

POLITICS

With two weeks still to go till the start of the Democratic National Convention - a black caucus today in Washington. Its members pledging to George McGovern nearly one hundred additional delegates. Whereupon the Senator from South Dakota announced that he had it all sewed up. "There is no question" said he - "that the new additions are enough to put us over on the first ballot in Miami."

McGovern also saying: "What is most significant is that this is another major step in uniting all Americans in the political process." Adding that the commitment he makes to blacks - is the same commitment he makes "to Mexican Americans, Indians and all other minority groups;" to see that one and all are fairly represented - and not just the power elite."

McGovern's claim to a sure win - was quickly challenged, however, by Hubert Humphrey and Shirley

Chisholm. Both saying the promised delegates simply not deliverable. Insisting, in short that it's not over yet.

Indeed, a later recount by McGovern's headquarters disclosing a number of duplications; and it now turn out - we are told - he still needs at least seventeen more votes.

ST LOUIS follow politics

On the Republican side - Vice President Spiro Agnew was travelling today to St. Louis; where he called George McGovern - the last of the Henry Wallaceites." This a reference to the fact that McGovern once helped to nominate Progressive party presidential candidate Henry A. Wallace;

also, ^{Also, Vice Pres.} ~~in a speech at St. Louis~~ said Spiro Agnew - ~~the~~

~~fact that~~ McGovern still adheres to many of Wallace's views.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - an executive order today clearing the way for unlimited meat imports; at least - through the remainder of Nineteen Seventy Two: This another attempt - to halt spiraling meat costs.

The ~~exec~~ President also saying, in an accompanied statement: "I intend to monitor this situation closely." Adding: "I want to assure every American housewife - that this administration is firmly determined to prevent unjustified ~~increases~~ increases in the cost of food."

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WESTMORELAND

The White House again - a changing of the guard; with President Nixon paying his final respects -- to the nation's top soldier, General William Westmoreland; along the way, presenting ^{to} the retiring Army Chief of Staff -- his fourth distinguished Service Medal.

The President telling Westmoreland: "The nation had to have a strong man, a decent man, a good ~~one~~ man, as Chief of Staff, and you were that right man, - in the right job - at the right time."

NADER

~~But~~ Nader strikes again! The famed consumer advocate - announcing today the start of a comprehensive study of Congress. It's purpose - not political = said he; but rather to spotlight the activities of Congressmen - both individually and collectively. "Focusing on their professional lives - their talents and their deficiencies - how responsive they are."

Nader also saying: "We want to dispel some myths" such as the notion that Congressmen are "lâzy." Indeed, most congressmen "work quite hard," said Nader. "But what they work at and about" - said he - "that's what is sometimes questionable."

HARRISBURG C

At flood~~stricken~~ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania --
in the wake of Hurricane Agnes - a tragic air crash
today, ~~it~~ killing four. These including the pilot
and two news men from WCAU TV in Philadelphia;
also, my CBS colleague - Del Vaughn. *A particularly able and* ~~a~~ fine man -
a great loss.

PERU

In the rolling hills of Indiana - south
of Peru - found: more than half a million in cash.

The ~~money~~ money taken by that hi-jacker - when
he parachuted from an American Airlines jet liner

this past weekend. A local farmer finding it all in

a field - still inside an American airlines mail

bag. But what happened to the hi-jacker, ~~himself~~ --

That's still the question. The F B I reporting ~~as~~ ^{so far}

~~yet~~ - no trace.

VIET TRI

In the air war in Vietnam - a massive U S air strike against the Viet Tri power plant about twenty-five miles northwest of Hanoi. American jets hitting the plant - with laser guided ^{socalled} "smart bombs." Returning pilots later saying it's generating capacity was "effectively destroyed." Adding that large parts of the North Vietnamese capital have since been blacked out.

To the south - seven marine and air force fighter squadrons have now been transferred from that huge American base at Danang. They'll be stationed henceforth - in neighboring Thailand. This - we are told - because of cut backs in U S ground troops in the Danang area - which seriously "endangered the security of the base." But more than that - we hear - it will also help in meeting the President's latest withdrawal schedule.

SUPREME COURT

From the U S Supreme Court - a whole raft of decisions today; including one, in effect, upholding the right of the army & to practice surveillance over civilians; and another - upholding the right of a witness to refuse to testify & where the questions asked may be based on illegal wire-tapping.

But the case that drew ~~the~~ the most vigorous ~~of~~ dissent -- ^{was} _^ one dealing with obscenities -- the High Court over-turning, by a vote of six to three - three convictions for the use of four letter words as a result of which - the following from Chief Justice Warren Berger.

"It is barely a century" - said he - "since men ~~and women~~ in parts of this country carried guns constantly - because the law did not afford protection." And "the words used in these cases"

he continued - "if directed toward such an armed civilian - could well have led to death or serious bodily injury."

The Chief Justice asserting that today's verdict - is not, therefore, "an advance in human liberty" but rather - "a return to the law of the jungle." Adding that "this permissiveness - if continued - will tend further to erode public confidence in the law;" without which - said he - there can be no liberty.

MEXICO CITY

Starting today at Mexico City - the Lions
International Annual Convention ^{with} ~~More~~ More than forty
thousand Lions -- roaring in from all over the ~~the~~
globe. So many in fact - that thousands are ~~at~~ getting
railroaded by the government. ^{That is} Mexican railroad
officials ^{have been} ~~are~~ collecting hundreds of sleeping cars to
providing ~~temporary~~ temporary accommodations -- for
those unable to find hotel space.

Incidentally, the rents paid by the Lions -
only about half of what it cost^s to set up ^{all this} ~~the~~ rolling
slumber yard ^{all those sleeping cars,} But the rest, and a little bit more ~~is~~
expected to come from bar cars and dining cars.

Assuming, of course - they don't get side-tracked.

How about a roar from you, Warren?

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NEW YORK

On the New York political front - exit

Bella, enter Jane. Former society singer ^{lovely} Jane

Pickens Langley - a Republican - launching today

her campaign for election to Congress. She's running

from New York's so-called "Silk Stocking" District,

appropriately enough. Announcing at the outset -

she's "not concerned with the battle of the sexes,

only the balance of the sexes."

Jane Pickens Langley also listing herself -

as a "painter, singer, mother, wife, and volunteer."

But ~~she~~ telling voters: "Call me whatever you want

to - I'll always answer."