

June 6, 1972 Tuesday

CALIFORNIA

In California today they are all calling it "the big one." Residents of the Golden State casting their ballots in the nation's biggest Presidential primary. The stakes - biggest yet. If he wins today, as predicted, McGovern feels he'll have the Democratic nomination for President in the bag - to use another cliché!

Incidentally, McGovern's eldest daughter, Mrs. Ann Mead - interrupted her campaigning today to give birth - to a bounding, premature six pound baby boy. For the Senator from South Dakota - his third grand-child. Whereupon he said: "This makes what promised to be a happy day - even happier."

How happy - we'll soon find out, and hear all about it right here - on many of these CBS stations.

HOUSTON FOLLOW CALIFORNIA

More and more though - McGovern is already acting like a winner. ~~Indeed~~, The Senator ^{today} just back from Houston - where he met with Democrats attending the National Governors Conference. ~~McGovern~~ ^{There he was} attempting to quell a so-called "stop McGovern" movement, ^{doing it by} appealing for party unity. According to Governor ~~Lucey~~ ^{Lucey} of Wisconsin, one of his chief supporters - ~~clearly~~ ^{he} scoring "a ten strike." ~~Reverse side - from~~ ^{Maybe so, but} Governor Ford of Kentucky - ~~who~~ said of McGovern: "I don't think he convinced any of the governors - who have expressed concerns about his ^{Kentucky's} views." [^] Ford adding: "He was always giving us bureaucratic answers - and hedging on us."

BATON ROUGE FOLLOW HOUSTON

Here's a footnote on this:-
~~And now the latest.~~

At Baton Rouge - Louisiana's
Governor Edwards ^{was} saying today ^{that} he cannot and will not
support a McGovern candidacy. And the main reason - said
he - because McGovern "seems willing to subjugate the
security of this country - to that of other countries."

Gov.
Edwards adding: "If McGovern does get the nomination -
it's going to be a Goldwater in reverse."

SENATE

~~For~~ Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~ Laird ^{again} ~~is~~ ~~was~~ ~~back~~

^{can} ~~at~~ Capitol Hill today ^{for} ~~and~~ a second day of testimony - before

the Senate Appropriations Committee, ^{said} ~~Laird saying at one~~

~~point~~ he could not support the new U.S. and Soviet arms

agreement; could not do so - said he - "if Congress fails

to authorize the Trident submarine system, the B-One

Bomber and other strategic offensive systems." These are

virtually indispensable - ^{Def. Secy,} ^{indispensable} said Laird ^{to} "the security of

the United States and the safety of our people."

KONTUM

In Vietnam - the battle for Kontum has apparently ended in a complete rout. A government force from Kontum - striking out today; quickly driving off the last enemy troops - still ringing the city. A South Vietnamese spokesman later saying: "When we moved in - they started running." Adding: "We killed them - as they were running away."

This the second major government victory - in two days. Yesterday - you'll recall - government troops also ^{were} routing an attack - on the provincial capital of Phu My.

That success - it now turns out - due mainly to a North Vietnamese defector. Colonel Phillip Kaplan - a senior U.S. adviser - saying: "Only because of the intelligence we got from this soldier - were we able to hit them before they hit us."

WANKIE

A terrible coal-mining disaster - potentially one of the worst in history - is reported ~~today~~ from the Wankie region of Rhodesia. An underground explosion in the giant Wankie coal mine - trapping more than four hundred men. The blast also knocking out a series of ^{exhaust} fans - with ^{deadly} ~~leak~~ methane gas quickly spreading through the tunnels. In ^{-- only one man brought up, at last report.} spite of frantic rescue efforts, ^A mine spokesman conceding - there would probably be ^a few survivors.

SILVER SPRING

For the first time since he was shot down three weeks ago - George Wallace is apparently out of danger. At any rate, the doctors at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland - deciding ^{it is} ~~today, it was~~ safe to move him; transferring the Alabama Governor - from an intensive care unit into a regular private room. A Wallace aide saying: "The significance of this is - that he is continuing to recover."

CHICAGO

On the shores of Lake Michigan - at Chicago - a meeting of the American Water Works Association; hearing today - from Roger Waller of the U.S. Geological Survey; who said there is actually more water under the Great Lakes - than there is in them; an estimated six thousand cubic miles of ground water - as compared with five thousand, five hundred cubic miles of surface water.

Waller stressed, however, that this ~~abundance~~ ^{seeming} abundance - still calls for "wise management" of the water supply; or it could become polluted - said he - the same below as it is above.

FLINT

From Flint, Michigan - the story of a would-be bank robber - who got more than he bargained for; namely, a delayed-action tear gas shell - wrapped in a pack of Five-Dollar bills. The shell exploding - exactly two minutes later; filling the bandit's getaway car with fumes-leaving him literally in tears. Police later ^{telling how} ~~reporting, in fact,~~ he cried all the way ^{back} to the bank - and then to jail.

ADELAIDE

Adelaide, Australia - a novel appeal today from South Australia prison. Convicted murderer Dennis Lawrence - attempting to thwart a commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment; asking instead to be hanged - as originally planned.

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Lawrence explaining he wants his sons to be able to live their lives - without a convict father "lurking in the background." But more important - said he - he wants his wife to be free to remarry. ~~And~~ That's the latest from Adelaide, Australia - where greater love hath no man.
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- would you say, Don,

OTTAWA

Up at Ottawa - Howard Hughes has been granted permission to remain in Canada - for at least another year.

This - by order of Canada's Immigration Minister, Bryce

MackKasey; who extended Hughes' visitors permit - on

appeal from Hughes' present abode in Vancouver, ^{in the tower of the handsome}
Bay Shore Hotel.

A spokesman adding that in Hughes' case - the customary personal appearance was waived. Why? Because

of, quote - "indisposition." Which could mean just about

anything - we are told; including perhaps - he was simply

"indisposed" to come. ^{At any rate he has picked}
one of the most spectacular parts of No. Amer -
not many miles from Whistler and Garibaldi
Parks where I was recently - by helicopter,
inspiring mountains and endless glaciers,
where How-H - can get away from it all -
if he wants to.