

BOSTON

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Senator Edward Kennedy makes it official - he will not run for Vice President this fall. The sole surviving Kennedy brother - announcing his decision today in Boston. Explaining that "under normal circumstances" he would consider the nomination "a high honor" also - "a challenge to further public service. "But for me - this year - it is impossible" said he. Adding that his reasons "are purely personal" arising from "the events of last month." Meaning, of course, the assassination of his brother - the late Senator Robert Kennedy.

As for the future though - Edward Kennedy ~~serv~~^g notice that he still intends to be heard from. Asserting: "There are certain vital foreign and domestic policies our party must pursue - if it is to be successful in the coming election," if it "is to solve - our nation's problems." Adding; "I will be speaking out on these issues - in my capacity as a United States Senator.

HOUSE

~~Back~~ In Washington - the House today presented President Johnson ^{with a major} ~~one of his greatest~~ legislative triumphs giving final congressional approval - to a new three year, five billion dollar housing bill. ^{This} Designed to encourage home ownership by the poor - providing additional subsidies for low rent apartments - also establishing riot insurance for ghetto areas. A giant step toward the President's announced ten year goal - of six million new homes for low and moderate income people.

PRAGUE-MOSCOW

In the Communist Camp in eastern Europe - another exercise in Brinkmanship tonight. With the Russians and Czechs seemingly locked in on a collision course - from which there may be no escape.

In Prague - Czech Communist party leader Dubcek - addressing the Czech regime - will press forward with promised reforms - that it will win "more freedom of action from the Soviet Union. "We know what we want - we shall succeed" - said he.

While in Moscow - the Kremlin was charging existence of a western-encouraged ~~px~~ plot; said to be on the verge of a "call for a coup ~~de~~ d'etat" - aimed at overthrowing twenty years of Communism in Czechoslovakia. This prompting at least one Kremlinologist to observe: "It can't go on like this - much longer."

SOVIET GEORGIA

Egypt's ailing Colonel Nasser - a welcome guest today in Soviet Georgia; ^{where he} ~~Arrived~~ in the city of Kutaisi aboard a special Russian jet - accompanied by his wife and three sons. After official reception ceremonies - the ~~am~~ family departing quickly for a nearby Georgian health resort.

Arrangements for the trip - apparently made by Nasser during his trip to Moscow earlier this month. Cairo sources ~~india~~ indicating that Nasser is suffering from diabetes - or possibly a stomach ulcer. Although Nasser tells everyone ~~the colonel himself~~ continues to maintain - it's nothing serious.

BANGKOK

On the war front - a spillover today into Thailand -- first of its kind. Reports from Bangkok telling of a surprise attack - on that big American air base at Udorn, Thailand, ~~One~~ of several U S bases in Thailand ~~is~~ launching air strikes against North Vietnam.

Details of the attack - still sketchy. However, U S Embassy officials in Bangkok ~~is~~ saying that "possibly" four Americans were wounded. At least one American plane also said to have been damaged. This apparently the work of Communist guerillas from Laos ~~is~~ reported active recently in the Udorn area.

Coming soon - the great race, sixty-eight --
and I don't mean the presidential campaign. This one
a cross-country challenge race; matching budding scientists
from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology - against
a like team from the California Institute of Technology.
Trying to see who can get from coast to coast quickest -
using electric cars.

MIT's power plant - to consist of two thousand
pounds worth of nickel-cadmium batteries. While Cal
Tech is counting on a power-pack - consisting of twenty
lead-cobalt batteries. With both sides - to be serviced
by forty-nine recharging points; set up across the
nation - courtesy of local power companies.

Purpose: to prove that long-range, high-
speed electric cars - are not only feasible but practical.
Also - cleaner.

WHITEHOUSE

Christmas in July. The story today - from Washington, Reporting that Lady Bird Johnson has just begun - what will probably be her last big chore as a President's wife, Arranging for gifts, cards, decorations and so on - to mark the Johnsons' final Christmas in the White House.

Presidential aides confiding that Mrs. Johnson hopes to make this Yuletide - an extra special occasion, Complete with sentimental surprises - for family, friends and staff; and just maybe - history, too.

McMURDO SOUND

Speaking of reverse seasons - it's the dead
- mid-winter, now
of winter ~~these days~~ in Antarctica. According to reports
received today - the coldest, windiest winter ~~ever~~ so far
at the bottom
recorded ~~in that part~~ of the world.

Temperatures this week at the U.S. high
plateau station in Eastern Antarctica - falling to a
record one hundred and twenty-two degrees - below
zero. At the same time - U S scientists at McMurdo

Sound reporting a record wind velocity -- of ~~no~~ one
hundred and sixteen miles an hour. ~~The two together~~

and such low temperatures -
~~adding up to a kind of frozen hurricane.~~

how about a visit to the S. Pole

~~How about it,~~ Warren? ~~Cold enough for you?~~

PARIS

The French have a saying to the effect that -
"the more things change - the more they remain the
same." Never more true than today - in the fall and
winter fashion showing of famed Paris designer Pierre
Cardin.

Case in point - Cardin's offering of what is
called "a novel three dimensional twist" to current
fashions. Combining the mini-est of mini=skirts - with
an "updated hour-glass look" harking back to the Gay
Nineties. Result we are told: "The prettiest and
curviest collection - yet seen in Paris."

Or as one buyer observed: "It was as though
the designer had suddenly discovered - the beauty of
the ~~fox~~ feminine form."

~~is~~ A Paris designer ~~made this discovery!~~ makes this discovery!
Huh. Solong until Monday.

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam - tells today of the second straight day of a U.S. air blitz with wave after wave of big B-Fifty Twos - streaking over the Central highlands of South Vietnam. Dropping an estimated three million pounds of bombs - on the main infiltration route for enemy troops threatening Saigon.

To the south - the U.S. Navy was also moving to tighten ~~control~~ its control of Mekong Delta waterways. Announcing the establishment of counter-infiltration river patrols - from the Cambodian border all the way to the South China Sea.