

VIETNAM

Tues, Aug, 20 - '68.

On the war front - massacre in Vietnam.

With a force of about four hundred Viet Cong - today attacking a small allied outpost near Da Nang. Blasting their way through a barbed wire entanglement - with plastic explosives packed in soft drink cans. Once inside - ⁵/₂ slaughtering twenty-four South Vietnamese soldiers - nine U S Marines - and one U S Navy medic. A final radio message from the doomed men - calling for air and artillery ~~strikes~~ strikes on their own position .

DEMOCRATS

In Chicago - the Humphrey-for President bandwagon begins to pick up ^{speed} ~~steam~~ With Humphrey supporters today predicting a sure-fire first-ballot victory - at the Democratic ~~National~~ Convention next week. ^{They are} claiming the solid support of some fourteen hundred delegates - or about a hundred more than necessary.

Indeed, the Vice President himself is already said to have selected four men ^{as his} ~~to head his personal~~ list of possible running mates. These including Senator Harris of Oklahoma -- Senator Muskie of Maine - Governor Hughes of New Jersey - and U S Ambassador to Paris R. Sargent Shriver. Each of them said to ~~be~~ combine a youthful image - with practical experience in the problems of cities and ghettos.

By no means though - are McCarthy supporters ready yet to toss in the ~~towel~~ towel. In fact, a key

McCarthy man asserting today - that Humphrey "peaked"
a week ago. Adding that the Vice President is "making
all that noise" ~~to~~ to hide the erosion in his strength
since then.

SPRINGFIELD FOLLOW DEMOCRATS

A related item - from Springfield, Illinois where Governor Shapiro today ordered the mobilization of five thousand National Guard troops. Their assignment - ~~he~~ said he: "to preserve life, property and maintain order in the city of Chicago" - during the Democratic Convention.

The Governor's action - following newspaper reports ~~that~~ about an alleged extremist plot, said to call for attacks on several police stations - to coincide with an assassination attempt against Humphrey - ^{both} ~~also~~ ^{and} McCarthy.

CHICAGO

In its
~~Chicago again~~ an annual report today ~~from~~
the Chicago crime Commission, *adding* an abundance of
figures *to* showing *how* "law and order" is not an empty
political issue. The report asserting, in part, that "crime
has reached staggering proportions ~~in~~ in many parts of
the nation." Adding that "citizens' fears of criminal
attack in their homes - on ~~the~~ streets - in Parks and
public transportation facilities - are not groundless."

~~Ironically though - the report also containing
perhaps a few surprises. Noting - in Chicago, at least -
a preponderance of major crime in inner city negro
districts; with negroes themselves - apparently the
chief victims. The report further asserting that "numerous
guilty persons have been freed" because of recent Supreme
Court rulings. Adding, however, that the percentage
of convictions is up slightly - in cases that do reach the
courts.~~

WASHINGTON FOLLOW DEMOCRATS

Meanwhile, in Washington - the Democratic Platform Committee was hearing today - from three leading Senate Doves. Senator McGovern calling for immediate withdrawal - of more than half the total number of American troops now serving in Vietnam. Senator Fulbright calling for an immediate bombing halt - coupled with creation of a coalition government in Saigon. Senator Nelson asserting that the Democratic Platform must not endorse past Vietnam policies - or he would feel "morally bound to campaign against it."

In reply - Senator McGee accusing his three colleagues of "political hucksterism." Adding that an American retreat now - would mean that tens of thousands of South Vietnamese "would be liquidated." It would also imperil - said he - other southeast Asian nations which have "gambled on continuing American presence."

HARRISBURG

~~As for Richard Nixon - it was on to~~ Harrisburg
Meanwhile ~~today~~ The Republican Presidential nominee ^{was at} - ~~there~~
conferring with Pennsylvania ^{able} Governor ^{Roy} Shafer. Also
addressing a crowd of about three thousand - from the
steps of the State Capitol.

Among the audience - about twenty unfriendly
pickets. The first ^{Richard} Nixon has yet seen - on his current
tour of the so-called "big seven states." However, these
remaining silent - throughout Nixon's address. Except
for some cheering - when Nixon called for a new foreign
policy. One - said he - "that will bring peace to Vietnam
- and avoid future Vietnams."

Earlier, at Columbus, Ohio - Nixon fully
endorsing President Johnson's hard-line policy - with
regard to a Vietnam bombing halt. Later, the G O P
contender flying on to Washington - to join the Eisenhower
family at Walter Reed ~~Army~~ Hospital.

WALTER REED FOLLOW HARRISBURG

In the meantime - former President Eisenhower continues his ~~gallant struggle for survival~~ ^{fight - still holding on. His} Doctors reporting late today that Ike's condition "remains critical" but unchanged. Which means ~~that~~ the outlook - ^{most uncertain. The} ~~also remains guarded.~~ Doctors ^{saying} ~~adding that~~ his condition could deteriorate - almost at any moment.

WIVES

Admist all the fuss and furore over Democratic convention arrangements & there remains at least one oasis of old-time glamor. This in preparations for a gala convention luncheon-show & planned by the wives of cabinet officers and congressmen. The V I P ladies calling their production: "Alexis - we love you."

The Alexis of the title - famed French ~~the French writer~~ historian Alexis de Toqueville, who catalogued the glories of the New World, & during the mid-eighteen hundreds. When asked later to account for the ~~great~~

greatness of Americans - Alexis giving as his main reason Warren, what he spoke of ^{as} American ~~the~~ "the superiority of their women." Hence the Chicago Convention wives saying ~~Hence~~ "Alexis - we love you."

NIXON

The ~~The~~ major difference between the new Richard Nixon and the old one - perhaps best summed up in a single word -- confidence. As evidenced by a story the Republican standard bearer is ~~telling~~ telling these days - about his recent parley with President Johnson.

The former Republican Vice Pres.
According to ~~Nixon~~ - the meeting had just

ended - he was getting ~~ready~~ ready to leave in the President's helicopter - when the President's dog "Yuchie" (you-key) clambered aboard. At which L B J is quoted as saying: "Dick you're after my job -- you've got my helicopter - and now you're trying to get my dog, too."

Nixon's closing remark: "Well, I think two out of three is enough - I'll let him keep the dog."