

On Capital Hill - a serious, perhaps fatal blow today - to the nomination of Abe Fortas as Chief Justice. Senator Minority Leader Dirksen - rescinding his earlier support of Fortas. Announcing that he will not back an attempt - to choke off a filibuster against the nomination. Adding that he is not sure at present whether he will vote yes or no - if the confirmation ever actually comes to a vote.

Dirksen giving part of the reason for his change of heart - Fortas's extra-curricular activities. Observers noting, what's more, that Dirksen is up for re-election - with many of his Republican constituents bitterly opposed to the Fortas nomination.

When Senate Majority Leader Mansfield was later asked - whether this would hurt Fortas's chances. His answer: "It sure as hell will." Mansfield, never-the-less, filing a petition for cloture - which will come up for a vote on Tuesday.

UNITED NATIONS

George Ball, the newly resigned U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. today doffed the velvet glove of diplomacy for a bare knuckle attack on Richard Nixon.

As for George Wallace - said Ball - "Vice President Humphrey is running against a man named Nixon - and, another, whose name I can't recall," said Ball.

POLITICS

With campaign sixty-eight officially less than a month old - both sides were building a full head of steam today.

At Portland, Oregon - Hubert Humphrey vowing to keep American^y on the road to record prosperity. "Where Richard Nixon" - said Humphrey, "would support a "back to McKinley" economic program. Earlier, at San Francisco - Hubert Humphrey was accusing Dick Nixon of showing "disdain" for the public, by refusing to share in a common debate.

Meanwhile, former Vice President Nixon - in Chattanooga - was challenging George Wallace's oft repeated claim that there's not a "dime's worth of difference" between the Republicans and the Democrats. "In my eight years" as Vice President - said Nixon - "We ended one war and kept us out of another." He added that a vote for Wallace - would be nothing more than a wasted vote.

Earlier, in Louisville, - Nixon accused Humphrey of "thrashing in the wind" on the question of a debate. Said

Nixon: "This is just some of the kid-stuff one goes through
- when he is behind."

VIET NAM

Meanwhile in Viet Nam - U.S. B-52's joined smaller tactical jets today - in a series of saturation raids along the Cambodian border. U.S. air power attempting to put a damper on the enemies current wave of suicide attacks against Allied outposts along the Viet Cong routes to Saigon.

The latest of these - a human wave assault on the Green Beret camp at Thien Ngon - where U.S. and South Vietnamese - again beat back the attack, killing nearly three hundred Viet Cong. So - Vietnamese loses seven dead and no Americans.

LISBON

Lisbon - a new hand at the helm. Marcelo Caetano taking office as premier - in place of the ailing Antonio De Oliveira Salazar. In his first public address - Caetano promising his people some changes soon to come, including a relaxation of one man rule - the only form of government that Portugal has known for the last forty years.

There is "great danger - for disciples to blindly follow their master" - said the new premier. Adding that Portugal has grown accustomed - to being lead by a genius; but from now on must adapt itself to being governed by men - just like other countries."

BRUSSELS

For the third and maybe last time - France kayes British membership in The Common Market. This - at a meeting of Common Market nations today in Brussels. French Foreign Minister Michel Debre, - casting the French veto, said: - "there has been no fundamental change in the French attitude - as to rejecting British membership." The five other members of the trade group later conced^eing - it appeared hopeless to pursue the matter further; at present.

OAKLAND

For Black Panther Leader Huey Newton - convicted of manslaughter in the slaying of an Oakland policeman - a two to fifteen year sentence today. Judge Monroe Freidman thereupon ordering Newton's immediate transfer - to a state medical facility at Vacaville, California. The prisoner quickly wisked away - cancelling out plans for scheduled post-sentencing press conference. After twenty minutes of milling about - a small group of Newton's followers accepted the ~~fact~~ inevitable.

WHITE HOUSE

At a recent White House dinner party the President said, so we are told: - he said: - "I don't remember any evil or mean things I have said about anyone - and of all the evil and mean things said about me - I don't remember any of them either."

Then he added that he'll devote much of his attention from now on to the new L.B.J. Institute of Public Affairs at Austin, Texas. Friends are predicting he'll also turn his well known energy to the rôle of a gentlemen rancher. Causing one observer to remark: "The man I feel sorry for - is Dale Malacheck." Who's Dale Malacheck? Oh, he's the foreman - at the L.B.J. ranch.

MIAMI

From the University of Miami. According to some - a second Appomattox. University President Henry King ordering the removal of all confederate symbols from the Miami campus. Also instructing the Hurricane's marching band to stop playing "Dixie" at football games and so on.

Dr. King emphasizing that he himself - is "a genuine southerner;" one whose family dates back - more than three hundred years in the history of the South. But "it is not honorable" said he - "to force upon a minority group the symbols of the confederacy - which, rightly or wrongly, have become so distasteful to them."

Then he added, Warren: - "It's time to accent "the nobler aspects of our southern heritage - dignity, courtesy, civility, and a mannerly approach." -

SOUTH BEND

I have just come from a place called Tailsmin as world famous as the one time home of the brilliant architect Frank Lloyd Wright, on the banks overlooking the Wisconsin River, where Bud Keland who owns the Miami Dolphins Pro Football Team is putting in a rather fabulous golf and ski area. ~~XXXXX~~

~~XXXXXX~~ However, at the moment I am in South Bend, hoping to hear my friend, Pat O'Brien - remember him for Knute Rockne in the film? Pat tonight will be something to hear and see. They say there's going to be quite a football game here ~~XXXX~~ tomorrow, between two teams both said to be Number One this year. Unless it comes out a tie like the Michigan State-Notre Dame game two years ago, we'll have a better idea of who's number One twenty four hours from now.

So long until Monday.