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In the tense Middle East - another exercise in Brinkmanship today. With ~~the~~ Israeli armor and Egyptian artillery - massing on opposite banks of the Suez Canal. Authorities on both ~~sides~~ sides - also authorizing the evacuation of Egyptian civilians. In the face of a Cairo threat to take all "necessary measures of preventitive defense" -- to head off another Israeli shelling such as that of last Sunday.

At nearby Amman - Jordan's tough, young King Hussein - adding to the tension. Asserting that U N peace efforts to date - "had served no useful purpose and achieved no progress." ~~Adding~~ Adding that "the only way available to Arab nations - is to mobilize Arab resources for any eventuality."

WHITE HOUSE

From the White House - an assertive answer today to the question "who's running the store?" White House Press Secretary George Christian declaring it's L B J - and no ifs, ands or buts.

This in response to queries about an apparent Vietnam policy conflict - between President Johnson and Vice President ~~Hu-Huber~~ Humphrey. Christian asserting: "The President wants him" -- Humphrey -- "to be his own man; but the President is going to be President until January - and only one man can speak for the presidency."

What of the possibility - that some will consider this a split between ^{the} two men? Christian answering that some will see a fight - almost any time the President and the Vice President say anything different. Which "makes it extra difficult" for Humphrey - but he will "weather it" - said the Press Secretary.

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CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Somewhat surprisingly - a second expression of confidence in the Vice President - comes today from Capitol Hill. Courtesy of Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen - also House Republican leader Gerald Ford - of all people. This - during the weekly "Ev and Jerry show". In response to a question about Spiro Agnew's charge - that Hubert Humphrey is "soft on communism."

Not true - said Ev and Jerry. Adding that neither has "seen any evidence!" -- to substantiate the charge. Next question: Was Agnew perhaps hitting below the belt then? Ford replying: "Republicans have a wide variety of first class issues - a wealth of good issues" so this one - could perhaps best be dropped.

ADD CAPITOL HILL

Agnew himself - tonight apologizing for the
remark. Said he: "If I had ever realized what effect
this phrase would have had - I'd have shunned it like
the plague."

VIETNAM

For the ~~xxxx~~ second time in three weeks -
a crushing defeat today for Communist attackers at
Tay Minh in Vietnam. South Vietnamese Marines supported
by U.S. helicopters - chasing remnants of the Red force
back toward the Cambodian border. The fleeing Viet Cong
- leaving behind hundreds of dead.

Here at home - the House today passed a
whopping seventy-two ~~xxxx~~ billion defense appropriation -
largest single money bill ~~xx~~ ever. Along the way -
soundly rejecting an amendment - that would have ordered
a halt to U.S. bombing of North Vietnam.

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, Sweden - an American turncoat turns back. He's ex-Marine Edwin Arnett - twenty-nine -- originally of Santa Ana, California. One of six American servicemen who deserted last year in Tokyo - later appearing on Russian television. Arnett denouncing what he called at the time - that "immoral American war in Vietnam." Now coming home -- to face the music.

~~Arnett~~ *The second of the six to return Arnett explaining: 'Sweden is a great country - but there is no work for us - and I am fed up living on public welfare.'*

PYONGYANG

For the ~~at~~ captain and twenty crewmen of the captured U S intelligence ship Pueblo - a Communist-style press conference today at Pyongyang, North Korea. The skipper - Commander Lloyd Bucher - later quoted by Communist ~~as~~ radio as having admitted "criminal acts of intrusion and espionage." He is also supposed to have said the United States should apologize - for ordering such "spy" activities.

~~In Washington - the State Department later conceding that the Pueblo - once was instructed to operate in waters claimed by North Korea. Adding though that the vessel was instructed just three weeks before its seizure, to stay clearly in international waters.~~

NEW ORLEANS

Turning to campaign Sixty-Eight - the three major contenders continued to blaze a criss-cross trail ~~today~~ across the United States.

Republican Nominee Richard Nixon - the latest to appear at that American legion convention in New Orleans. ~~There~~ ^{-- and later at Indianapolis, Nixon} asserting that world peace depends ultimately - on mutual cooperation between the United States and Russia. But the only way to achieve it - said he - is to "make sure that the one who wants peace has the ~~px~~ superiority" - meaning the U. S.

WILMINGTON SEA GIRT FOLLOW NEW ORLEANS

More on the same from Hubert Humphrey - at a bridge dedication today in ~~Mix~~ Wilmington, Delaware.

The Vice President ~~box~~ calling for "new bridges" of tolerance, understanding and ~~cooperation~~ cooperation -- both at home and abroad.

Later, at Sea Girt, New Jersey - Hubert Humphrey taking a crack at those Democrats "who are thinking of 'sitting it out' this year." Warning that they are risking -- the "future vitality" of the Democratic Party. Adding: "There is not one fundamental difference in principle ~~if~~ we cannot bridge together."

SPRINGFIELD (New)

Next up George Wallace. Carrying his third party campaign ~~box~~ to Springfield, Missouri. There telling a packed crowd: "The biggest bigots in this country - are the folks who call other folks bigots."

Travelling on to Springfield, Illinois - Wallace laying a wreath at the grave of Abraham Lincoln. ~~when he died~~

Why? said ~~and explanation~~ Wallace: saying: "Abraham Lincoln

belongs to all the people of our country - just as the same as Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis. - ~~because~~

They are all part of our political ~~pe~~ heritage."

POSSIBLE ENDING

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Have you heard? Before long we may all of us be on the decimal system in this country with no more inches, feet and so on. If this happens, then at beauty contests the National Geographic tells us the vital statistics might be as follows -- ninety-three, seventy-one, ninety-three. Centimeters, of course.

How many know where the inch came from? Long ago in England, King Edward the Second decreed that an inch equalled three dry barleycorns laid end to end. As for the legal yard, King Henry the First, by decree said it was to be the distance from the tip of his nose to the end of his thumb.

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Warren, would you be interested in a young lady who measures ninety=three, seventy-one, ninety-three?

KAKHK

north east
From the village of Kakhk in Iran - an amazing

post-script today to that Iranian earthquake two weekends ago. Rescue workers digging through the remains of a house - still searching for missing persons; when suddenly they spotted a tiny hand - an arm - a leg. The rubble finally yielding forth - a six year old boy. Buried nine days, in all - unconscious - but still alive.

The youngster rushed to a hospital where doctors now report - he probably will pull through. The sole survivor of his family - a true orphan of the storm.