

Thurs. Nov. 9-72.

~~In the nation's capitol,~~ President Nixon looks to the future. The President foreseeing his second term here at home - as a period of reform; one that's aimed at the perfecting of "existing institutions" - said he - and "not just adding more dollars." While overseas the President foreseeing continued improvement in the U. S. position - with regard to the Soviet Union, Mainland China, the Middle East - also, Latin America and Africa.

As for Vietnam - the President saying: "I am completely confident that we are going to have a settlement - you can bank on it." And once that is accomplished - said he - we shall provide "some assistance" to North Vietnam as well as South Vietnam. The ~~President~~ President asserting: "Our interest is not only to bring an agreement that ends the war now - but to have an influence on events in the future." And he added: "It is much better to have a relationship

with the North Vietnamese - than not to have it.

All this - in an interview carried today in the Washington Star-News: an interview that actually took place last Sunday - two days before the election; ~~but one that found~~ ^{when} the President ^{seemed} supremely confident ~~he~~ ^{was going to} ~~that he would~~ win. Why was he so sure?

~~Why?~~ Because George McGovern "was defeated" - said he - "the day he was nominated." He had taken "an extreme position" - the President continued - and thus "turned off the solid majority of the American people." The President adding of McGovern: "The issue in this election - was his ^(McGovern) views." ^{in this pre-election interview} The President ~~is~~ ^{is} also touching on a broad range of additional subjects. Observing ^{for one} that: .. "government in Washington is too big" - and he plans to "thin it down." Insisting the "total tax burden of the American people has reached the breaking point - it cannot go higher." And then - a final summation.

"I think" - said he - "the tragedy of the Sixties was that so many Americans - and particularly so many young Americans - lost faith in their country, in the American system;" they "were influenced to believe that this was an ugly country - racist - not compassionate; and part of the reason for this was the tendency of some - to take every mole that we had and make it look like a cancer.

"Now, let us understand" - the President went on - "this is not a perfect country; there is much that is wrong - that needs to be corrected. But I have seen the world" - said he - "and I don't know any young person abroad, if he had the chance - who wouldn't rather be here than someplace else." As one who moves about this globe I also can make the same emphatic statement.

KEY BISCAYNE follow WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, the President himself - was getting some sun at Key Biscayne; also, meeting with advisors for what was described as "intensive second-term planning." Press Secretary Ron Ziegler tells us the President will order a "very expensive" shakeup of top personnel. But the question of "who will stay and who will go" will probably not be settled - said Ziegler - at least 'til mid-December.

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At [^]peace talks in Paris - the U.S. was

accentuating the positive; with William Porter telling reporters that "with every passing day - peace comes perceptively nearer;" the more so - said he - in view of the President's overwhelming reelection victory.

^{He said this when he}
~~All this - on~~ arrived for today's session.

Inside - a somewhat different view. Hanoi's chief negotiator saying: "Peace is not for tomorrow."

Adding: "The reason is simple - the U.S. has refused to sign the peace accord it has already agreed to."

Each side also accusing the other - of pouring arms and equipment into South Vietnam.

^{However Peace Negotiator}
[^]Porter's optimism - was not to be daunted.

~~though~~ A U.S. spokesman later predicting "that an additional private meeting will take place fairly soon - between Professor Kissinger and Hanoi's negotiators;" and at that meeting - said he - "agreement will be reached."

The Porter's optimism was further defended on the ground that he was, quote - "speaking out of a profound knowledge of the actual situation."

Washington again - Democratic Chairwoman

Jean Westwood was holding a post-election news conference; vowing an all-out fight to retain her post - in spite of Tuesday's Democratic debacle.

"I am here to report" - said she - "the Democratic Party is alive and well and living in all 50 States and the District of Columbia; and I am here to report" - she continued - "that Jean Westwood, ~~is~~ ~~alive and well - and~~ intends to remain on the job."

McGOVERN FOLLOW WESTWOOD

As for Senator McGovern, he is off for a brief vacation in the Virgin Islands. After months of being surrounded by Secret Service men and campaign aides there he was, alone, standing in line to pick up his ticket just like any other tourist.

AGRICULTURE

From the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture - a report today that could be headlined, "good news for American housewives." Officials noting ^{how} ~~that~~ supplies of meat in general and pork in particular - are becoming increasingly plentiful. And this said to foretell a leveling off of food prices - not only for the rest of Seventy-Two but also well into Seventy-Three.

POPULAR SCIENCE

I guess we all realize this has been a century of wonders. Man's technological progress - fantastic.

The magazine Popular Science was born in Eighteen-Seventy-Two - and helped usher in this golden era of American genius. One of its first issues told about Alexander Graham Bell's new invention - the telephone. Then came Thomas Edison - and his phonograph followed by his incandescent electric lamp that turned the lights on all over this planet; plus such other Edison inventions as the motion picture; and by others the vacuum tube, radio and television, the electronic computer, the transistor, the laser - the list is endless.

Ernie Heyn tells about all this in his new book - "A CENTURY OF WONDERS" like it was - like it is - like it's going to be. And he tells us we are about to enter "another century of wonders;" with "modern man - by using, not misusing, science and technology - getting what he wants and needs;" and in the process, "gaining a far greater understanding of his world - his universe and himself."

NIXON

A final postscript on the Presidential election - comes today from Nixon, Texas; normally all out one-hundred percent Democratic, but this year giving the President a seventy percent plurality; the first time in three elections for him to carry the town that bears his name.

This we hear even a surprise to Nixon Democrats; among them, a local judge - Mrs. N.A. Billings - who frankly said she "wasn't pleased with the outcome." But, added Judge Billings - "one thing is sure - Nixon went for Nixon."