

CAMPAIGN

*On this the last day of the campaign - let's take a look at some of the highlights - and some of the oddities.*

*I suppose that the first thing to say is that Barry Goldwater was right when he promised - "a choice, not an echo". Both parties went to the public with the reminder that a basic difference in political philosophy was involved. Some are calling it "the year of the defector." Many individuals preferring to go with their philosophy - rather than with their political allegiance. The most prominent - Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. Senator Thurmond not only came out for Goldwater - but switched from the Democrat to the Republican Party. Offsetting this gain for Goldwater, notable Republicans like Senator Keating of New York - refused to endorse the G O P Ticket.*

*Again we've been hearing two new terms in our political vocabulary. "Blacklash" and "frontlash". Standing for - two imponderables. The extent to which Goldwater will profit from - resentment against certain Civil Rights demands, and the extent to which Johnson will profit from*

*some Republican opposition to certain Goldwater positions.*

*We've heard Goldwater campaign for "morality in American life." Johnson for "the great society". We've heard both on issues - and on personalities.*

*Now - it's all but over. To the relief - of a many.*

## GOLDWATER

*The Republican presidential candidate - also had his family along as he made a last minute bid for California's key electoral votes in the city where he was nominated in San Francisco.*

*Before he left for the Golden Gate - Senator Goldwater released a statement in Phoenix - blasting the administration for its handling of the Viet Nam problem; calling that damaging attack on our planes - the result of "sheer incompetence" Calling for an explanation of the whole affair - by the administration.*

*When he left San Francisco Barry Goldwater - had one final stop to make, in Fredonia, Arizona. Which is, he says - one of his lucky towns. As for L. B. J. - an item about him, later.*

## VIET NAM

*The irony in the Viet Cong attack on the American Air Base in South Viet Nam - is a familiar one. The enemy using - our own weapons. In this case - mortar shells with American markings. Evidently part of the equipment lost to the Red guerrillas - when they overran Vietnamese positions.*

*But - that's only one of the ironies. Here's another. The mortar barrage was launched from the jungle - within a mile of Bien Hoa, supposedly - a secret installation. Moreover, only six mortars - appear to have been used. And the number of Viet Cong raiders may have been - exactly eighteen.*

*Not much of an expenditure of men and arms - by the enemy. Not much - when you consider what they accomplished. Four Americans - killed. Thirty-one wounded. Two Vietnamese - killed. Five - wounded. and twenty one B-57 bombers - half our jet bomber fleet in South Viet Nam - ~~were~~ destroyed or damaged.*

Finally, no counterattack - was mounted. A  
search for the guerrillas <sup>did</sup> began - six hours after the  
mortars began falling on Bien Hoa. <sup>And that was</sup> Too late. ~~to reach~~

~~HERE~~

KHRUSHCHEV

*Chairman Knud Jespersen of the Danish*

*Communist party has come back from Moscow denying flatly that Nikita Khrushchev's foreign policies, including his disagreements with Red China - caused his downfall.*

*Not so - says the Danish ~~party~~ party leader. Failing health, specifically hardening of the arteries along*

*with possible liver and heart trouble - were the main reasons for the boss of the Kremlin's sudden retirement.*

*Maybe Nikita's agricultural policy did ~~not~~ have something to do with it. But the main reason was - failing health.*

*However, comrade Jespersen's explanation is not being accepted - in most quarters. Especially not - in Eastern Europe, ~~where~~ where the belief continues ~~to be~~ - that Khrushchev's blunders in foreign policy caused his downfall.*

## SOVIETS

*Those Communist go-betweens who are reported trying to arrange so-called "peace talks" between the Russians and the Red Chinese - have a really tough job on their hands. At least - so it would seem to interested observers. Because what the Chinese are demanding is that - much of Soviet Asia be handed back to them. Also, they are maneuvering - to take over Communist world leadership. And they want the Soviet Union to adopt a more aggressive anti-West policy.*

## ARABIA

*That shakeup in the government of Saudi Arabia has overtones of the Arabian Nights and - of Twentieth Century technology.*

*The King, who has just been deposed - was a throwback - to the colorful days of Haroun Al Raschid, all mixed up with oil and Cadillacs. King Saud, with an income of four billion dollars in less than twenty years - could afford to live in high style. Maintaining an air-conditioned palace - that covered a square mile, lavishing jewels from Paris on the ladies of his harem, holding banquets for hundreds of guests - from sundown to sunrise; traveling in such magnificence - that tips alone would run into the tens of thousands of dollars.*

*The word from Saudi Arabia is that King Saud's mode of life - displeased the Ulemas, the religious leaders who have been powerful in the Islamic system - ever since it was founded. They apparently pressured the Saudi Arabian council of Ministers - into dethroning Saud, replacing him with his younger brother - Faisal.*

*King Faisal looks even more like an Arabian Nights character. But he has never adopted - the extravagance ways of his predecessor. He*



*doesn't use - either liquor or tobacco. He does use - western technology.*

*And he has already been responsible for the building of roads, hospitals*

*and schools. A process that the Council of Ministers and the Ulemas -*

*want to expand. They figured - that Saud would never settle down to the*

*problem of modernizing Saudi Arabia, that Faisal - would. Hence, Faisal*

*is getting his chance - as King.*

*A coup in Riyadh - involving the sons of the man who founded Saudi*

*Arabia after World War One. The legendary Ibn Saud - who rose to power*

*in one part of the former Ottoman Empire a part liberated by the revolt*

*in the desert; - the epic of Lawrence of Arabia.*

JOHNSON

*President Johnson took off for Texas and home today - along with Mrs. Johnson, Lynda and Luci. The Johnson family intending to sit out that long election night watching returns - at the L. B. J. Ranch.*

*But along the way - the President did have a few last campaign speeches to make. Appearing in Houston - at the school where he taught more than thirty years ago. And addressing a rally tonight - in front of the State Capitol in Austin. Appearing on television - with Hubert Humphrey.*

*Tomorrow like all the rest of us, he will vote. That is, I hope you will.*