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MIAMI BEACH

The big question at Miami Beach: which poll do you believe - if any? Rockefeller supporters pointing with pride today - to the latest Harris Poll, showing the New York Governor - a sure-fire winner in November. While the Gallup pollsters were trying to justify their own survey - announced earlier this week; showing Nixon - the odds-on favorite.

Perhaps the best commentary - from Nixon press Secretary Herbert Klein, suggesting that a later joint statement from the Harris and Gallup organizations - indicated they were trying to organize a kind of "pollsters protection society." Klein adding though that regardless of the polls "Dick Nixon is doing well."

Meanwhile, the former Vice President submitted a Vietnam policy statement today - to the Republican platform committee. Asserting that the United States "has "frittered away" its strength in Vietnam. Adding that the best hope for peace is a Republican administration - free and clear from "mistakes of the past."

PITTSBURGH

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On the steel front - the battle lines are ~~fast~~
~~fast~~ forming tonight, With the U S Defense Department
spear-heading the government's price roll back drive.
Ordering a shift of military contracts wherever possible
to steel firms holding the price line.

This - you will recall - the same tactic used
by the late President Kennedy in the steel controversy
of Nineteen Sixty Two. It worked then - and the White
House ~~obviously~~ ^{ed} hoping it will ^{gain} gain.

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In the meantime - though - Bethlehem Steel
refused today to rescind its across-the-board-price-
increases. Drawing added support from four major
competitors - who are planning ~~on~~ similar price hikes.
~~With~~ ~~the~~ ~~giant~~ ~~U~~ ~~S~~ ~~Steel~~ further confusing the issue
tonight - announcing planned "upward revisions in
selected products."

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam - marked today

by the bizarre tale of a renegade American. A white man - apparently leading ^{the} Viet Cong until ~~into combat~~ ~~combat, when~~ he was shot and killed - by a U S Marine patrol.

Back in camp - the slain man tentatively identified as ^{a U.S.} ~~himself~~ a marine, listed as missing in action since September, Nineteen Sixty-Five, ~~However, the body lost to the Viet Cong - in the heat of battle. As a result -~~ the U S command refusing to give a name.

In the air war - U S Navy pilots today launched another assault against North Vietnam, ^{in an} Attempting to head off ^a ~~that~~ threatened "massive" enemy ~~an~~ attack.

CIERNA NAD TISOU

After four days of crucial talks with Russian leaders at C^{irna} Nad Tisou - it was Czech ~~go~~ Communist party leader Dubcek - front and center today, Telling the Czech people -- "all is well." While in Moscow - the ~~Kreml~~ Kremlin was making public the terms of a temporary Czech-Russian compromise.

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In essence, the agreement granting Czechoslovakia -- a brief period of grace, Enough time at least - to allow for a series of meetings with fellow Communist countries, Beginning with another parley Saturday - in the Czech city of Bratislavia; ^{— a parley} with East German, Polish, Hungarian and Bulgarian representatives, -- ~~also expected to attend.~~

There the Czechs expected to plead again - that they can carry out their promised "democratization" of Czechoslovakia; and still remain - solidly in the Communist camp.

WHITEHOUSE

For President Johnson ^{today} ~~of~~ a moment of triumph --
of which there have been ~~exceeding~~ few in recent months.
At the White House -- the President signing into law the
most comprehensive federal housing bill in U.S. history.
A five billion-dollar cornerstone ^{hopefully towards} ~~in~~ the building,
~~hopefully~~ of a greater U.S. Society.

The President himself calling the bill -- "A Magna
Charta to liberate our cities - a commitment to eliminate
forever sub-standard housing in America." L B J
adding that "never before in ~~all of~~ our lifetime -- has
the American Congress been as far-sighted."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

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As for Vice President Hubert Humphrey *makes*
another attempt ~~today~~ to carve out his own niche on
Vietnam. ~~Humphrey~~ Departing from official administration
policy ⁴⁴ for the second day in a row, ^{he} criticized ^{ed} the
last week Saigon ~~gov~~ government for imprisoning ~~last week~~ former
South Vietnamese "peace candidate" Truong Dinh Dzu.
"I think they are wrong" - said Humphrey.

The Vice President also calling again for free
elections in South Vietnam - with even the Communists
allowed to "run for office." "I have always believed
in the free processes of a free election -- and a
free choice" said he. Adding ^{since} ~~that~~ "Communists are
allowed to run for office in the United States - I see
no reason why they should not be allowed to run for
office there."

PHILADELPHIA

Chief Justice Earl Warren ~~of the U S Supreme~~
~~court~~ who is somewhat "semi-retired" these days -
a welcome guest today at the American Bar Association
Convention in Philadelphia. Taking advantage of the
occasion to assert that the judicial branch of government
- is much more vulnerable to attack than any other.
This - said he - because it "can't enter the ~~the~~ political
arena - to trade blow for blow." An obvious reference
to the recent Senate grilling of Chief Justice nominee
Abe Fortas.

~~But~~ Warren going on to say - that Americans
like to believe their constitutional rights are inviolable.
"But every generation must preserve its own freedom"
-- said he. "A task - ~~he added - that has never been~~
greater than ~~it is~~ today.

NEW YORK

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The birth of independent black industries -
a so-called "little common market of the poor" -
announced today in New York. Dr. Thomas Matthew
a negro neurosurgeon and industrialist - officiating
at the ceremony. With I B I's goal - said he - eventual
destruction of the welfare system.

As a first step - I B I planning to open a
factory to manufacture darshiki, ^{— that is} Colorful African
print shirts and dresses -- that have become a symbol
of the black nationalist movement. This - said Dr.
Matthew -- "the ~~first~~ first corner" of a common market
that will one day embrace Indians ^{— our} - Hispanic Americans -
even white poor.

LONDON

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"Is the picnic over?" That's the question raised today by the much-respected Science Journal of London; noting that scientific schools are finding it increasingly difficult - to attract and hold top students ~~students~~ with a growing feeling that science alone - is not ~~to~~ the once-promised cure-all for human ills; that, indeed, certain branches of science tend to create more difficulties than they can ever hope to solve.

London
The Science Journal asks the question,

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St^{ew}:- "is the science picnic over?"

MOSCOW

Here's one - something of a surprise. In Moscow -- the newspaper Soviet Culture paying a rare tribute today - to the late Spencer Tracy.

"As an actor" said Soviet Culture "he was one of the few who embodied the genuine national character; a typical American - displaying the best features of his people."

This in commemoration of the first anniversary - of Spencer Tracy's death. The newspaper also carrying excerpts ~~from~~ from a book about the actor ~~soon~~ soon to be published in Russia.