

of destroying tunnels and passageways - more than twenty

feet below ~~the~~ ground.

HAVANA

A second U S jet liner - second in the last
three weeks - ~~was~~^{- to be} hi-jacked today in the skies high
over Florida. A big D C 8 bound from San Francisco
to Miami - forced to divert to Havana, Cuba. ^{So-} For some
fifty persons aboard ~~the craft~~^{there was} an unscheduled stop
and an unwanted thrill.

As for the alleged hi-jacker he was later
identified as one Lawrence Rhodes; ~~who is~~ wanted in
West Virginia - on charges of robbery and kidnapping.

FRANKFURT

At Frankfurt, Germany - turncoat in reverse.

The first American soldier to desert to Sweden - in protest

against the war in Vietnam -- ^{today} surrendering ~~today~~ to U S

authorities . Private Ray Roy Jones of Pontiac, Michigan,

saying his one wish now is -- "to go ^{home} ~~back~~ to America."

Meanwhile, at Stockholm - two more defectors
were also deciding to return to their ~~old~~ old outfits.

The pair notifying the U S ~~at~~ Embassy - they were ready

now to face the music. On arrival in Germany ^{these} ~~they~~ identified

as Private Robert Besley of Casey, Illinois, and Private

Michael Prewett of Dell City, Oklahoma .

KINSHASA

Tragedy in the Congo. Reports from Radio Kinshasa

- telling today of a ~~terrible~~ ^{vast} landslide in Eastern Kivu

Province; With a wall of mud, earth and stone -- literally

burying the entire hillside village of Kazipa; apparently

killing ~~each and every one~~ ^{all of the} of some two and hundred

and sixty inhabitants. Probably brought on by

~~Exact cause hard to pinpoint. Government~~

~~officials saying though it could have been the result~~

of recent torrential rains [—] perhaps ~~aggravated by~~ ^{with an assist from}

^a ~~a~~ nearby volcano ~~is tremor.~~

PORT LOUIS

For the island of Mauritius - ~~the~~ crossroads
of the Indian Ocean -- a rebirth today as the world's
— also one of the smallest,
newest nation. At noon local time in the capital ~~of~~ city of
Port Louis -- Britain formally granting Mauritius its
long-awaited independence. More than a hundred thousand
citizens cheering their approval - as the Union Jack was
exchanged for the island's bright new banner, red, blue,
green and gold.

Under terms of its independence - Mauritius
will continue to rely on Britain for protection against
foreign powers. British troops also ~~are~~ available on
request -- for coping with "threats to internal ~~and~~ security."

In all else though - Mauritius pledging complete cooperation
with the nations of mainland Africa -- ^{— which happens to be} more than ^a thousand
miles away. Mauritius' fledgling prime Minister - Sir

Seewoosagur Ramgoolam - summing it all up when he said:
"Mauritius belongs to Africa." That from Sir
Seewoosagur Ramgoolam. Seewoosagur
to You, Warren!

SOUTHAMPTON

Is it true perhaps as women often claim - that chivalry is dead - passe--out of date? Where mountain-climbing is concerned - especially in the Antarctic - the answer ~~is~~ apparently "yes", as demonstrated ~~by~~ today - at Southampton, England.

Britain's famed Sir Vivian Fuchs - just returned from a British Antarctic survey. Waiting at Dockside - Mrs. Molly Porter; leader of a six-woman party - planning an Antarctic mountain-climbing expedition later this year. Hoping to enlist Sir Vivian - in support of the venture.

Answer - a resounding No. Sir Vivian saying he would "do nothing - to encourage" the female mountain climbers; on the grounds that their ~~present~~ presence in the Antarctic - could easily distract scientists doing important work.

How so; simply because - they're there - said ~~to~~.

Be that as it may I hope you will keep tuned to this CBS station for those N. Hamp. returns.

Sir Vivian
Fuchs.