

MIAMI BEACH

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At Miami Beach - the making of a landslide; with first Hubert Humphrey and then Edmund Muskie - withdrawing from the race today; while freeing their delegates to choose whom they will - also endorsing the candidacy of George McGovern. All of which would seem to guarantee the McGovern forces - an overwhelming first-ballot victory.

One of those still holding out though is Alabama's Governor Wallace; who plans to appear at the convention tonight in a wheelchair - to demand the adoption of a strong party plank against busing. An aide to Wallace saying: "If they don't come up with a platform against busing - there is no reason for the Democrats to run in November." It's "the only issue" - he went on - "where seventy-five per cent of the people agree."

Also pledging to "battle all the way" - <sup>is Sen.</sup> ~~Henry~~ "Scoop" Jackson; <sup>A Wash.</sup> who said today the Democratic platform - must represent a "broad base" of public opinion. Jackson adding

that he was concerned not only about this year - but also  
"the Democratic Party in Nineteen-Seventy-Four and  
Nineteen-Seventy-Six."

## MCGOVERN FOLLOW MIAMI BEACH

Through it all - the McGovern forces remaining supremely confident, as well they might. Indeed, George McGovern himself <sup>was</sup> - <sup>1</sup> already said to be hard at work preparing his acceptance speech; presumably the first big gun - in his bid <sup>for the White House</sup> ~~to defeat President Nixon.~~

Mean~~while~~<sup>while</sup>, a clue perhaps to McGovern's future strategy; - in a <sup>brief</sup> ~~policy~~ statement ~~issued~~ today, <sup>For the</sup> first time <sup>he was</sup> ~~McGovern~~ attacking conditions to his commitment for total withdrawal from Vietnam. Saying of American prisoners of war - "we will never abandon these men;" which means - he added - that, if necessary, the U. S. will "retain a military capability" in Southeast Asia - "to signal and fullfill our firm determination on this issue."

ROME

The subject of American prisoners - was also a chief topic today at the Vatican in Rome . U.S. Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers <sup>uses</sup> discussing the problem with Pope Paul; <sup>he</sup> later disclosing <sup>at that</sup> the Pontiff had tried several times - to arrange an exchange of prisoners; but "so far" - said he - "to no avail.

The Pope was also quoted as expressing strong hope - for a quick negotiated settlement of the Vietnam fighting. <sup>Step</sup> Rogers saying: "We support that appeal." Adding that he feels personally - "there is reason for hope."

## QUANG TRI FOLLOW VATICAN

*Meanwhile, the fighting continues. Today's action including a massive assault - on the occupied city of Quang Tri; with U.S. Marine helicopters - assisting in the operation; ferrying about a thousand government troops - to a new position just on the edge of town.*

*To the rear - a series of enemy counter-attacks; with three enemy armored columns from nearby areas - attempting to break up the South Vietnamese advance. But a government spokesman later saying - all three attacks were quickly repulsed.*

## SPACE

The men of Apollo-Fifteen, - Dave Scott, Al Worden and Jim Irwin, <sup>were</sup> severely reprimanded today by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; for carrying along on their moon mission last year, - without authorization, - four hundred stamped and autographed envelopes.

These intended for later auction - in order to establish a trust fund for the astronauts' families; and, indeed, <sup>only</sup> ninety-nine of the envelopes - eventually <sup>were</sup> sold for One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Bucks.

The space agency stressing, however - the astronauts' received no financial gain; realizing before any money changed hands - their plan was totally improper.

"None the less - NASA cannot condone these actions" - said an official statement. Adding, what's more, that said acts will be taken into account. - in deciding future space assignments. Which means - we are told - that very likely "they'll never fly again," <sup>out in Space,</sup>

## BELFAST-LONDONDERRY

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The arrival of additional British troops in Northern Ireland <sup>was</sup> accompanied today by three more shooting deaths; two in Belfast, <sup>and</sup> and the third in Londonderry; the victims apparently including - one Protestant, one Catholic and one British trooper. <sup>While a</sup> fourth victim - also succumb<sup>ed</sup> today to previous wounds; raising the death toll to four hundred and twenty-one - in three years of violence.

Coming up tomorrow - a series of Protestant Orange <sup>Day</sup> ~~Day~~ Parades, <sup>with</sup> Protestant leaders <sup>and</sup> agreeing ~~today~~ to <sup>steer clear of</sup> <sup>all</sup> potential trouble spots. <sup>do</sup> But officials <sup>concede</sup> <sup>that</sup> some sort of violence is almost inevitable.

## CHANDKA FOREST

From Chandka Forest in Central Hindustan <sup>comes announced</sup> ~~a~~ report  
today telling of a herd of killer elephants. Indian officials  
saying the pachyderms have already leveled five villages -  
~~in the process~~, killing at least twenty-four persons. We are  
also told that <sup>local</sup> ~~farmers~~ <sup>linthoaks</sup> ~~are~~ refusing to till their fields - for  
fear of being caught in the open.

Officials further admitting - the cause of this  
rampage is as yet unknown; but they add that the whole area  
has been hard-hit by drought and summer heat; - and, that  
could be it.



## REYKJAVIK

Nine days and eight minutes late - the world  
championship chess match was finally underway today at  
Reykjavik, Iceland. Challenger Bobby Fischer of the U.S. -  
again adding to the delay; arriving at the sports arena where  
the match is being held - after defending champ Boris  
Spassky of Russia had already made his first move. A brief  
handshake - and the battle was then joined - at last.  
How are they doing? Oh sitting there virtually  
motionless.

**PEKING**

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At Peking today - the end of a formal visit by French Foreign Minister Maurice Shumann; who is quoted as saying that France and Red China can now enter into "a trustful dialogue" - aimed at "the strenghtening of world peace." Shumann also reporting that, contrary to rumor - Chairman Mao appears to be in excellent health.

## PARIS

This next - from Paris; where city officials have just disclosed the results of an automotive poll - covering the Greater Paris area. The figures<sup>are</sup> said to show that Paris city streets - can handle only two hundred thousand cars at a time; whereas the total number of registered vehicles ~~in~~ Paris is more than two million.

The average Parisian driver - thus bucking <sup>odds</sup> ~~of~~ better than ten-to-one. About like New York - wouldn't you say, Don?

# YOUTH

A final convention note - courtesy of the youngest delegate there; seventeen-year-old Ken Hays Junior of Chattanooga, Tennessee - discussing the hurly-burly of the convention process. Admitting he ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> often confused; - ~~but~~<sup>and</sup> he adds: - adding; "I like the confusion, ~~best~~"

Why ~~so~~? Because - said he - "most everybody doesn't seem to know what they're doing."