

Tues, May 7 - '68,

Scandal at Churchill Downs. For the first time in ninety-four years - a Kentucky Derby winner has been stripped of his crown. Stewards today disqualifying Dancer's Image - on the basis of post-race tests showing the horse had received a drug called "phenylbutazone - or a derivative thereof." This said to be a pain-killer -- rather than a stimulant. Dancer's Image - as you know - having a record of past leg difficulties.

Second place finisher Forward Pass - thus declared the official Derby winner. Also picking up first prize - of a hundred and twenty-five thousand bucks. With Francie's Hat moving up to second - TV Commercial to third. As far as the bettors are concerned though - tough luck. The stewards asserting that "under the rules of racing - the wagering on said race is in no way affected."

SAIGON

the capital city of
The streets of Saigon - scene today of the biggest
battle of the Viet Cong's spring offensive. U.S. and
South Vietnamese forces - taking on a full battalion
The battle
of elite Red troops. Forcing thousands of refugees to
flee in panic - under a hail of machine gun, rocket and
mortar fire.

Before it was over - about a hundred civilians
were caught in the cross fire. At least two hundred
houses ~~were~~ ^{were} levelled into rubble, ^{but} in the end ~~though~~
the allied troops ~~routed~~ ^{ed} the enemy. First reports -
indicating ~~ing~~ more than two hundred Viet Cong dead.
An American officer observing: "That pretty well wipes
out ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~entire~~ ^{entire} battalion."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW SAIGON

While the battle rages in Vietnam - the questions persist here at home. ~~Such as~~ how were the Viet Cong able to mount another major attack - so soon after that disastrous Tet offensive. - and in Saigon.

~~An~~ answer, ~~reported~~ in U S intelligence reports released today, ^{telling of} ~~reporting~~ infiltration of Communist troops into South Vietnam ~~is now running~~ at its highest level of the war. An estimated thirty-five thousand infiltrators ~~in all~~ - since ~~the~~ ^{Johnson} President ordered a partial bombing halt over North Vietnam.

Diplomatic sources in Paris adding today - that Hanoi has no intention of scaling down its future military activity; even if ~~preliminary talks do~~ ^{preliminary talks do} lead to a --total halt in U.S. bombing of the North.

MOSCOW PRAGUE

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For weeks now - Czechoslovakia's newly freed press has abounded with rumors ~~suggesting~~ that Soviet agents were somehow involved in the apparent suicide of Czech Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk back in Nineteen Forty-Eight. All of which - has finally ~~forced~~ forced the Kremlin to take official notice. The Soviet News Agency Tass charging today "that these reports are lies from beginning to end." ^{all} An effort by "the enemies of Socialist Czechoslovakia" -- said Tass - "to stir up anti-Soviet feeling among unstable people."

At the same time - in Prague - an official Czech newspaper admitted today - the new Czech government is having ~~pk~~ political and economic troubles with Russia. As for reports though that Moscow might send troops into Czechoslovakia - that - said the newspaper - is "unbelievable."

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - another bill-signing ceremony today. President Johnson enacting into law - a measure removing the six percent interest ceiling on V A and F H A loans. Also taking the opportunity - to make another pitch for his still-pending tax increase.

The President asserting ~~(that "only responsible~~
fiscal policy - can prevent another credit crunch."
~~adding~~) that if Congress fails to raise income taxes -
mortgage interest rates could zoom as high as ten
percent.

Meanwhile, house and senate negotiators were meeting across town - trying to hammer out a final tax package.

MONTGOMERY

The nation's only woman Governor - dead today
— as you may have heard,
in Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. Lurleen Wallace - victim
of a three-year bout with cancer. Her husband and
her four children - at her ~~best~~ bedside when she died. She
was only forty-one.

Mrs. Wallace immediately succeeded by her
Lieutenant Governor -- thirty-nine year old Albert
Brewer. Though a close friend of the Wallaces - Brewer
was earlier quoted as saying he was "no messenger boy."

SELMA FOLLOW MONTGOMERY

In deference of Mrs. Wallace's death - about two hundred and fifty negroes observed a moment of silence today in Selma, Alabama. These - members of the "Poor people's march" on Washington. Later traveling on to the ^Umorning capital - to proceed with a planned rally. (The Reverend Ralph Abernathy explaining. "We share the ~~for~~ grief" of Mrs. Wallace's death "with her husband, children and family - but, we must move on with the business of redeeming the soul of America.")

HOMINY FALLS

On a mountainside near Hominy Falls, West Virginia -- rescue workers today attacked a five hundred foot wall of earth and coal, Trying to drill an escape shaft - for twenty-five men trapped deep inside a sloping coal mine. Three Scuba divers - also ^{are on hand} ~~arriving~~ to aid in the rescue. ~~fast~~

At least fifteen of the miners - known to be alive. And for them - rescue could come as early as Thursday. But for ten others - who have ~~xxx~~ not been heard from since their entombment - hope is fading. ~~fast~~

INDIANA

As ~~for~~ Indiana, ^{this is} a primary day ~~to fast drawing to~~
~~climax~~ ^{with} The Presidential aspirations of Senators

McCarthy and Kennedy - hanging in the balance.

For latest results - stay tuned to this CBS station.

FAIRBANKS

From time immemorial - young men with beards
Bitter cold in some areas. Why shave?
have been a common sight in Alaska. But now - something
new has been added. Reports from Fairbanks telling
today of a sudden invasion of young men -- with beards,
bells and beads. Hundreds of hippies - flocking to the
northernmost metropolis of the United States, ~~planning~~
for
~~to have~~ a "sun-in" -- in the land of the Midnight Sun.

The big event set for June twenty-one, longest
day of the year. ~~Next~~ The hippies said to be planning
a dramatic demonstration of "flower power" -- during
daylight hours that will last a full twenty-four hours.

In the meantime though - Alaskans are telling the
flower people to dress warm. Or, Alaska being Alaska - *Warren*
right they ~~will~~ end up with ~~fox~~ frosted petals?
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HOUSTON

At Houston, Texas - a third human heart ~~transplant~~
transplant today - third in five days. Dr. Denton
Cooley - again ~~is~~ heading the surgical team. ^{This time} ~~transferring~~
the heart of a thirty-two year old assault victim - into
the chest of a sixty-two year old west Texas ~~cap~~
hospital administrator. As for Houston's two previous
transplant patients, ^{we hear they are in} ~~they remain in~~ "satisfactory"
condition.