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MIAMI BEACH

Showdown at Miami Beach - with the Democratic Party launching tonight it's Nineteen-Seventy-Two National Convention with the first key issue - the seating of disputed delegates.

For George McGovern this could also be the issue for the Democratic front-runner who hopes to reclaim a hundred-and-fifty-one California delegates - if he does - enough perhaps to put him over the top.

Indeed it was McGovern himself who laid it on the line today. Refusing to attend a meeting with other candidates - in an effort to head off a floor fight. The South Dakota Senator saying he saw "little to be gained - by going into a closed room with six anti-McGovern candidates."

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As for the others - George Wallace today held his first news conference since arriving in Miami Beach. Warning his fellow Democrats they cannot win - without him as a candidate. Wallace also saying: "I have no master plan - but I do want to stay in the Democratic party." Meanwhile, Hubert Humphrey was ruling out another possible bid for the Vice Presidency. "I have been a Vice President" - said Humphrey. Further observing: "It is an interesting job - and someone who has not had the experience should get it." Said he: "It builds character."

MUSKIE

~~Sen. Edmund~~ ^{Today Was} Muskie ~~also~~ pledging ~~late today~~

- an all-out fight for the number one spot. While

~~Sen. Henry Scoop~~ Jackson ~~is~~ was saying that McGovern

can't win in November; pledging nevertheless,

to support him - should he gain the nomination.

And so, it begins - America's quadrennial madness.

PEACE ~~FOLLOW AN LOC~~

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On the peace front - Hanoi's chief negotiator was returning today to Paris. Xuan Thuy getting set for a resumption of peace talks this week - after a two month hiatus; telling reporters - he is ready to examine any new U S peace move ^{as he put it,} ~~for~~ ^{for} what it's worth. ~~They~~ ^{He} also ~~said:-~~ ^{said:-} "We come to the negotiating table - with a serious attitude and good will. Adding: ~~we~~ ~~are sure that~~ "If the American side shows the same attitude -- we can rapidly ~~soon~~ reach a peaceful settlement."

AN LOC

Meanwhile From Vietnam - another casualty report today; listing America's newest general - as its eighth General to die in the Vietnam fighting.

Brigadier General Richard Tallman, a native of Honesdale, Pennsylvania - falling victim to a single shell enemy artillery attack during an inspection tour an An Loc. His death coming just twelve days - after his promotion, ^{getting his star,} ~~to general,~~

Fierce fighting was also reported today - at Quang Tri City; where an American advisor was quoted as saying -- "there is now "only ^(one) ~~one~~ building standing."

BELFAST LONDON

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In the search for peace in Northern Ireland
Britain's William Whitelaw was shuttling back and
forth today between Belfast and London, ~~Conferring~~
first with his own security chief and Irish civilian
~~and~~ leaders and then reporting back to Parliament.

Whitelaw ~~is~~ disclosing that he had met secretly
last Friday with representatives of the militant
provisional wing of the I R A; adding, however ~~that~~
the provisionals had made "unacceptable" demands.
This apparently setting the stage for ^{the} renewed violence -
that claimed six lives over the weekend.

Whitelaw insisting ~~though~~ there is still
hope. Observing: ~~was~~ "It is not too late" - "even
for the provisional I R A to think again. Whereupon
Parliament ordered ~~it~~ ^{ed} - an additional thirteen
hundred British troops sent over.

In the Pakistan capital of Islamabad -
a special session of the Pakistan National Assembly;
called today for the purpose of ratifying ~~that~~ Simla
pact between Pakistan's Premier ^{Ali} Bhutto and ~~India's~~ India's
Prime Minister ^{Indira} Gandhi. ~~But~~ The session immediately
getting bogged down in heated debate over recent
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language riots in Karachi and other Pakistan cities.

^{Ali} Bhutto himself - finally addressing ~~the~~
the issue squarely; calling the language riots -
"fratricidal conflict;" assuring the lawmakers ~~that~~
every effort ^{is} ~~was~~ being made - to bring about peaceful
co-existence between the warring factions.

PARIS

~~For the time~~
~~For world~~ famous playboy Ali Khan -
who died in a highway accident ~~nearly a dozen~~^{some} years
ago - redemption at last, with Ali's body transferred
today - from France to Syria; there to be placed
in ~~a~~ ^{an Ismaili Moslem} mausoleum in the sacred city of
Salamieh.

This - we are told - at the behest of
the present Aga Khan; Ali's ~~younger~~^{son} brother - who
superseded him as leader of the world's Ismaili
~~Moslem~~ Moslem sect. Officials ~~also~~ adding ~~also~~ it's
also in keeping with Ali's last wish. His body
was accompanied by his only brother
Sadrudin Khan.

CARACAS

Caracas, Venezuela - a visit today
from Brazilian economist and sociologist Josue
De Castro discussing at the invocation of the
Venezuelan state planning agency - the present
population explosion in much of South America. But
stressing, nevertheless, ^{that} "the potential of man and
of the soil - with a truly humane approach" ^{as he put it} - is more
than adequate to cope with the situation.

Incidentally, Senor De Castro also attempting
to explain - why the birth rate is usually highest
in slum areas. Observing: "The man that suffers
from hunger - is compensated by an increased sexual
appetite, while the scarcity of proteins - increases
fertility in women." And that's the latest from
^{Don -} Caracas, where the rich get richer and the poor get
children!

SUN

Blackout in space. As you know by now the Moon passing today between the earth and the sun. This - leading to a solar eclipse. For most of us - merely a passing shadow. But for those living in a path a hundred miles wide - from the tip of Siberia across Alaska and Canada to the Azores - a brief period of total darkness. The kind that might have caused panic centuries ago - in many parts of the globe; and perhaps - still does.