

WALTER REED

Tues. Aug. 6 - '68.

Good Ev. Ev-B.

~~He fights back~~, Late word from Walter

Reed hospital tonight - indicating <sup>as</sup> ~~ing~~ another remarkable stand by former ~~comeback for former~~ President Eisenhower. Doctors reporting the seventy-seven year old General <sup>"resting"</sup> "comfortably and free of pain," in the aftermath of ~~the~~ heart attack he suffered this morning -- ~~is~~ his third this year.

Be that as it may - <sup>Gen.</sup> Ike's illness <sup>is</sup> casting a temporary pall on the Republican National Convention; which had thrilled only last night - to <sup>an unusually effective</sup> televised address by ~~"pop talk" from~~ the last Republican President. New York's Governor Rockefeller / perhaps best summing up the ~~an~~ reaction at Miami Beach and ~~also~~ across the country, saying: "The whole nation is praying - that this new setback ~~to General Eisenhower's~~ condition is not serious; and that <sup>Gen. Eisenhower</sup> ~~he~~ soon ~~is~~ will be on the road - to a full recovery."

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SAN ANTONIO

Elsewhere on the medical front-- President  
Johnson checked in <sup>briefly</sup> today at the Brooke Army Medical  
Center in San Antonio. Also - Mrs. Johnson. The  
President and his lady ~~planning an overnight stay -~~  
while undergoing "routine" physical check ups. <sup>Meanwhile</sup> ~~however,~~

White House Press Secretary George Christian  
~~states that~~ <sup>tells us</sup> the President's health - is considered  
~~quite~~ <sup>quite</sup> "normal."

ROCKY

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As you know ~~in the meantime~~ the race for the Republican nomination ~~is now right down to the wire,~~ ~~begins to pick up steam.~~ With Rockefeller scoring a major advance today - winning the endorsement of convention keynote speaker Governor Evans of Washington; who ~~said that~~ <sup>says</sup> Rockefeller could best fulfill the three most important qualifications for a Republican candidate: One - ability to be President; two - ability to articulate ~~best~~ Republican philosophy; and three - "ability to win."

A key strategist for Rockefeller later announcing: "Mr. Nixon has been stopped on the first ballot." ~~While the~~ <sup>With</sup> Governor <sup>Rocky</sup> ~~has~~ himself ~~was~~ hopping from delegation to delegation ~~at~~ trying to stir up additional support for his own candidacy.

REAGAN FOLLOW ROCKY

California's Governor Reagan <sup>also was</sup> ~~another entry~~  
~~on the Miami Beach~~ hotel travel circuit, <sup>in the hope of</sup> ~~shopping around the~~  
~~rounding up more support for~~ ~~larger states~~ ~~in hopes of building~~ his late-blooming  
campaign. <sup>Reports are of</sup> <sup>Reagan</sup> ~~coming up with~~ a surprising show of strength  
-- in at least two southern delegations. )

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A Congressman Gardner of North Carolina -  
announcing a sudden flurry of pro-Reagan votes <sup>for his</sup> ~~in that~~  
state. With Florida's thirty-four man delegation - also  
indicating a possible shift to Reagan, <sup>✓</sup> unless Nixon  
pledges to pick a running mate - "acceptable" to the  
South.

NIXON FOLLOW REAGAN

*the Nixon bandwagon*  
~~However we hear~~ *the Nixon steamroller* *was moving*  
~~steadily~~ *surging*

steadily ahead, ~~With the former~~ former Vice President -

tanned and rested - holding ~~court~~ *Forth* today at the ~~swank~~

Hilton Plaza Hotel. ~~At~~ Meeting with ~~various~~ delegations -

*and friends,*  
~~also~~ newsmen, Assuring one and all: "I have not

seen since my arrival here - any erosion of my strength."

Adding: "I believe ~~that~~ we will *win* - and I think it will

be on an early ballot."

Looking further ahead - Nixon *hopes to* ~~insisting that~~

~~is also~~ ~~will~~ choose his Vice Presidential running mate -  
*as Presidential nominees always do,*

Also ~~with~~ of a possible trip to Russia - once the

nomination is secured. ~~By~~ Purpose said he: "To listen

to the views of Kremlin leaders - "on the world situation,

including Vietnam." "If elected President" - Nixon

went on - he would next visit Paris; "to establish a

dialogue with President DeGaulle" *hoping* to help "rebuild

the European community with Britain in it."

SAIGON

In Vietnam - a force of about a thousand  
U S air cavalrymen - plunged into dense jungle today  
just northwest of Saigon, <sup>in an</sup> Attempt~~ing~~ to search out -  
a full ~~bat~~ battalion of Viet Cong<sup>g</sup> said to be operating  
along the Oriental River - within striking distance of  
the capital.

In another sector nearby - U S Marine  
<sup>were</sup> spotters pin-pointing a band of would-be infiltrators.  
U S Marine artillery completing the job - killing forty  
one of the guerrilla terrorists. Easing for at least  
another day - the threat of a third major ~~assault~~  
~~ass~~ assault on Saigon.

MANILA FOLLOW SAIGON      7

A related item - from Manila, ~~Where~~ North Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong is quoted today - as admitting that Hanoi is sending troops to fight in South Vietnam. Also saying that the United States - "will not dare" - ~~to~~ use atomic weapons in the Vietnam war. This according to a Filipino journalist - recently returned from Hanoi.

SEA OF GALILEE

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In the tense Middle East -- attack and counter-  
attack today near the Sea of Galilee. With a band of Arab  
commandos - blasting an Israeli clinic at the village of  
In-Yahav. Only to fall victim to Israeli retaliatory forces  
who crossed into Jordan in hot pursuit of the terrorists.  
The Israelis killing five - <sup>and capturing</sup> wounding two - in an hour-  
long running battle. The Israelis - for their part -  
reporting no casualties.



UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW SEA OF GALILEE

At the same time- the United Nations

Security Council <sup>was</sup> sitting in emergency session for  
the second straight day today, ~~hearing~~ renewed Arab  
demands for sanctions against Israel -- because of  
Israeli air ~~to~~ raids against Jordan this past weekend.  
Israel, in turn, attempting to justify the air raids -  
as legitimate retaliation for guerrilla attacks from  
Jordan.

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PRAGUE

First - freedom of the press. Now - freedom of worship. At Prague - the new Czech government pressing ahead today with promised reforms. Reinstating in office the Roman Catholic Bishop of Litomerice - Stephan Trochta. While the Czech Supreme Court was overturning past convictions - against another Bishop and forty fellow priests.

~~This - following through on a duly adopted government policy. Calling it a mistake to exclude Catholics from Czechoslovakia's officially atheistic society.~~

~~Industry, Market, the down the to go.~~

CAPE KENNEDY

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For the first time in five years - a top secret orbital launching today ~~from~~ from Cape Kennedy.

The space traveler - a mysterious military satellite; supposedly testing - advanced "spy in the sky" sensors.

Accordingly, details of the launch and subsequent maneuvers - officially withheld from the news media. Although unofficially - the satellite is said to be following an East-West orbital track, ~~One~~ Warren to ~~that would~~ take it over much of Red China and North Vietnam - at least once a day.

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**CONVENTION-- Ending**

**Back to Miami Beach where tonight there is to be an address by former Goernor Dewey of New York; also one by House Minority Leader Ford who is to become permanent chairman of the Convention. Tonight there will be the presentation of the party platform.**

**A big night for the G O P and for radio and TV.**

**And solong until tomorrow.**