Monday, August 21, 1972

MIAMI BEACH

At Miami Beach they are about set to renominate Richard Nixon, for a second term. And, of course, as his running mate Spiro Agnew.

Today's opening session lasted barely two hours, just enough to enable to speak and proclaim once more the party's solid front, for campaign seventy-two. Party Chairman, Robert Dole urging the convention delegates to show "how Republicans go about the serious business of politics."

As for tonight's session - the main attraction is the First Lady as the subject of a film narrated by Actor Jimmy Stewart - after which she in person will make an address. This is unprecedented. Mrs. Nixon observing in advance: "There isn't much suspense about the outcome of the convention - but there has been a lot of happiness for me."

CAMP DAVID

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From Camp David an announcement today that President Nixon is planning a cross country campaign tour - immediately following his renomination. The President's **subm** schedule calling for appearances Thursday - **or Distr**, Unice, Michigan, and Chicago, and San Diego. This - enroute to a brief stay at San Clemente; and then it on to Hawaii - for consultations with Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka.

GETTYSBURG FOLLOW CAMP DAVID

Meanwhile, the President was paying a visit to

Gettysburg - where he met for a time with Mamie

Eisenhower on this the twentieth anniversary - of the date

when General Ike was first nominated for President.

KINGSTON

On the Democratic side - George McGovern was paying a visit today - to flood stricken areas of eastern Pennsylvaniag. A t Kingston, a suburb of Wilkes-Barre - talking briefly with a young couple whose home was all but destroyed. The Senator saying: "We are bombing dikes in dim Haiphong - when we should be building dikes in Pennsylvania." Adding: "One of two days out of the war - would rebuild this area." The des Democrat nominee me also issued a statement urging a step-up in federal flood relief. Said he: "You don't have to tell a family that is still living in a garage nine weeks after the flood that their government is not doing enough."

SAIGON

The latest figures from Saigon disclosed today the withdrawal of more than three thousand additional fighting men. With total American troop strength in Vietnam - now set a thirty-nine thousand - two hundred; which means only two hundred to go -to meet the President's September withdrawal schedule.

CAPE KENNEDY

Florida again - this time Cape Kennedy. The launch of a new earth satellite. Copernicus - they call it after the famed Sixteenth Century Polish astronomer; because it is carrying - a record thirty-two inch telescope; to serve as a space observatory.

A present day Princeton astronomer - Doctor Lyman Spitzer is in charge, and calls it an "exciting adventure in astronomy - to look at inter-stellar space and the atmosphere's of stars in ways quite impossible from here on earth.

BARROW STRAIT

Here's one - another attempted navigation of the fabled Northwest passage; with the Finnish tanker Palva heading for Melville Island in the far north; supposedly there to deliver fourteen thousand tons of aviation fuel to a big Pan-Arctic oil station. Except it's now in Heep trouble. That is, the ship has encounted blizzard and drifting ice and at last report is somewhere in Barrow Strait, in the Canadian Arctic; with help on the way. The Canadian icebreaker, Labrador to the rescue.

KATHMANDU

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In the land of Shangri la - more troubles today. A report from Kathmandu in Nepal - telling of an open split in the Nepalese parliament - the Panchayat; with some twenty members - finally walking out; protesting, quote "the dictatorial behavior" of Nepalese Prime Minister Kirti Nidhi Bista. All this - a result of the Prime Minister's recent crack-down on dissident elements. Only last week - non may recalm the Prime Minister ordering the arrest of ex-Premier Surya Burbadyer Bahadur Thapa; also, arresting three members of the Panchayat - as well as another suspending twelve more.

also The government of Nepal good former

forces in close index. Trichandra College one of the main branches of Tribhuvand University; which happens to be the Himalayan kingdom's only university. KATHMANDU - 2

Reason: A student strike demanding an end to the current ban on campus political activity. The

gougants government¹⁵ closing order, explaining that

student strikers were tying up traffic.

DETROIT

This next - from Detroit; the story of Mrs.Suzanna Wojchihovsky - an eighty year old widow living on social security; so poor - she was unable to keep up the house where she has lived for fortyfive years; finally ordered by city officials - to fix it up or else.

Enter twelve members of the three hundred and first military priv police - U S army main reserves under a new government policy - taking on the renovation of Mrs. Wojchihovsky's house - as an alternative to regular monthly meetings. Over the past weekend - swarming all over the place. In the words of one observer "just like that ad on TV - where the neighbors come in to fix up that old lady's house." In true life, a job that would have cost about eight thousand bucks if done by a private contractor. And while she **so** speaks only broken

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English - Mrs. Wojchihovsky expressing her gratitude so none could miss it. Through a wrinkled smile saying over and over again "happy, happy, happy." So Bill, have a happy!

LOS ANGELES

From out of the past - the voice of Alf Landon was heard again today. This - by means of a letter to the Los Angeles Times; protesting a recent article - that referred to him as "now living in retirement."

Not true - said the eighty-four year old Kansan. As evidence, citing his activities on a recent "normal day." These including: breakfast at six - "a short horseback ride" - a conference with the Republcan nominee for Governor "at his request" - followed by lunch with the managers of his three radio stations. And then, correcting galley-proofs on a new book, answering correspondence consulting with his "farm boss" - reading books and periodicals - and, finally, listening "to the last part of the cardinals baseball game."