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For a man who says he will not run - Governor Rockefeller of New York is making amazing progress in the Republican presidential sweepstakes. A public ~~op~~ opinion poll over the weekend - giving Rockefeller a slight edge over President Johnson. A second poll - just out tonight - showing that Rockefeller would clearly be the ~~the~~ strongest Republican candidate in Sixty-Eight.

Second choice among Republican contenders - Richard Nixon; who is - incidentally - the only avowed candidate. ~~Then~~ Third choice - Governor Reagan of California.

Whatever happened to Governor Romney - of Michigan. He's way down in fourth place - according to this latest poll. Apparently because of his recent charge - that he was brainwashed about the war in Vietnam. Three times as man^y voters as before - now saying they consider Romney "indecisive in taking stands on issues."

SAN FRANCISCO

On the missile front - Checkmate tonight in San Francisco. This in a major policy speech - by Defense Secretary ~~Robert~~ McNamara; disclosing plans for construction of a new - U S anti-ballistic missile system.

The planned defense network - in response to a similar anti-missile system now in the works in Russia. Construction of the limited American counterpart - set to begin at the end of this year; at an estimated total cost - of about five billion.

Anything more - would be "a profitless waste of resources" - said ~~Robert~~ McNamara. Appealing again to the Soviet Union - to negotiate a "properly safeguarded" nuclear weapons ban; to join in what ~~was~~ he called "a race toward reasonableness" instead of an arms race.

But until such time - said he - the new anti-missile system will at least make the United States less vulnerable to ~~Soviet~~ Soviet attack; whether planned - or by

accident. It will also serve - said ~~Robert~~ McNamara -
as a defense against Red China in the years directly
ahead.

VIETNAM

~~War news from~~ ^{In} Vietnam ~~tells today of~~ a new force = taking a hand in hostilities. The force of nature - ~~in the form of~~ early Monsoon rains, ^{early} ~~triggering a rash of~~ unexpected floods ^S ~~is~~ - along that supposedly demilitarized zone.

~~Rain accumulation totaling~~ as much as eighteen inches ^{of rain} in the past twenty-four hours. ~~For killing of~~ ^{Taking a toll of} least ten U.S. Marines - ~~and~~ scores of civilians.

Further, isolating and endangering Marine outposts ~~where they~~ ^{are} attempting ^{to} hold back a flood of potential enemy invaders.

Weather or no - U S Navy jets were still hard at work to the north. ^J ~~is~~ blasting a bridge, a warehouse-complex and a rail center - ^{at} ~~is~~ the vital ^{northern} ~~port~~ port of Haiphong; ~~Amid~~ reports that a U.S. campaign to "seal off" Haiphong - is finally taking effect.

A Greek Captain returning from ^{Haiphong} ~~the port~~ quoted as saying his ship was tied up fifty-five days waiting to unload. This - said he - because supplies

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are piling up ^{with} ~~there's~~ not enough warehouse space -

and ~~no~~ no one knows what to do about it; ~~with the~~ Result,

~~the~~ idle dock machinery - ~~is~~ simply rusting in the open

air.

ASHMORE FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home - a flat denial today, to the charge that President Johnson - quote, "brutally" sabotaged a promising Vietnam peace effort last February.

The accusation ^{had been made by a} ~~as you know~~ ~~from~~ former newspaper editor, Harry Ashmore. Denial - from Assistant Secretary of State William Bundy; who - along with Ashmore was said to have been party to the peace move.

Bundy ~~for his part~~ charging Ashmore with giving a "misleading" account of the incident. Also challenging ^{the} Ashmore ^{about} statement ~~that there are~~ "two state departments" one in ~~search~~ search of peace - the other bent on total war. ~~That~~ Said Bundy; - ~~is~~ "nonsense."

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - renewed fighting today across the Suez Canal. Egyptian and Israeli troops again exchanging shots - near ~~the village of~~ El Qantara. Third time in a week ~~that El Qantara has~~ ^{for the sound to gunfire to} reverberated ~~to~~ over that mid-canal strategic center, ~~the sound of gunfire.~~

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem - General Moshe Dayan was sending Jewish New Year's greetings to his troops ~~this~~ - in typical Dayan fashion. ~~The Israeli Defense~~ ~~Minister~~ Saying Israel will talk peace with its ~~Arab~~ neighbors - only on the basis of "translating" present cease-fire lines - into "permanent borders."

As for Egypt's ~~colony~~ Nasser - it fell ^{to} his lot ~~to~~ today to eulogize former Vice President Abdel Hakim Amer, ^{was reported to have} the man who [^] committed suicide last week - rather than face a charge of plotting to overthrow the government. Nasser saying of his lifelong friend; "he was more than a brother to me."

ADD MIDDLE EAST

~~In still~~ Another related development - foreign

Minister Adib El Amery of Jordan ~~was~~ flying ~~today~~ to New

York, with what he said was a new - Middle East peace

plan, ~~that~~, supposedly for presentation to the ~~United~~

^{U. N.}~~Nations~~ General Assembly - when it reconvenes tomorrow.

~~to consider the Arab-Israeli impasse.~~

ECONOMY

For the third straight month -- more Americans earned more money in August than ever before in U.S. history; according to figures announced ^{Today} -- by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Personal income -- up Four-and-a-half Billion; nearly half of it in factory payrolls -- ~~was bigger~~ ^{stepped up} by higher employment. At the same time -- U.S. industrial production rising one-point-three points in August; biggest gain -- in fifteen months. While interest rates for home mortgage loans -- ~~were~~ also up again slightly.

~~This~~ ^{is} serving as added incentive -- for the President's requested ten per cent tax increase -- ~~say government~~ ^{so claim the Administration} experts.

DETROIT FOLLOW ECONOMY

New car prices -- also going up ^{as you know} With General Motors joining Chrysler today -- in setting higher price tags on all Sixty-Eight-model cars.

The G.M. increase -- an average of a Hundred-and-Ten Dollars per car; ~~or roughly three and a half per cent --~~ ~~over Sixty Seven prices.~~ Extra safety features and better quality production -- said to account "for a large part" of ^{it,} ~~the price hike.~~

~~The ⁹ Chrysler increase -- announced last week --~~ ~~about a Hundred and Thirty dollars a car. However,~~ Chrysler -- and eventually Ford -- ^{are} expected to adjust their prices in line with giant G.M.: as they did last year -- and the year before that, too.

WAKE FOREST

For years, divorce experts in the United States - have concentrated their studies mainly on the wayward male. Men like the fabled ~~the~~ faithful husband - who suddenly falls victim to "the seven year itch" or some such.

Now - at last - a study of wayward wives; from sociologist Clark Vincent - of Wake Forest University; who found that married women who work are often a victim of what he called -- ~~an~~ "occupational propinquity." In other words, they tend to become involved - with the men they see and work with every day.

For example, married nurses getting mixed up ~~in~~ most often - with doctors' legal secretaries - with lawyers; women teachers - with men teachers; bus drivers with bus drivers - and so on.

By the way, the study also showed that where ~~these~~ women are concerned - ~~that the so-called "seven year~~

~~itch is largely a myth. Among~~ the wives in question ~~said~~ Prof. Vincent - the ~~study~~ ^{wife} for romance popping up anywhere from the fourth year to the thirtieth year of marriage.

And now here's Alan Burns who is an authority on such matters.

DENVER

From Denver comes the story today -- of Hippie prophet Ronald Ward; who believes that words -- are unreal. Prophet Ward asserting -- in his own words -- that words "are mere symbols; and symbols ~~are~~ can never really symbolize -- what they're supposed to; because each individual interprets those symbols -- in his own subjective manner."

It follows logically then -- that Prophet Ward would like to do away with words -- right? Wrong. The oracle of the hippies explaining: "I've found I need to use words -- in order to communicate the fact that words are not real."

So much for hippie Ward's -- word to the ~~also~~ ~~and~~ ^{unwashed, and}
now -- a word ^{to the wit from Alan Burns,} ~~from Warren,~~ who by the way is no hippie!