

*Good Evening Everybody:*

*The political datelines tonight - are both from New Hampshire. Specifically, Dover, New Hampshire - where Nelson Rockefeller was campaigning today. And Manchester, New Hampshire - and Barry Goldwater. The two foremost Republican candidates, getting in some last minute politicking - as the primary draws near. March Tenth - next Tuesday.*

*Senator Goldwater concentrated on - the Democratic opposition. The Arizona Conservative calling for a stronger stand against Communism - around the world. Arguing that the Reds have always retreated before a show of force. And he ticked off a number of examples - like the breaking of the Berlin blockade, and President Eisenhower's use of the Marines in Lebanon.*

As for Governor Rockefeller - he seemed more intent on defeating his Republican opponent. He told his New Hampshire audience that the Senator has - "nostalgic notions of a never-never land." Meaning, according to Rockefeller - abolition of the graduated income tax, sale of T.V.A. - to private interests, and so on.

But Rockefeller didn't forget - that there is a Democrat in the White House. He criticized President Johnson for, in Rockefeller's words - "a new record high national debt."

## NIXON

*A former Vice President has a formula for selecting a Vice President, when the country is without one - now.*

*The Nixon formula - let the Electoral College decide. He told a Senate subcommittee - that of course the President should name his own choice. But that the Electoral College - representing a majority of the President's supporters - should have the final voice.*

*What about - Presidential disability? Nixon prefers to have Congress settle disputes - as to whether the President is too ill to exercise his authority. So he disagrees - with his old chief. Former President Eisenhower has already come out for - a special commission on presidential disability.*

MRS. WAGNER

*The only trouble that President Johnson ran into during his visit to New York was the weather. Intending to land at Kennedy airport, he found New York blanketed by a pea-soup fog. So the Presidential plane detoured to Newark.*

*He arrived thirty minutes late - for the funeral of Mrs. Wagner. After offering his condolences to Mayor Wagner - the President returned to Newark airport, and took off for Washington.*

## MCNAMARA

*Secretary McNamara and General Maxwell Taylor off on a fact-finding mission, to Saigon.*

*One fact, they already know - as McNamara points out: that the Red guerrillas have stepped up their military operations during the past six months, and are fighting with weapons from Red China - including heavy machine guns.*

*Will the war be carried - into North Viet Nam? Secretary McNamara today refused to talk about that. But speculation in Washington continues - because of the hint thrown out by President Johnson of expanding the campaign.*

*Meanwhile - more American casualties. An officer cut down while in the jungle with a Vietnamese patrol.*

## RED CHINA

*A dispatch from Peking uses the phrase "a friendly atmosphere." Western diplomats would like an interpretation of that phrase. It applies to the trade talks - between the Rumanians and the Chinese Reds. Khrushchev is said to be fuming - at the reapproachment between his Rumanian satellite and his Chinese rival.*

*So, if the Peking get-together is a friendly one, that could mean - friendly against Moscow. The guess is that Mao Tse Tung is saying "yes" to everything - in an effort to pry Rumania loose from the embrace of the Russian Bear and line up Bucharest on his side of the dispute that is shaking the Red Bloc.*

BERLIN

The East German police officer who has defected to the West - got away by using the simplest possible method. Assigned to a hospital near the Sandkrug Bridge crossing - he was ~~fmk~~ familiar to the border guards who saw him arrive every morning. They didn't suspect anything when he pulled his rank - and ordered them to open the gate. He simply drove through - taking his wife with him.

A non-commissioned officer - had it a bit harder. He was assigned - to guard duty. Made - a break for freedom - and scrambled over the wall.

Both of these refugees from Communist East Germany report that morale is low - in the armed forces on the other side of the wall.

## CYPRUS

*The critical illness of the King of Greece did not bring any peace to Cyprus. In fact, the dispatch from Nicosia calls today \_ "the worst day of violence in weeks." Pitched battles in the so-called Cypriot "battlezone" - the northern coast of the island. And a time bomb exploded - in the Turkish quarter of Nicosia.*

*The fighting, so wide-spread and so bitter - that no accurate count of the ~~en~~ casualties can be made.*



**GLENN**

*The transfer of John Glenn to a military hospital in Texas - is strictly procedural. No indication - of anything serious.*

*You'll recall how our first man in space - fell in his home at Columbus, Ohio, and suffered - a mild concussion, forcing him to postpone his entry into politics.*

*Now to Texas - in accordance with the regulations of the Marines. His discharge - to be effected there. John Glenn, not to return to the Buckeye State - until he's ready to make his bid for the Senate.*

## WEATHER

*The weather - March still rather leonine.*

*Gales and tornadoes, from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Coast. Torrential rain, leading to massive floods - from the Ohio Valley to New England.*

*Chicago - with gales of seventy-two miles an hour - is really the Windy City tonight. Milwaukee and Detroit - much the same. Both littered with broken glass from hundreds of shattered windows.*

*Evansville, Indiana - flooded tonight. Sewers unable to carry off - the rain.*

*And in New England - flash flood warnings are out. If you live near a New England stream Dick, maybe you'd better keep an eye on it.*

## CARS

The racket that Rod Waco and Chris Hodkins of Fort Worth had going for them - was rather ~~sk~~ slick. The two Texans, making off with cars - without quite stealing them. Or at least - without stealing more than the moveable parts.

Here's how the racket worked. Rod and Chris would pick up a car - and drive it to their hideout. <sup>There</sup> They'd strip it of all its accessories - from tires to spark plugs. Then leave the chassis - to be found by the police.

Half the time, the owner would sell the wreck -- for junk. Whereupon Rod and Chris would buy it - and reinstall the accessories. Presto - a perfectly good car for a few bucks.

~~Yes~~ a slick racket? - but, they pulled it too often. When they reached car number thirteen, they found - not the junk man but the Lone Star gendarmes waiting for them.