

Tues, Nov. 3-70

ELECTIONS

At polling places ~~clear~~ across the land -
the final, climactic event of Campaign Seventy;
in effect, a national referendum on the policies of the
Nixon Administration. With an estimated sixty million
voters - casting their ballots today ^{for} ~~deciding~~
~~pro and con~~ ^a ~~on a number~~ broad range of issues and
personalities. Prizes at stake including, first and
foremost - control of the next Congress; along with
thirty-five governors - also, thousands of state and
local offices.

One of the first to vote today - the President
himself -- at the Western White House; getting up
before dawn - to cast his ballot in a nearby school
house. The President later expressing confidence, -
~~he will retain - at least, a moral victory.~~ "I think
we'll do better than the general off-year tradition
for the party in power," said he.

~~But "how much better" - he added - well, it all~~

~~depends.~~ The President then ^{added:-} ~~observing:~~ "We have

heard a great deal about this group and that group -

trying to speak for the American people; but this

is the day " - he continued - "for the people to

speak for themselves; ^{)"} ~~for the majority to speak -~~

~~whatever the majority is."~~

SAIGON FOLLOW ELECTIONS

South Vietnam's President Thieu today at a diplomatic reception in Saigon said he may not stand for re-election when his present term expires, next year. Thieu telling reporters: "This job takes so much out of one", and he added: "I have been looking for someone else to do it."

This seems to be the first time Thieu has hinted he might not seek a second term.

PHNOM PENH FOLLOW SAIGON

Meanwhile, the fighting continues - mainly in Cambodia; where Communist troops were testing Cambodian ~~def~~ defenses today in the Phnom Penh area. One enemy probe ~~is~~ carrying to a point ~~is~~ less than fifteen miles from the capital, ~~However, the Communists~~ ^{then} ~~finally~~ withdrawing ~~it~~ with the arrival of Cambodian reinforcements. Casualties on both sides - apparently light.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations ~~New York~~ ^{more on}

~~new tack on~~ the ~~is~~ Arab-Israeli impasse; with a Latin American bloc and an Afro-Asian bloc -- submitting separate resolutions today; both calling for a three month extension -- of the present mid-East cease fire; both urging the Arabs and Israelis -- to resume peace talks under the auspices of U N peace envoy Gunnar Jarring. On the debit side though - both ignor^r~~ing~~ Israeli charges of ~~is~~ alleged Egyptian cease-fire violations. A fact quickly noted - by Israel's Abba Eban ^{who says it's} ~~an~~ attempt to sweep "under the table" ~~is said to~~ an issue that has now become^a "crisis of confidence."

PENTAGON FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

A related item: The Pentagon today announced a cut-back -- in the size and strength of the U S Sixth Fleet; with a U S ~~six~~ aircraft carrier and six destroyers ~~4~~ now said to have left the Mediterranean. This marking ~~as~~ a return to normal - we are told; meaning a return to conditions that existed - prior to the recent Jordanian crisis. A Pentagon spokesman adding that there has also been "some reduction" -- in the Soviet Union's ~~in~~ Mediterranean fleet; ~~and thus~~ ^{Some observers call this} another return from the brink. - ~~see~~
~~to speak.~~

RESOLUTIONS

At the United Nations again - the reenactment of an annual ritual; with the filing today of another resolution - calling for the admission of Communist China. The new move - sponsored by eighteen nations. The prediction is that Red China probably will pick up a few extra votes this year; but still not enough. In any event the so-called "great China debate" will get under way a week from Thursday, November twelve.

STOCKHOLM

~~The story of~~ a possible new twist in the
U S space exploration program ^{is} reported ~~today~~ from
Stockholm - ~~of all places~~ ^{via} ~~courtesy~~ of a Swedish born
U S space expert -- Dr. Gustaf Arrhenius -- who has
just ~~ka~~ returned to his homeland for a lecture tour.
Doctor Arrhenius saying the U S plans to send an
unmanned space ship - on a "mission to an asteroid."
With the prime target to be chosen - said he - from
one of several of "the smaller planets - which some
times come very close to earth and are of particular
interest." Dr. Arrhenius adding that this "journey
to an asteroid" will serve as a first step on "the
road to mars."

VATICAN

From the Vatican ^{came} ~~in Rome~~ - an order today

banning as of Thursday, any further experimentation in Roman Catholic worship services. The new order aimed at ending trial practices - ranging from "home" masses to priests conducting services in their street clothes. The Vatican asserting that newly enacted liturgical reforms - have already served their purpose; that of enabling the worshippèr - to ~~participate~~ participate more actively in church services. Vatican sources adding that the time has now come - for a pause in church reform; a pause so that the Catholic ~~community~~ community can, quote - "deepen its grasp of the renewal of the mass."

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LONDON

The British are said to be stocking up on fireworks - in preparation for their traditional Guy Fawkes Day celebration this Thursday, which raises the threat - of a city-wide halocaust. London fire officer Reginald Whitlock αα warning that - it could happen.

In the sixth week of a British sanitation strike - a garbage fed fire today in famous Carnaby Street - just off swank Regent Street. The blaze breaking out - in a basement of the Sweet Fanny Adams Boutique; one of the several shops in the area - which have helped to spread the "mod mod London look". As flames and smoke engulfed the four story building - dozens of persons scrambling down ladders to safety. Carnaby, John, birthplace of the min-skirt?