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WISCONSIN RAPIDS

First a special salute to station W-F-H-R -

*Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin; the newest member - of
the CBS Radio Network.*

MCGOVERN

Campaign 'Seventy-Two - getting rough; as campaigns usually do at the eleventh hour. McGovern today at a Washington conference of editors and publishers, departed from his prepared text - in order to unleash his harshest yet.

The nation is now deteriorating - said Senator McGovern - under "the worst leadership in our history."

"Today" - he continued - "we face not merely the corruption of government - but the corruption of America." "Our sacred honor" - he went on - "is laid at the feet of dictators, dope runners and gangsters in Saigon; a government" - said he - "that subverts our ideals just as eagerly as it steals our aid." He made no comment regarding the government of North Vietnam.

McGovern also challenged the validity of recent polls - said to rate him as "untrustworthy and indecisive - a non-leader." "I make no apology" - said he - "for changing my mind in the light of additional insights and additional

*reflections." But "Mr. Nixon, in contrast" - said he -
"is a man of no constant principle except opportunism and
policitcal manipulation."*

*For the most part - it might be added - McGovern's
remarks drew no applause - only polite silence.*

AGNEW FOLLOW MCGOVERN

Later in the day - Vice President ~~Spira~~ Agnew addressed the same audience. McGovern's charge against the President - said he ^{is} "a reckless allegation which shows a lack of maturity and self-discipline - and a lack of quality that a President should have."

The Vice President also called McGovern - a victim of "myopic isolationism." Adding: "An America governed by the foreign policy advocated by the opposition - would be weak in will and weak in way;" an America - said he - that would ~~be~~ "invite aggression."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon met for more than an hour today - with visiting Soviet Foreign Minister ~~Andrei~~ Gromyko. The topics they covered - said to have included "all outstanding matters" between the U.S. and Russia. The President also quoted as saying - the U.S. is now ready to start talks on mutual troop reductions in Europe.

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Tonight at Camp David - the two ~~men~~ meeting again at a so-called "working dinner. And then - ~~it's~~ back to the White House; ^{for} ~~where~~ tomorrow's a formal ratification of ~~these~~ new strategic arms limitations agreements.

TAXES FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The White House again - a strategy meeting with House Republicans; aimed at backing the President's request - for a Two Hundred and Fifty Billion-Dollar ceiling on Federal spending.

Budget Director Casper Weinberger - later meeting with reporters. Restating the President's previous pledge - that he "does not plan to propose any new taxes next year;" value-added - or otherwise.

VIETNAM

In the air war over Vietnam - a temporary lull today due to ~~inclement~~ weather. On the ground - Saigon troops reporting an even one hundred "enemy-initiated" incidents; the most for a single day - in more than ^{a month,} ~~five~~ ~~weeks,~~ ^{with} ~~but~~ fighting still described - as "generally light."

HOUSE FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home - in the House - an attempt today to put through a so-called "Jane Fonda Bill;" one to ban travel to North Vietnam - or any other nation in armed conflict with the U.S. - without the expressed consent of the President. The bill getting a big plurality - but just short of a required two-thirds majority.

MOSCOW

From the Soviet news agency Tass - an announcement today that Egypt's Premier will soon pay an official visit to Moscow. This, an invitation of the Kremlin, apparently the first step in a Kremlin move to rebuild its bridges with Cairo.

BELFAST

Yesterday in Belfast - Catholics and Protestants took part in more than thirty joint religious services - praying for an end to the killing.

But today - the same old story; bombings and shootings - one of which claimed the life of a British Army intelligence agent. The death toll in Northern Ireland - now nearly six hundred over the past three years.

BRUSSELS

In Belgium today - the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker are on strike. Also, the corner grocer - the local restaurateur - in fact, all small shopkeepers, and in Belgium - this means one for every fifty Belgians.

All this a mass protest over excessive taxation and bureaucratic red tape, said to favor supermarkets and big departments and driving the small shopkeeper right out of business.

RIVESVILLE

Rivesville, West Virginia comes a story of love's labor lost. Would-be bandits, invading the office of a local lumber firm, attempted to crack open a safe. In the middle of the job scared off by sheriff's deputies.

But there's more. The bandits left behind their tools - which were worth more than the safe's entire contents. In the safe only Twelve Bucks, and the safe was even unlocked all the time.

RAIN

5 1/2 "A rain is a rain is a rain," ^{as} Gertrude Stein might have said. But now comes a report - that rain actually comes in three varieties.

Variety Number One - ~~says the National Geographic~~ - the landregen; a slow, steady rain - from the German land, meaning country-wide, and regen, meaning rain.

Variety Number Two - the boenregen; which means a squall - or sudden shower. And Variety Number Three

^{says the National Geographic}
the gewitter; which means, literally, - a real "goose-

drowner." At any rate Bill - today was no goose drowner!

BOSTON

*From the Massachusetts Department of Education -
an order today aimed at taking the "Christ " out of Christmas
- in public schools, anyway. State officials ruling that
Christmas observances this year - may include Yule trees,
Santa Clauses and candy canes; but no decorations that might
relate to the Nativity - and no "hymn-like" Carols. In
Massachusetts, home of our Pilgrim Fathers? Huh?*