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DEMOCRATS

Have you heard? Hubert Humphrey appears headed toward that first ballot victory tonight at the Democratic National Convention. This after late this afternoon overcoming a bitter challenge to the Johnson administration's Vietnam war policy when the convention voted - by a three to two margin - to reject the anti-war plank offered by the supporters of Senators McCarthy and McGovern.

Was the Humphrey platform victory a costly one? For the moment it leaves the delegates deeply divided. In fact after the final tally was announced, some who had opposed the administration war policy donned black arm bands and joined in the mass singing of "we shall overcome." Also there were boos and shouts of "stop the war"!

Earlier, Humphrey made heavy new inroads into the favorite son ranks of various state delegations - this after the collapse of a draft-Ted Kennedy movement when Senator

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Kennedy, himself, again made it plain he would not be a candidate.

Barring some unexpected dramatic turn of events, in the balloting tonight, Hubert Humphrey is assured of the nomination. Nevertheless Senator McCarthy refuses to give up his anti-war crusade that he launched eight months ago in snowy New Hampshire. Said McCarthy - "I haven't thrown in the towel." But he looked dispirited and tired as he added - "I'm not exhausted - I'll be around."

Yippies and other anti-war protestors struggled with police again today on Chicago's lake front. The melee began when a youth climbed a flagpole and tried to lower an American flag. As police pulled him down the crowd shouted protests; Viet Cong flags appeared; and smoke bombs were thrown.

AMBASSADOR

The United States ambasssdor to Guatemala
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John Gordon Mein - was machine-gunned to death today
in Guatemala City. The assassination of Ambassador
Mein was confirmed in a statement issued at the Texas
White House and also in Washington.

has
The State Department called on the government
of Guatemala to conduct an immediate investigation. ~~of the incident.~~

VIETNAM

American paratroopers launched an attack against the remnants of a Communist regiment - in the woods and rice paddies near Saigon - after avoiding a major ambush the enemy had set for them" In another action at Duc Lap - four miles from the Cambodian border - allied defenders called in air strikes against some Communist positions from which they have kept an American base under attack for six straight days.

CZECH

Czechoslovakia's leaders have ordered a crackdown on the nation's radio, television and other news media. Said the government announcement in Prague "it will be necessary to assert fully the government's influence" on ~~these~~ ^{all} communications media. ~~At the same~~ ^{Also} ~~time,~~ the borders ~~were~~ ^{are now} closed to all foreign newsmen, ~~trying to reach Prague.~~ Czech Premier Oldrich Cernik appealed ^{for} ~~to~~ an end to all anti-Soviet demonstrations, ~~the crowds who were~~ ^{by angry youths who} ~~by~~ demanding they be told the truth about the agreement with Moscow ~~which~~ ^s ~~permitted~~ the Prague ~~xxx~~ regime to stay in power. ~~Some diplomatic~~ Reports from London say there's a possibility that the Soviets may even demand the disarming of Czechoslovakia's one-hundred-seventy-five thousand-man army.

NIXON

Richard Nixon will officially open his presidential campaign in Houston, Texas, on September Sixth. A spokesman for the Nixon campaign says the decision to open the drive in President Johnson's home state indicates that Nixon regards Texas as a key state in the national election picture.

ALASKA

Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska - a long-time critic of the Vietnam war - apparently has been defeated in his bid for nomination to another term. With more than three-fourths of the state's precincts counted in the Democratic primary, Mike Gravel - a thirty-eight year old real estate developer from Anchorage - holds a substantial lead over Senator Gruening.

Former President Dwight Eisenhower was

taken off the critical list at Walter Reed hospital today!--

However the
~~but~~ doctors ~~say~~ say the long range outlook for his

recovery is still "guarded". *They add*
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that, because of the extent of the General's coronary

history ~~condition~~, "his present condition must still be considered

serious, albeit not necessarily critical at this time."

~~In reply to questions, the General's medical team said~~

He has not yet been allowed to read books or newspapers,

nor ^{even} ~~has he begun~~ to sit up in bed.

ORPHANS

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Ten orphaned children - all brothers and sisters ranging in age between three and seventeen - have found a new home in Concord, California, with their married aunt, Mrs. Stanley Graves. They were orphaned last month when their parents were killed in a highway accident. Afterwards ^The children- four boys and six girls - vowed to stick together no matter what, ~~happened~~. Now, under a court order, ^{they} will ^{stay} ~~stick~~ together. Mr. and Mrs. Graves, who already have one child, will be aided by a forty-seven thousand dollar trust fund ^{setup} ~~sponsored by~~ ^{by generous} Californians after the accident; - ~~with~~ some donations coming from as far away as West Germany and Vietnam.

AUTO

Thirty years ago, a baby^a boy was born in an automobile enroute to a hospital in Owensboro, Kentucky. Because of this, the child was christened Lindell Auto Jones. That was thirty years ago. Today, Lindell ~~Auto~~ Auto Jones faces a prison sentence of six years - on charges of stealing an autom~~obile~~^{Warren.} - a crime he has been charged with twenty-two times.

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AFRICAN

An African Ambassador - who is among ~~the~~
more than a hundred diplomatic observers at the Democratic
Convention - says its just like a tribal meeting back home.
Said the African diplomat - "they palaver - they fight -
they elect a chief - and then they unite." ^{Other diplomats} ~~The envoys~~
~~however~~ were reluctant to be quoted on their
observations - but they left no doubt about their belief
that the proceedings in Chicago are of vital importance
to their countries.

The Chicago convention just
like a tribal gathering in Africa -
and s-l-u-t-m.