

ALBANY-SACRAMENTO

Tues. June 25, '68

Here in New York ~~that~~ a published report ~~today that~~ ^{say in}

Governor Rockefeller ~~is~~ has all but abandoned his dream of a possible "grand alliance" with Ronald Reagan? This

~~drew~~ ^{today} a quick retort from Albany -- to the effect:

"'Tain't ~~so~~ so." ^{Says Nelson} Rockefeller; ~~asserting angrily~~: "There

is absolutely no basis to ~~that~~ ^{so} story."

Across the country though -- Governor Reagan seem~~ing~~ ^{ed} to confirm the ~~story~~ ^{report}; Telling ~~reporters~~ ^{newsmen} at Sacramento --

he will not be party to any "stop Nixon" movement. ^{Even}

~~Suggesting, indeed, that~~ California might jump aboard the

Nixon bandwagon -- even before the Republican National

Convention; ^{that is} if it becomes clear -- ~~that~~ the former Vice

President already has the nomination sewed up. ^{Another if.}

ELEVEN FOLLOW ALBANY-SACRAMENTO

At the same time -- eleven Republican Senators were taking bead on Rockefeller today -- for his recent attack on Senator Hatfield of Oregon. This on the occasion of Hatfield's endorsement -- of Nixon for President.

Rockefeller's action ^{quote:} -- "casting a shadow upon a very prominent fellow Republican's integrity "serves only to boost Democrats in November." ^{So} ~~λ~~ said the Senators, adding: "There is ample opportunity for expression of divergent opinions and vigorous discussion on the issues -- without descending to personal attack."

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam -- marked today by a twenty-four
helicopter toll -- the worst yet. Five American choppers
-- plunging to earth. With resulting loss of ^{life}~~lives~~ --
for some forty Allied soldiers.

Two of the helicopters -- downed by enemy guns.
The other three -- lost in a spectacular aerial collision.
All -- within twenty miles of Saigon.

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Meanwhile, from London ^{comes} -- a report ~~today~~ that North
Vietnamese Deputy Premier Le Thanh Nghi -- is now on a
secret mission to Moscow. His goal -- we are told:
To obtain a speed-up of arms shipments for one last, giant
offensive -- before the start of real peace talks.

HONG KONG

From the mouth of the Pearl River, ^{across from} ~~in~~ Hong Kong --


mounting evidence today of a continuing power struggle in Red China. Authorities recovering the bodies of seven more persons -- bound, battered and dumped into the river current as it passed through Red China. Making a total of twenty-three -- all recovered in the past three days -- all apparently the victims of mass murder.

From their clothing -- the Chinese identified as perhaps "farmers, students or civil militia." China experts further noting that the Pearl River -- flows directly through the great city of Canton; ^{after the} scene of ~~numerous reported~~ clashes between rival Chinese factions.

REYKJAVIK

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At Reykjavik, Iceland -- a final communique today from that NATO foreign ministers meeting. The fifteen Western allies -- unanimously supporting the United States, Britain and France; in the Big Three's refusal -- to submit to an East German travel squeeze on West Berlin. ^{This} Reaffirming the principle that ~~that~~ free access to Berlin -- is considered vital by the West.

The NATO nations also pledging themselves -- to continue to seek a relaxation of tensions in Europe. Adding, however, that the prospect of a general reconciliation between East and West -- "should not be overestimated." In other words -- don't hold your breath.



ADD REYKJAVIK

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk -- scheduled to
fly on to Bonn tomorrow. ~~There~~ to confer with West
German Chancellor Kiesinger -- on future strategy
with regard to Berlin.

Our ^{neighbors} ~~good friends~~ to the North -- the Canadians --

pouring to the polls today in near-record numbers. *From Halifax to Saskatoon and on to White Horse in*

to Yukon;

Ignoring a plague of costly strikes -- also an ugly riot on the eve of national elections; in a rush to decide who shall rule that vast country -- over the next five years.

The voters' verdict ^{*you will hear*} ~~upcoming~~ soon on this CBS

station.

NEW YORK

On the subject of violence -- the fair sex have their say today. This in an article -- in the July Ladies Home Journal; reporting results of a nationwide survey -- showing that American women are "fed up with growing disrespect for law and order" in this country.

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Nine out of ten women polled -- asserting that "violence is too often used as a weapon to browbeat the government." About the same number urging a "greater show of force" ~~in~~ in dealing with riots and other forms of violence. With eight out of ten dismissing charges of police brutality -- as "exaggerations or smoke screens behind which lawbreakers hide." And, again, eight out of ten blaming television for encouraging violence -- "by making it seem acceptable."

Perhaps most surprising -- about three out of five ^{WOMEN} asserting that law-abiding citizens -- should be allowed to keep guns. The same proportion saying they could use a weapon effectively -- if their safety depended on it.

VATICAN

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At the Vatican in Rome -- Pope Paul today announced a series of sweeping reforms; ~~Eliminating~~ much of the pomp and circumstance -- in traditional church ceremonies. ~~Including~~ the abolishment of "thrones" -- normally used by Catholic bishops. Purpose -- said he: To simplify church procedure -- giving it once again "a halo of light and purity."

BOISE

A final note -- from Boise, Idaho; where CBS Radio affiliate K-B-O-I switched today to a new address -- six-seventy on the dial; also upping its power -- to fifty thousand watts. All of which calls for ~~heartiest~~ congratulations to the boys at Boise's K-B-O-I -- now more powerful than ever.

BOSTON

The price of a haircut in the Greater Boston area -- up another two bits today. Raising union scale -- to a grand total of two-and-a-half bucks a trim. With hippie hair styles -- said to be the chief reason.

This according to Camilio DiMascio -- president of the Master Barbers Association of Massachusetts.

Explaining that longer hair styles -- have caused ^a recent

thirty per cent drop in the barbering business. Warren,

^ No doubt ^g about it -- says Camilio DiMascio --

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"we're going back to the caveman age."

GRAND RAPIDS

From Grand Rapids, Michigan -- the story today of one Marcell Vanden Heuvel; driving down the highway with his brother -- Clarence Vanden Heuvel -- sitting beside him; when their car went out of control -- plunging into a local cemetery. ^{The Vanden Heuvel car} ~~The car hit~~ bowling over several grave markers -- before it finally came to a halt. Stopped dead in its tracks by a big headstone -- bearing the name "Vanden Heuvel."

Could be somebody up there -- is trying to tell him something. Like maybe -- "drive safely."