

Friday January 9, 1976

BYRD

The number of already active Democratic candidates for President escalated to eleven, today; with Senator Byrd of West Virginia - the latest to throw his hat in the ring. The Senate Democratic whip saying he plans to run in the West Virginia primary May Eleventh - and then, play it by ear. Stressing however that whether he runs in any other primaries or not he's in the race to stay. "I'm pretty serious about everything" - said he - and then he added: "Except when I play the violin." Senator Byrd's announcement isn't exactly drawing cheers from his Democratic rivals. But, Senator Jackson, campaigning in Albany today - attempting to look on the bright side, said: "Well, we still haven't reached our Nineteen Seventy-Two quota when we had nineteen!"

WHITE HOUSE

We have a report today that President Ford will make a three-day campaign swing through New Hampshire - probably February Six to Eight. The President earlier had indicated - he would make only one campaign appearance in New Hampshire; apparently now changing his mind - perhaps to take advantage of difficulties Ronald Reagan has already encountered, in that state.

KHARTOUM

Two U S service men kidnapped by Ethiopian rebels last September - were finally set free today.

Thomas Bowidowicz of Jersey City, New Jersey, and

David Strickland of Longwood, Florida, - ~~taken to the~~ ^{now at our}

U S Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan. ~~Both said to be in~~

~~excellent condition and now on their way home.~~

~~As to how and why they were released -~~

^{Said}
a U S spokesman: ~~saying: "Because~~ ["] we have other

Americans in captivity in Ethiopia ~~we~~ ^{and} can't ~~discuss~~

discuss details." Adding, however: "No ransom was

paid" - ~~nor did we make any concessions of any~~

~~kind."~~

BEIRUT

In Beirut - a return today to open warfare.

Christian and Moslem gunmen again blasting away

at each other throughout the city. Observers calling

it the worst fighting - in Lebanon's ten month old

religious war. ~~National radio adding that~~ The situation -

said to be

is "deteriorating hourly."

LUANDA

From the Soviet-backed popular movement
for the liberation of Angola - an appeal today to the
people of Angola - to rise up against its two pro western
rivals. Radio Luanda, ^{— financed by Russia —} calling members of the two anti-
Communist groups - "~~traitors~~" and invaders".

ADDIS ABABA FOLLO LUANDA

At Addis Ababa, - ~~the arrival of President~~
Amin of Uganda, ^{on hand to preside over} - ~~who will head a weekend meeting of~~
the organization of African unity, ~~on Angola.~~ Amin
^{said} ~~saying~~ the pro-western groups in Angola have agreed to
a cease fire - providing their Communist foes will
also lay down their arms.

Amin also saying he has been assured
U S policy - "is not to interfere in the internal
affairs of Angola; and that the problem of Angola must
be solved by Angolans - and also, by the O A U."
~~Adding this made him~~ ^{very} ~~"very/happy."~~ Amin further
saying - he is opposed to all foreign intervention, ~~in~~
~~Angola.~~ "We condemn everybody" - said he - "Russians,
Cubans, South Africans, even Ugandans if they are
there".

PEKING

The world's most populous nation ~~celebrates~~ --
today began six days of official mourning - Communist
China, its leaders and its eight hundred million people -
paying a final tribute to Chinese Premier Chou En Lai,
~~who died~~ ~~yesterday~~ yesterday. Peking also announcing the
appointment of a committee of a hundred and seven -
to complete funeral arrangements. ~~Adding that so~~
^{No} foreign dignitaries ~~would~~ ^{to} be invited - but, expressing
"deep gratitude" to those who asked to come.

NEW DELHI

From Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi -
for a change today - some kind words about the U S.

This in a major policy speech to the Indian parliament -
in which the U S was the only foreign nation ~~by~~ she
mentioned.

Madame Gandhi saying: "We may not agree
with the U S on everything - but, it is a dynamic
nation and society, one that "constantly throws up
new ideas" - leading to scientific and ~~techne+tech+rx~~
technological progress. The lady premier adding:

"I congratulate the U S and its citizens on their bi-
centenary." *For which she was cheered.*

~~Observers adding that Madame Gandhi's
speech drew cheers from those who heard it.~~

HAMBURG

At Hamburg harbor in West Germany -
a tremendous explosion today in a container-ship
under construction. Police saying more than a dozen
shipyard workers ~~were~~ were killed - more than
twenty injured.

CHICAGO

Chicago - a crowded rush hour ^{"L"} ~~train~~

today smashed into the rear of another jam packed train. ~~stopped at a station.~~ A witness ~~to the crash~~ saying everywhere he looked - "there ~~was~~ was blood and broken bones." A later count showing there were, indeed, more than three hundred ²⁵⁰ injured - but ~~amazingly~~ not a single fatality.

SAN CLEMENTE

Across the nation - at San Clemente - Richard
Nixon ^{today} was celebrating ~~today~~ his sixty-third birthday -
with ~~the help~~ of his family and a few close friends.

The former President ~~was~~ also receiving hundreds of
telegrams and letters - plus a ^{birthday} phone call from President
Ford. ~~to wish him "happy birthday."~~

And now this

NEWPORT

Dedicated bird watchers from as far West
as Chicago - were flocking today to Easton's pond
at Newport, Rhode Island; hoping to get a look at a
rare Smew - ~~sighted~~ ^{sighted} there earlier in the week; believed
to be the first ~~of its kind~~ ^{such Smew} - ever seen in the U S.

The Smew - not to be confused with a
Schmo or a Shmoo; ~~rather a member~~ ^{It's a} member of the
duck family - usually found either in Finland or
Siberia. ~~But this one~~ ^{This Smew quite} ~~clearly~~ a world traveller.

And now for C -