MCGOVERN

Campaign 'Seventy-Two - another salvo from

George McGovern; in an address today - before a

Washington meeting of the Amagamated Clothing Workers.

The Democratic nominee charged that President Nixon - is

"the enemy of the American worker" and "the enemy of the

American trade union movement;" adding that the President's

economic policies - are "one list of outrages."

As for his own stand - Senator McGovern proposed an end to certain corporate "tax advantages;" then saying: "I pledge a job - for every American who wants one."

DEMOCRATS FOLLOW MCGOVERN

In another part of Washington - the Democratic

National Committee was reconvening in extraordinary

session; presumably, to ratify the nomination of Sargent

Shriver - as the Democratic candidate for Vice President;

the vote set for tomorrow.

On Capitol Hill, a House Democratic Caucus - today approved the Shriver selection unanimously; but took no action - on the McGovern candidacy; House Speaker Carl Albert - saying it is assumed the caucus supports McGovern.

DOLE FOLLOW DEMOCRATS

On the Republican side - a Senate speech by

Republican National Chairman Robert Dole; again demanding

free broadcast time - to respond to Senator McGovern's

speech of Saturday night. Chairman Dole charging that

McGovern devoted "only one-minute of his sixteen-minute

speech" to the announcement of his new running mate;

using "the balance of his time - for a blistering attack on

President Nixon."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW DOLE

The President himself welcomed to Washington

- Governor and Mrs. Edwin Edwards of Louisana. The

couple later moving on to the Senate - where Mrs. Edwards

was quickly installed as the newest member.

The Governor and his wife are both staunch

Democrats; and both have said - they cannot and will not
support Senator McGovern for President.

President Nixon's Council on Environmental Quality
issued its annual "state of the environment" message; noting
that air pollution - has eased a bit; adding that water

pollution - is still as bad as ever; indeed, the Council
saying it will take perhaps a decade - at a cost of nearly

Three Hundred Billion Dollars - to clean up the
environment completely.

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In Vietnam - the battle for Quang Tri City continued unabated today; while in neighboring Cambodia - the enemy attacked the market town of Kimpong Trabek..

At the same time, the U.S. Command in Saigon - announced the withdrawal of an additional fourteen hundred men last week; the biggest pullback - in five weeks; with only fifty-six hundred more to go - to meet the President's goal of reducing American strength to thirty-nine thousand by September One.

PENTAGON FOLLOW VIETNAM

At the Pentagon - an announcement today telling of plans to double the size of the Women's Army Corps - by Nineteen-Seventy-Eight. WAC General Mildred Bailey - saying this is "directly related to the Army's desire to become an all-volunteer force." Adding that men and women will be interchangeable, henceforth - in almost all non-combat roles.

From the U.S. Justice Department comes a report that actress Jane Fonda is now the study of a Federal "inquiry;" this, in the face of heavy mail from Congress and the public; because of some of the statements Miss Fonda supposedly made - during her recent visit to Hanoi.

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BROOKS MOUNTAIN RANGE

In the Brooks Mountain Range in Alaska - about two hundred miles north of Fairbanks - a series of recent electrical storms has led to more than forty forest fires now said to have consumed nearly a quarter-of-a-million acres of timber - and no end in sight.

The reason - mainly a lack of manpower. Officials saying they've been able to assign firefighters - to only about half the blazes; leaving the rest, it seems - simply to burn themselves out.

At Tilbury in the Thames Estuary today a brief break in Britain's nationwide dock strike permitted the unloading of fifteen white rhinoceros - newly-arrived by stramer from South Africa.

This at the request of Mrs. Helena Farrar - the owner of one of the zoos that are eagerly awaiting the rhinocros. The dockers agreeing - said he - "on the humanitarian grounds." She might have said "on Rhinocerarian grounds."

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "MUSHROOMS"

And not it's time out - for another special report from Lowell Thomas. Subject tonight - mushrooms.

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We're told that one of the fastest growing outdoor activities in the U.S. is - mushroom hunting. Or to put it another way - you might say mushroom hunting is mushrooming. Did you know that a mushroom lover is known as a mycologist. I didn't. And those who have gone through the woods, searching, advise - "if you find a mushroom bonanza, don't tell anybody where."

A housewife in Boyne City, Michigan, gathered two hundred eighty-six morels - an especially tasty variety.

Asked how she did it, she replied - "just knowing where to look". In Iowa, dogs are being pressed into the search - one Des Moines man claiming that his spaniel, Gertie, is so adept that she points with her left foot when she finds mushrooms.

Among the two thousand species, hunters find such assorted flavors as - peppery, bitter, and nutty. Some give off the aroma of ripe apricots, others taste of garlic,

shrimp, or even chocolate. But, says the National Geographic

there's no foolproof way of telling the edible from poisonous.

The only dependable course, being to know your species.

Did you ever hear the mycologist anthem?

"Deep, deep in the murky shadows - there where the slime mold creeps - with joy the stout mycologist - his pallid harvest reaps."

SUGGESTED FINAL TO THOMAS TAPE "MUSHROOMS"

Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.

From Philadelphia comes the story of mathematician Leonard Goodfarb; who placed an advertisement in a local newspaper - offering Ten Thousand Bocks and all expenses for, quote, "a female to become pregnant." Said ad supposedly placed in behalf of a couple - who were unable to have a child of their own.

But Mr. Goodfarb - who calls himself a "cad" admits today it was all an experiment; an attempt - said he
"to see what it would cost to make such a purchase on the
open market." It worked, too. Goodfarb receiving
"numerous responses" - from clear across the U.S., from
Canada and Europe. Some of these prospective mothers asked as much as Twenty Thousand - said he; adding, that
"several" - were "willing to do it for free."

Ah, greater love hath no woman.