

HAMPTON

Tues, Mar. 5-68,

Excitement in New Hampshire. Unopposed or no -- Richard Nixon running hard today. Promising -- if elected President -- to provide "the new leadership that will end the war" in Vietnam; and also -- "win the peace in the Pacific."

This -- at Hampton, New Hampshire -- in the first of five campaign appearances today. Nixon stressing time and again -- his "new leadership" theme. Admitting there isn't "any -- push-button way" to end the war. Adding though "It can be ended -- it is possible; if we can mobilize -- our economic and political and diplomatic leadership."

Nixon concluding: "The failure in Vietnam is not the failure of our fighting men -- but rather the failure of our leadership in Washington, D. C."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW HAMPTON

Reaction from the White House: A terse -

*"no comment." Indeed, the President remains - an
unannounced candidate for re-election. Press Secretary
George Christian saying today that as far as primaries
are concerned - L B J "has not made any decision to
run anywhere as yet."*



ADD TO WHITE HOUSE

A later development: The President

refusing today to designate a stand-in candidate -

for ^{the} Massachusetts' upcoming Presidential primary.

Leaving peace candidate Senator McCarthy ~~of Illinois~~

officially unopposed in Massachusetts.

HARTFORD FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, Democratic National Chairman

John Bailey - a visitor today in Hartford, Connecticut--

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was
~~Here~~ acknowledging - a growing "groundswell" against

President Johnson, Comparable, - ~~said he~~ -- ^{as he put it} to the

"groundswell" against former President Truman in early

Nineteen Forty-Eight.

Bailey noting, however, that Truman went on
to win - further predicting that L B J will do likewise.

He added that "dissident Democrats" - as of now - will
be welcomed back into the fold ~~xx~~ right through November.

VIETNAM

*M*eanwhile
~~On the other side of the globe~~ in Vietnam -

political and military conflict merged as one today;
in the provincial capital of Quan Long - deep in the
Mekong Delta. Target of a short-lived Viet Cong
invasion -- rich in propaganda value but costly in lives.

Attacking at dawn - the enemy quickly
occupying a lightly-defended hospital on the outskirts
of Quan Long. An estimated six hundred Viet Cong -
later battling their way into the town proper. Finally
splitting ~~up~~ up into small terrorist groups - in the
face of allied reaction.

By nightfall - the enemy said to be on the
run. With South Vietnamese ~~xxxxxx~~ pursuers ~~nipping~~
at their heels. While back in Quan Long - the bodies
of nearly two hundred Viet Cong - who will ~~xxxx~~ never
fight again.

STOCKHOLM

Seven more deserters from the U. S. armed forces -- were granted political asylum today in neutral Sweden. This -- by authority of the Swedish aliens commission; on so-called "humanitarian grounds" -- same as before.

The total now twenty U. S. servicemen -- who have been granted refuge in Sweden in the last two years. With another thirteen defectors -- still awaiting final approval. All of them -- publicly opposing the war in Vietnam.

SENATE

On Capitol Hill - civil rights is still the overriding issue. The Senate today tacking on an anti-riot provision - to its previous civil rights package; as voting continued on amendments - in preparation for a final showdown on the entire bill.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- who was presiding over the Senate - at first ruling the anti-riot measure "not Germane." However, the issue finally brought to a vote -- by unanimous consent. Senate Liberals reportedly accepting the anti-riot provision as the cost of approval for their own chief ~~interest~~ interest - open housing.

SPACE

America's newest space lab -- Giant Ogo-Five --
reported performing perfectly today. Space officials saying
the craft is already sending back information -- from
eighteen of its twenty-four planned experiments. It's
remaining six experiments -- to be ^{set in motion} ~~started~~ by Thursday.

LINDBERGH

Next up -- the age-old question: "What price glory?"

Raised anew today -- in a compelling biography. A book entitled -- "The Last Hero: Charles A. Lindbergh" -- by Walter S. Ross.

As the author quickly points out -- and then proceeds to illustrate -- the fabled "Lone Eagle" has been perhaps "the most worshiped, adored, harried, photographed, written-about and pursued man in our century!" The season, of course -- his epochal flight across the Atlantic in Nineteen-Twenty-Seven; whereupon fame was thrust upon him -- and ^{soon} thrust it right back. In the years since -- Charles Lindbergh using every means at his disposal -- to keep this fame from engulfing his life.

The result has been the creation, in effect, of two Lindberghs -- here merged into one. First -- the public Lindbergh -- if such he can be called; a virtual recluse, -- ~~an~~ ~~oddball~~ -- ~~a fantasy, perpetrated by the unformed. The~~

The second Lindbergh -- a man of many and varied interests,
 who worked with Nobel Prize-winning Alexis Carrel -- on
 the development of a heart pump; who helped to raise the ^{Necessary}
 money -- for ~~Dr. Robert~~ Goddard's pioneer experiments
 in rocketry; who has played continuously--and continues to
 play even now -- a vital role in the development of U.S.
 airpower -- both civil and military.

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 As for the book ~~truth to say~~ -- Lindbergh himself ^{did} ~~has~~ not cooperated
 with the author ~~in the writing of this book~~. In fact -- he ~~has~~ actively tried
 to discourage ^{its publication} ~~it~~. However ~~so that as it may~~ the author -- through
 tireless research and countless interviews -- has fashioned
 here what ^{I suppose} ~~is~~ ranks as the definitive study -- up to now
 -- of the life and times of Charles Lindbergh, who emerges
 from its pages -- at age sixty-six -- that great rarity -- a
 truly free man.

My only criticism -- perhaps best expressed by the
 author in his final ~~a~~ paragraph -- when he said ^{OF Lindbergh} "It is a

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SANTIAGO

For the fourth time in less than a year -- second time in as many weeks -- a giant airliner has been hijacked in flight; its pilot - forced to fly to Cuba.

Today's incident involving a Colombian aircraft with thirty-two aboard. About to land at Barranquilla on a flight from Bogota -- when the hijacking occurred. In the end - the plane just ~~barely~~ barely making it to Cuba. Setting down at Santiago - with its gas gauge nudging zero.