

Fri. July 14 '72.

MIAMI BEACH

Only two hours after he finally got to bed -
George McGovern was up and off and running today.
Looking fresh and relaxed - attending a Democratic
unity breakfast ~~at~~ Miami Beach; discussing with
fellow Democratic leaders his ^{Campaign} ~~plans~~ plan, ~~in his~~
~~quest for the White House.~~ The Democratic nominee
predicting flatly: "We're going to win \neq one of the
most sweeping and dramatic victories in the ^{history of this} country."

In response - House Speaker Carl Albert was
telling McGovern ^{that} "Nixon may have the computers -
he may have the bank accounts - but you have the
people - and you're going to win."

OPPOSITION FOLLOW MIAMI BEACH

Privately though, many of those present -
were said to be rather skeptical of McGovern's chances.
The so-called "unity" meeting was further shadowed
- by the absence of many of the parties biggest names.
And there were still others - not invited perhaps ^{who were}
publicly criticizing ~~and~~ the McGovern candidacy.

These including: "Civil rights leader
Charles Evers - states rights champion Lester
Maddox, United Steel workers chieftain I W Abel,
also, the supporters of Alabama Governor George
Wallace; who were saying ^{there is now} ~~there is~~ a good chance
he will accept a third party nomination.

(NEW) WESTWOOD

And, indeed, later on - Charles Evers putting his words into action; thwarting an attempt by McGovern to name as co-chairman of the Democratic National Committee - former White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger. Evers nominating instead - Basil Patterson - a black and a former member of the New York State Legislature. This - said he - in keeping with the party's new spirit of fair representation. Whereupon McGovern gave in - saying: "Either of these two able men - would be perfectly acceptable to me." Whereupon Patterson won by voice vote.

Another McGovern appointment - faring somewhat better though ; that of Utah business woman Jean Westwood - whom he picked for the job of Democratic National Committee Chairman. Mrs. Westwood - gaining speedy approval; and the first of her sex ever to hold such a post.

SAN CLEMENTE follow new Westwood

Across the continent at San Clemente -

President Nixon ^{was} conferred ⁱⁿ ^{Teheran} with John Connally -

~~three hours in all.~~ The former treasury secretary -

who has just returned from around ^a the world tour -

later meeting with reporters; announcing plans to

attempt a round-up of disenchanted Democrats -

in support of the President's re-election bid. Connally

adding that the Nixon McGovern race - provides the

voters with "a very clear choice."

On the one hand - said he - President Nixon -

is a man of great courage; who has made "a very

significant contribution - to peace in the world."

On the other hand - said he - Senator McGovern is

a man who "frankly sabotages the efforts of this

administration to end the war and bring home our

troops and prisoners." Connally ended ^{ing} up by saying:

"For the first time in my life - I'm going to do

everything in my power to try and see President

Nixon re-elected."

WIVES

Miami Beach again - a special ~~new~~ news conference today for the wives of the two Democratic nominees. Eleanor McGovern saying ^{if} ~~she~~ her husband is elected - she plans to become an "activist First Lady" devoting special attention- to the problems of children. "I see myself working full time" said she - "as being a 'child advocate'."

As for Barbara Eagleton she called it "fantastic" ^{just} to be a part of the ticket. Adding that when her husband was first mentioned as a Vice Presidential candidate - she quickly told him: "If it's offered - go!"

By the way, today's session ^{was} billed by some - as a "twin bill." Supporters explaining that Mrs. McGovern and Mrs. Eagleton - each have twin sisters.

TALLAHASSEE

Tallahassee Florida - a federal grand jury today returned indictments - against six members of the organization called "Vietnam veterans against the war." All of them charged with conspiracy to ~~disrupt~~ disrupt the forthcoming Republican National Convention -- by means of fire works, fire bombs, and automatic weapons. The Grand Jury also citing as alleged ring leader - Vietnam veterans Florida chairman Scott Camil; who is charged separately - with manufacturing fire bombs and instructing others in their use. If convicted - facing a possible sentence - up to fifteen years in prison and twenty thousand in fines.

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More than a ~~had~~ hundred years ago - it was first the pony express linking east and west.

Next - the telegraph. And then a series of crack

trains - ~~the~~ ^{One of} the most famous of which, the

"overland mail;" ~~which lasted~~ ^{sped over the rails} for ninety years -

till it was finally phased out in the early fifties.

Ah, but old trains never die - they just

fade away; ^{But we hear} ~~and now~~ the "overland mail" is staging

a come back. Starting tomorrow from Chicago - ~~the~~

a new "overland mail;" ^{which will be} sponsored jointly by the

Burlington-Northern, The Southern Pacific and The

Union Pacific; and boasting at the outset - a four

year, sixty-eight billion dollar contract with ~~the~~

the U S postal service.

Best of all, the new run is expected to

provide express service - for nearly one sixth

of the nation's total bulk mail; in the process - we

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are told -- cutting delivery time between east and west up to three days. Quite an improvement.

LAS VEGAS

Here's one - a study of U S travel habits
arrives at
~~coming to~~ the conclusion that ~~Las~~ Las Vegas, Nevada,
annually attracts more tourists than New York,
and
Florida, [^] Hawaii all combined; a grand total - of
more than sixteen million visitors. And this a
city with a permanent resident population - of
barely two hundred thousand.

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~~This~~ The main attraction at Las Vegas -
of course - gambling. The study also showing that
the Amount of money ^{hands} changing _^ at Las Vegas gaming
tables - an incredible twenty five billion a year.
But ^{they say, they say} ~~it's heard from friends~~ _^ Warren, that's the
trouble; it just changes hands - none of it sticks.

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CINCINNATI

At the Cincinnati zoo - they're passing out cigars today. A pair of ~~gorrillas~~ gorillas named Penelope and King Tut - becoming the ~~pr~~-proud parents of another off-spring. With the help of their next door neighbors - thus giving ~~to~~ the Cincinnati zoo a total of five baby ~~gorrillas~~ gorillas over the past few years.

This - according to Curator Bob Lotshaw of the ~~Cincinnati~~ Cincinnati zoo - ~~is~~ tying an all-time record. Not that he himself - is claiming any credit though. Bob Lotshaw explaining: "We are just fortunate to have two pairs of ~~gorrillas~~ gorillas - who are very much in love."