

RANCH

Thurs. Nov. 10 - '66,

At the LBJ Ranch -- first brief comment today from President Johnson -- on results of Tuesday's election. The President admitting that in view of Republican gains -- "it will be more difficult for any legislation we might propose" -- *was the way he put it.* next year, Adding, however, that the Democrats still retain sizable majorities -- in both the House and Senate. "I don't anticipate we are going to have any great trouble" -- said he.

The President further stating *that* he would be "less than frank" -- if he didn't say he was sorry to lose so many democratic seats. Nevertheless, concurring with Republican leaders -- in saying that the election "will not in any way change our course of action in connection with security matters." Meaning -- of course -- *no change in* Viet Nam.

POST-MORTEMS

Two more political post-mortems today -- on that Republican resurgence at the polls. Both in Washington -- but from opposite sides of the fence.

Republican National Chairman Ray C. Bliss -- calling the election outcome a Republican victory -- "from the bottom up." Results -- said he -- showing marked gains in state legislatures -- in big cities -- in Negro wards; along with previously-noted Republican gains -- in the House and in the various governor's races.

It shows -- said Bliss -- that the GOP is "a very live elephant;" *with a real chance at the White House -- in 1968.*

~~Reverse side of picture~~ -- From Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield:~ The outcome of the election -- said he -- a signal to "tighten up" ⁱⁿ the next session of Congress. To see if the nation is getting "value received" -- from new programs approved in the last two years.

The motto of the Ninetieth Congress -- said he -- should be "stop -- look -- and listen."

BALTIMORE

A later report: In a subsequent speech at nearby Baltimore -- Mansfield telling the United Nations to "get with it" in regard to Viet Nam. Urging the U.N. to call a "cards-on-the-table" meeting of all nations involved in the Vietnamese war -- including Red China. Purpose -- said he: To work out "an immediate contraction of hostilities -- and -- as soon as possible, thereafter -- their complete termination."

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VIET NAM

In Viet Nam -- a close call today -- for one of America's great fighting men. Brigadier General James T. Hollingsworth personally scouting a suspected Viet Cong command post -- in the midst of that jungle battlefield near the Cambodian border; when his helicopter was shot down -- by enemy ground fire.

Luckily though -- the general and his crew, quickly rescued by a second Army helicopter. Adding another daring chapter -- to the amazing story of "Jungle Jim" Hollingsworth. Almost a legend among his men -- for his regular practice of manning a helicopter machine gun; "out hunting Reds" -- as he puts it.

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LONDON

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin -- will travel to Britain early next year; ~~There~~ to confer with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson -- about the war in Viet Nam and other East-West problems. This according to a report today -- from high diplomatic sources in London.

The Kosygin visit is seen as fulfillment at long last -- of a promise made nearly a year ago to the Prime Minister; when Wilson was in Moscow -- on a futile peace mission.

Perhaps more important -- if it does come off -- the visit would constitute a sharp departure from past Soviet policy. The Kremlin in recent months having refused to initiate policy talks with American allies -- as long as the United States remains in Viet Nam. Now -- it appears -- the Kremlin seeking a position of greater flexibility -- say British diplomats.

MOSCOW FOLLOW LONDON

Another hopeful sign -- in this next from Moscow. Latest report on the activities -- of visiting Canadian External Affairs Minister Paul Martin.

Martin -- whose avowed purpose is that of "seeking means to end the war" in Viet Nam -- meeting today with Soviet Premier Kosygin, President Podgorny and Foreign Minister Gromyko. After which he said that all three -- had demonstrated a desire "to make progress" on Viet Nam.

Martin apparently trying to get the Kremlin -- to agree to reconvene the Nineteen-Fifty-Four Geneva Conference, ~~of which~~ which Russia was co-chairman -- for which Canada is now an official observer in Viet Nam.

BONN

At Bonn -- final selection today of a successor to Ludwig Erhard -- as head of West Germany's ruling Christian Democratic Party. The choice: Kurt-George Kiesinger -- presently minister-president of the province of Baden-Wuerttemberg; but long ago -- a member of the Nazi Party.

Kiesinger thus given the task -- of forming a new coalition government, which would make him chancellor in Erhard's place; -- if he can pull it off. As such -- the first former Nazi Party member -- to head a post-war German government.

First Communist reaction -- from the official East German news agency, which said that Kiesinger was "heavily tainted" -- by his Nazi past. Charging that he once acted as a liaison official -- between Nazi Propaganda Chief Joseph Goebbels and Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop.

Kiesinger replying, however, that he quickly became disenchanted with Hitler -- in the early Thirties. That he later refused a position of authority in the Nazi order -- serving only as a junior officer in the Army during the war.

ATLANTIC

The U.S. Navy conducting an anti-submarine warfare exercise today -- off the coast of North Carolina, when the routine training procedure -- almost turned into a real-live tragedy.

The Nautilus -- world's first nuclear submarine -- running submerged; when it accidentally rammed the side -- of the Aircraft Carrier Essex.

The sub's conning tower -- badly damaged. But fortunately -- the vessel able to surface. Personal injury -- limited to one crewman with a possible broken arm. As for the ~~Essex~~^{Essex} -- it was apparently unharmed.

WEATHER

For the second time in a week -- vicious autumn weather is making headlines tonight; from the Canadian border to the heart of Dixie -- and all ^{the way} to the Eastern Seaboard.

The cause -- a collision of two giant air masses; one warm -- the other cold. Leading to blizzard-like snows in Montana -- at one end of the scale. A series of tornadoes at the other -- in the Alabama communities of Cullman, Moundville and Jefferson. In between -- ~~a rash of~~ violent thunderstorms -- from the Ohio Valley to the Mid-Atlantic Coast.

FLORENCE

Two American art experts ^{are} ~~is~~ in Florence, Italy, tonight.

To determine -- if they can -- how the United States can best help to restore the city's flood-soaked art treasures.

The two men -- John Phillips, curator of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art -- and Fred Licht of Brown University, representing the newly-created -- "Nationwide Committee for Restoration and Rescue of Italian Art." An emergency organization -- made up of museums, foundations and art lovers -- in Twenty major U.S. cities.

DAYTON

From Dayton, Ohio -- the story today of a senseless prank -- resulting in a senseless death.

Truck driver Archie Noland of Navasota, Texas -- driving beneath a highway overpass in Dayton; when someone -- possibly a child or a group of children -- dropped a Forty-pound slab of concrete through the windshield of his cab.

Though painfully injured -- Noland managing to bring his truck to a stop -- before there was any further damage. But he died within a matter of minutes -- at a Dayton hospital.

The death -- later ruled a homicide. At last report -- police still looking for those responsible.

WASHINGTON

Back in Washington -- plans for an attack on the nation's transportation ills -- set forth today by Alan ~~E~~ Boyd; newly-appointed head -- of the newly-created Department of Transportation.

Boyd declaring he will not try to play "big daddy" -- to the transportation industry. But rather ^{will} try to convince industry leaders -- of the benefits accruing from an improved transportation system.

To do that -- said Boyd -- it will be necessary first to build a cohesive organization -- from the multitude of existing agencies and employees assigned to the new department. Which means -- he ~~was~~ went on -- that the new department will be seen but not heard -- for at least a year. After that -- said he -- it'll be time enough to "start throwing bombs."

BOOK

President Johnson's apparent reluctance to discuss the outcome of Tuesday's election -- perhaps understandable; when viewed in the light of a little-known incident -- that occurred in the Nineteen-Sixty-Four Presidential campaign. An incident recalled by White House correspondent Frank Cormier -- in a book just out called "Presidents Are People, Too."

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The setting: A special television address that LBJ made to the people of Louisiana^a and Mississippi -- in the closing days of the campaign; when it was all too apparent -- that ~~he~~^{he} ~~was~~ⁱⁿ Goldwater country.

The President urging Louisianians and Mississippians -- to vote what they "think is right." In the hope -- said he -- "that somehow or other it is the same thing that I think is right."

"But if not" -- said the President -- "I won't question your patriotism -- I won't question your Americanism -- I won't question your ancestry." However, what "I may" do -- said he -- is "quietly and in the sanctity of our bedroom -- whisper to Lady Bird my personal opinion ~~■~~ about your judgment."

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