

Wed. Nov. 23 - '66,

*In New York - a word of caution today from Theodore Sorensen - one of the late President's top advisers; to Democrats across the nation - who are booming Senator Robert Kennedy for sixty-eight. Sorensen declaring that nothing would be 'more stupid and self-defeating' - than an "effort to run Robert Kennedy against either Johnson or Humphrey in sixty-eight."*

*The first loyalty of Kennedy Democrats - said Sorensen - should be an effort to rebuild the party; to overcome "disaster and disarray in every section of the country" ~~At~~ in the wake of that Republican resurgence at the last election. And Robert Kennedy's first assignment - said he - ~~that of~~ <sup>to</sup> rebuilding the Democratic Party, ~~in~~*

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## WASHINGTON

*In the midst of continuing furore about the Warren Report - an ~~at~~ attempt today by Senator Russell of Georgia - to put the controversy in its proper perspective.*

*A member of the Warren Commission himself - Senator Russell asserting that there are, of course, a number of questions concerning the assassination of President Kennedy - which may never be answered. <sup>However</sup> The Senator adding, ~~however~~, that any new study - based solely on the evidence and not on speculation or rumor - would surely come to the same conclusion. That Lee Harvey Oswald - was the lone assassin.*

*Senator Russell further recalling that he predicted at the outset - that the commission's findings would be subject to debate for a century. The only surprising thing - said he - that there haven't been more books and articles critical of the report.*

UNITED NATIONS

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At the United Nations - Canada joined France today in calling for speedy admission of Red China to the world body. Urging, what's more, that Peking be given the seat now assigned Nationalist China - as a permanent member of the U N Security Council. Canadian delegate Paul Martin contending that "lasting solutions" to world problems "cannot be found - without the participation of Peking."

JAKARTA

From Jakarta -- an up-to-date reappraisal today -- of the political strength President-for-life Sukarno. This an amazing comeback -- by the man who was written off months ago as a power in the Indonesian government.

In spite of widespread attacks on his friends, his policies and his personal indulgences -- Sukarno is said to be regaining support daily. Among the reasons -- we're told: The fact that Sukarno remains -- Indonesia's great revolutionary hero; -- the George Washington or Simon Bolivar of his country -- a tremendous following -- among the people of Central and East Java -- who make up most of the country's population; and the army. And, finally, apparently he even holds the respect -- of Indonesia's new military strongman, General Suharto.

Hence the prediction, that Sukarno will continue to hold on in Jakarta -- unless and until General

*Suharto himself can build broad-based support for his new government. Which as yet - he has been unable to do.*

*The reason -- ironically: Suharto's inability to cure ~~govern~~night - the ravages of <sup>the</sup> twenty years of misrule directly attributable to Sukarno.*

VIET NAM

~~On the other side of the globe.~~ - In Viet Nam -  
another major confrontation shaping up tonight in the  
rice rich Mekong delta. American troops ~~now~~ reported  
massed and ready - to enter the ~~Communist~~ <sup>Viet Cong</sup> stronghold <sup>area</sup>  
for the first time in force. With the Viet Cong all  
but inviting the American assault - by launching a series  
of new attacks on government outposts ~~in the area~~ <sup>there</sup>.

Indeed, the impending campaign is seen by  
many - as a possible turning point in the war. The Viet  
Cong - who have been trying for months to launch a major  
offensive - ~~thwarted~~ thwarted at every turn by U S fighting  
men, <sup>have</sup> except in the delta -- where they <sup>have</sup> long-defied  
government troops - in the absence of American support.  
Now - apparently - a showdown at hand.

RANCH FOLLOW VIET

Here at home -- a series of high-level talks today at the L B J Ranch. President Johnson conferring with Defense <sup>S</sup> Secretary ~~Robert~~ McNamara - also Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Thereafter, announcing a surprise cut back of one-third - in the U S draft and military manpower quota for Nineteen Sixty-Seven.

~~Robert~~ McNamara explaining that military requirements in Viet Nam - "are reaching a leveling off point" - as he put. Dean Rusk, for his part expressing the hope that current British and Russian talks in Moscow - will lead eventually to a "peaceful settlement" of the war.

PEORIA-DACATUR

Found, at last: A solution to the commuter problem. As reported today by the Department of Housing and Urban Development -- on the basis of test runs of a new kind of bus service - in Peoria and Decatur, Illinois.

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The trial service predicated on the theory that it could lure potential riders - and thus ease traffic - by offering door-to-door express busses to specially-selected locations. ~~But~~ <sup>S</sup>As it turned out - the key to success of the service ~~was~~ - as so often the case - ~~in~~ those "little extras."

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The busses staffed by - quote - "personable young women." Who established - and again I quote - "personal contact" - with their passengers. Greeting them by name - trying to accommodate their complaints - ~~occasionally~~ serving them coffee and doughnuts - sending them get-well cards when ~~they were~~ sick - and even arranging for taxi service in the event of a bus breakdown.



Result: The trial service not only popular -

but highly profitable. <sup>Warren -</sup> ~~as well.~~ Wonder what  
would happen if they tried that on  
Long Island, northern New Jersey and  
nearby New York and Conn? Coffee  
and doughnuts and attractive hostesses  
for New York commuters?

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DALLAS FOLLOW DETROIT

This next -- ~~a related item~~ from Dallas.

Especially pertinent - on this Thanksgiving Eve. A warning to travelers - or visiting relatives - who tend to stuff themselves at the holiday season.

The danger - too much food - says the auto club. Asserting that: "Many of us just don't have proper reflexes when we have overeaten. We are lulled by a full stomach - and a feeling of well-being." "In that condition" - ~~as~~ says the Auto Club - "we are practically asking for disaster - if we climb behind the wheel of a car." Especially those ~~of us~~ - who may be "suffering from indigestion or heartburn."

Suggested solution: A couple of hours of rest after that Thanksgiving feast - before driving.