

MASSACHUSETTS

May 6 - WKNE - Keene, N.H.

~~##~~ In Massachusetts - also down in Washington -
where she has been in Springfield today
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some hurried soul-searching today; in the wake of president Johnson's decision - not to oppose peace candidate Senator McCarthy in the Bay State Presidential primary.

House speaker McCormick, for one, indicating he will resign from the Massachusetts delegation - rather than support McCarthy. Others - quickly following suite. The one notable exception - Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy; who said today - he was "not going to endorse McCarthy." Adding, "however, that he would still carry on as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention - because the convention is a "vital forum forum."

LITTLETON - FOLLOW MASSACHUSETTS

Meanwhile, the pace quickens in New Hampshire. At Littleton - ~~Richard~~ Richard Nixon repeating again today his pledge to end the war in Vietnam - if elected President. Adding, what's more, that "once we end this war - we can remove the draft from hanging over our young people."

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In other words - Nixon proposing abolition of the peace time draft. Calling instead - for "volunteer ^{Richard} armed services." [^] Nixon declaring the United States can have "a highly trained ~~xxxx~~ professional army - simply by boosting the pay of service men.

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The former vice President is in Keene, N. H. tonight - speaking at the High School. I chatted with him a moment ago and he was in a relaxed mood - remarking that obviously Romney had dropped out of the race because the indications were that things were not going well for him -- to put it mildly.

STATE

The top political officer in the army of Communist Czechoslovakia - has just defected to the UNITED STATES. ~~Announcement~~ ^{This} Announcement today - from the U S State Department. Identifying the defector as Major General Jan Sejna - highest ranking Red official ever to desert an iron curtain country.

General Sejna reportedly fleeing his homeland ten days ago - supposedly taking with him important military documents. Also his son and his son's ~~sex~~ fiance - though leaving behind his wife. All three now hidden away somewhere in this country - ~~apparently~~ apparently undergoing "debriefing" by U.S. officials.

VIETNAM

The Communists next big target in Northern South Vietnam = is almost certain to be the city of Hue. Rather than Khe Sanh -- as once believed. This - according to a senior officer in the U S command;

Bo Why Hue? For "political and psychological reasons -- said he. Noting that captured Red prisoners have frequently called the ancient imperial capital -- "the gateway to South Vietnam."

In the meantime, though - another day of bloody fighting today - from one end of South Vietnam to the other. And, the biggest U S loss - ironically = at Khe Sanh. Enemy gunners downing a big air force transport - as it came in for a landing. Killing all forty-seven ~~xxx~~ aboard the plane - most of them scheduled as reinforcements for that beleaguered marine outpost.

NUGENT FOLLOW VIETNAM

~~Speaking of the war - it's ~~go~~ beginning to look~~
~~as if~~ President Johnson ^{may} ~~will~~ soon have ~~↑~~ two sons-in-law
serving in Vietnam. ~~As you no doubt know -~~ marine captain
Chuck Robb is scheduled for assignment to the battle
zone later this month. ~~And now a report that~~ ^{with} Pat Nugent
~~may be~~ next in line for a war job.

~~Originally an Air Force reservist - young~~
~~Nugent transfere~~ to the Texas Air National Guard; when
~~he and his wife Luci moved to Austin - right after their~~
~~marriage. However, Nugent's former reserve unit ~~is~~~~
~~in Wash~~ington, has ~~since~~ been called to active duty -
the result of that Pueblo crisis. ~~As a result,~~ ^{And} Nugent
recently ~~asked~~ ^{asked} and ~~received~~ ^{has} ~~was~~ permission to rejoin
his old outfit, ^{and says he hopes} ~~we are told today, hoping ultimately -~~
to be sent to Vietnam.

SALISBURY - LONDON

IN Salisbury, Rhodesia - three convicted African murderers were ~~xxx~~ hanged today. Officials of the break away colony - ignoring a royal ^{(reprieve} ~~prize~~ from Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

Result: Shock and outrage - in London. Commonwealth Secretary George Thompson telling the House of Commons - that Rhodesia has made a mockery of its claimed allegiance to the Crown. The three executions - creating "a new and grave situation." said he.

~~Meanwhile, back in Salisbury - the debate constituting a matter of life and death - for an additional hundred or so Africans. All of them sentenced to death - since Rhodesia declared its unilateral ~~in~~ independence more than two years ago.~~

WASHINGTON

The plight of the American Indian -- subject of another special message to Congress today. President Johnson calling for immediate steps -- to correct what he called a "shocking situation." ~~It is some~~ The President's plan aimed at providing equal rights and equal opportunity = for some four hundred thousand Indians who still live on or near reservations. Cost of the program - estimated at about half a billion.

At the same time - the President creating by executive order - a new "national council on Indian opportunity." It's first chief - Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

WHITEHOUSE FOLLOW WASHINGTON

On a related front - first public comment
today from President Johnson; on that report last week
-- from his special riots study commission.

The occasion - a meeting with bank ~~xxx~~ executives
at the White House. The President discussing the report
-- in terms of what needs to be done to rebuild our decaying
cities. L B J telling the ~~banjxxx~~ bankers - "I don't ask
you to embrace every recommendation made" in the report
-- "but I do ask you to do what you can."

DETROIT

Famed heart surgeon Dr. Christian Bernard

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- still much in the news today. In Detroit - Dr. Bernard
saying it may be necessary one day - to plant a second
heart in the body of Philip Blaiberg; up to now - the only
surviving heart transplant patient. Reason - said he:
The possibility of "chronic rejection" of the first heart,
perhaps occurring in five or six years" or even sooner."

Dr. Bernard going on to say: "I don't think
anyone can ever call the operation - a complete success."
"One more reason"- he went on - "why the public must be
informed about heart transplant." "In the old days" -
he explained - "Doctors wrote perscriptions in Latin -
to keep their techniques secret from the public." But
in present circumstances - said he - it is vital that there
be "no secrets in what we do."
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MOSCOW

Along with James Bond, the man from Uncle
and the Kuma S^utra - poor skinny Twiggie is also banned
in Russia. Reason - according to a Moscow newspaper -
~~that~~ she's part of a "bourgeois plot by the father's
of western society."

these "father's" said to recognize the "weakest
link" in western culture - as that age "when the great
expectations of youth - collide head on with the hard
realities of every day life. "

"So the idea ~~was~~ was to reduce these
expectations" says Moscow; by making Twiggie - the
ideal of ~~modern~~ modern youth.

— Keene, N-H. —
And now from WKNE — deep in
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