

WASHINGTON

Fri. June 9-72.

Campaign Seventy Two - a funny thing happened today on the way to Miami; As you may have heard by now - Edmund Muskie refusing to jump aboard the band-wagon, refusing to yield to George McGovern, the delegates that might have assured him ~~the~~ <sup>of the</sup> ~~Democratic~~ nomination for President.

This <sup>came today following</sup> ~~coming in the face of~~ widespread reports - that Muskie was ready to toss in the towel. Indeed McGovern implying today during a visit to New York - that an accommodation had already been reached. Saying he would welcome Muskie - as his running mate. Adding: "It would make a superb ticket."

As it turned out though - Muskie just wasn't buying. In a later Washington speech - the former Democratic front runner saying flatly: "I will continue as a candidate for my party's nomination." Further declaring that anything less - "would make

a mockery" of the selection of delegates and ~~the~~ the whole convention system.

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Muskie also observing that party unity - "is not achieved by the magic wand of the king maker." And he continued: "No man can hand George McGovern a united party - and I would do him a grave disservice to ~~pretend~~ pretend that I could do so." And then <sup>he</sup> ~~he~~ advised McGovern "to re-examine and refine" his views - in order to build the wide based support he needs.

McGovern's reaction to all this - a statement that Muskie's decision was, quote "the proper one." Also, a compliment - said he - "to the rank and file Democrats," who will now "make their judgment - without relying on the big names!"

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As might be expected - Hubert Humphrey also ~~applauded~~ <sup>ed</sup> the Muskie statement. It will help insure - said he - "a free and open convention."

Adding that <sup>he</sup> himself - still has "a reasonably good chance" of getting the nomination in spite of all the delegates the Govern has committed to him.

VIETNAM

~~In ground action~~ In Vietnam - Saigon troops today scored two major successes. In the first, ~~was~~ recapturing from the Viet Cong - the coastal town of Dap Da; in the second, finally breaking through with reinforcements - to relieve the siege at An Loc north of Saigon.

This coming in the midst of an inspection tour - by retired U S marine commandant General Lewis Walt; who also predicted that South Vietnamese counter-attacks - will soon drive the North Vietnamese "out of the country." Meanwhile, <sup>our planes</sup> ~~the U S~~ <sup>e</sup> ~~continuing~~ <sup>their</sup> air strikes - against the Communist North. (Big American B-52s hitting just above the D M Z for the second day in a row. Smaller jets - ranging far and wide in search of enemy targets. These including - for the third straight day - a rail center less than twenty miles from Red China.

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SAIGON

On the political front - a copy of the Viet Cong's official magazine - the Vanguard - was made public today in Saigon. In ~~it~~ it, the Communist side admitting that ~~the current offensive~~ its current offensive has failed to incite hoped-for mass uprisings against the Saigon regime. This - says Vanguard - due mainly to the laxity of party organizers - even in occupied territory. These accused of "being hesitant<sup>x</sup> undecided - fearing enemy counter attacks - not daring to act boldly - and adopting a wait and see attitude." All of which - in Saigon - at least - is welcome news.

PENTAGON FOLLOW SAIGON

Here at home - Army Secretary Robert Froehlke ~~Froehke~~ was discussing the nation's manpower needs; saying we still "stand a ~~reasonable~~ reasonably good chance" - of having an all-volunteer army by next July.

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Froehlke added, however: "We have to have some breaks." In the same vein, observing that the military - "must have the respect and appreciation of the general public;" for we can never get enough young men of quality to volunteer - said he; ~~if~~ <sup>American people</sup> ~~the poor group~~ looks down their nose at them.

## BELFAST

Britain's efforts to restore peace to Northern Ireland which seemed to be ~~gaining~~ gaining in momentum - suddenly a shambles today. Terrorist violence over the past four days - ~~claiming~~ claiming at least seven lives. The latest victim - including a twenty-four year old ~~Catholic~~ woman. She was riding in a car apparently mistaken for a British patrol car. Also - a young Protestant militiaman, <sup>killed,</sup>

Meanwhile, the British regent in Northern Ireland, William Whitelaw, <sup>while</sup> inspecting ~~today~~ the site of a bomb blast at Lurgan in County Armagh, ~~and~~ ~~there he~~ was jostled, jeered and spat on by an angry Protestant crowd. Many shouting over and over: "Where is our security - where is our security?" Others simply crying out "out! out! out!"

TOKYO

For those who ~~we~~ may have been asking:

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"I wonder where's Kissinger now" - the ~~answer~~ answer today is Tokyo. The President's chief foreign policy advisor finally making good on a promised visit already twice postponed. His schedule including four days of talks with Japanese leaders - spelling out the latest ramifications of the new Nixon doctrine.

Incidentally, the security precautions for Kissinger's visit <sup>are</sup> the most stringent since <sup>Vice President</sup> ~~the~~ Agnew was in Tokyo last month. This because of threats - from the radical left and the radical right. The leftists calling Kissinger, quote - "the master mind of American war effort in Vietnam." The rightists taking umbrage at Kissinger's role - in the President's recent trip to Peking and Moscow.

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So, Warren, <sup>at any rate</sup> we do have the answer to the query:- "I wonder where's Kissinger now!"



GRAND HAVEN MICHIGAN

Grand Haven, Michigan. The scheduled speaker at a highschool commencement last night - Michigan congressman Guy Vander Jagt; who was supposed to arrive late yesterday - in plenty of time for the ceremony. Except his ~~flight~~<sup>plane</sup> from Washington develop<sup>ed</sup>~~ing~~ engine trouble. As a result he missed connections at Grand Rapids; and attempts to charter a private plane delayed about half an hour until they could find a pilot. When he finally did get there - the congressman discovering that everyone else ~~was~~ had already gone home.

Ah, but all is not lost. Vander Jagt today taping his scheduled remarks with a local radio station ~~pledging to~~<sup>that will</sup> play them tomorrow. One of his main topics, by the way - the importance of ~~being~~ being punctual. *Conf. 2-2-4- Mon.*