

Tues. Jan. 4, 1972

PORTLAND

Portland, Maine - Senator Muskie makes it official; formally declaring for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

This in a taped statement - scheduled for nationwide broadcast later tonight. In it Senator Muskie says it would be foolish to blame all the nation's problems on the present Nixon administration. Then, then he adds that "An administration that has failed us in the past - cannot take us to the future."

"I am seeking the presidency" - he tells us, "not merely to change Presidents but to change the country; to make America what it was to Abraham Lincoln - 'the last best hope of mankind'."

That - from Main's Muskie as he throws his hat in the ring.

SAN DIEGO

~~For~~ President Nixon ^{left} ~~who is~~ ~~now~~ currently
~~staying at~~ the Western White House, ^{today for} a brief ~~trip~~
~~visit to~~ ^{visit to nearby} San Diego, where he announced the awarding
of a new fifty-four million dollar ship building contract -
to San Diego's National Steel and Ship-building Company.
This the first step - said ^{he} ~~the President~~ in a program
to revitalize the U S ship building industry; to restore
the U S - to a "position of being the leading ~~maritime~~
maritime nation."

F D A

By order of the U S Food and Drug Administration

-- a sweeping review of all non prescription drugs -

sometimes called patent medicine. F D A Commissioner

Charles Edwards charging that many of these just

~~formulations~~ do not ^{live up to} ~~have~~ the claimed ^S ~~effect~~ -- have

inadequate instructions for effective use - or are

promoted in deceptive and indefensible ways. ^{all of} ~~the~~

which is as he puts it:-
~~this is added~~ - "a cause for concern."

PARIS

After four weeks of postponements - Vietnam peace talks in Paris will resume once again day after tomorrow. This by virtue of a Communist proposal for renewed talks which - today was accepted by the U S and South Vietnam. This may be progress, of sorts - except that the parley will soon be entering its fifth year with results so far practically nil.

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

Meanwhile, enemy forces in Indo China - were again taking advantage of the dry season, setting an ambush for an American patrol, ~~about~~ ^{about} forty-miles northeast of Saigon; and ~~then~~ downing four U S helicopters - sent to help ^{our men,} ~~out~~ U S officials calling this the heaviest engagement by an American combat unit ~~in~~ since last ~~in~~ May, in the A-Shau Valley.

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Enemy troops were also sweeping across the Plain of Jars -- in nearby Laos. And here - we are told - for the first time - enemy Mig jets were supplying tactical air support.

MONROVIA

An Army base at Monrovia, Liberia ^{was} today's main stop for U S First Lady Pat Nixon; ~~and~~ There, along with Liberia's newly inaugurated President, William Tolbert, she ~~she~~ attended a ninety minute display of quote "marching jazz and soul." This - courtesy of the visiting Grambling College Marching Band from Reston, Louisiana. Mrs. Nixon bouncing a Tolbert grandson on her knee - in time to the torrid beat. ~~and~~ ^{Liberian} a member of the President's personal guard ^{was} ~~later~~ heard to remark: "I wish we could march like that."

Also, present -- and having a good time - President Houphouet -Biogny of the Ivory Coast. A White House aide observing: "The First Lady and President Houphouet-Biogny are getting along famously - although, of course, they can't understand a word ~~of~~ ~~what~~ the other is saying."

PARIS - CHEVALIER

Paris again - final arrangements for the funeral of France's most famous entertainer of this century. Officials disclosing that Maurice Chevalier will go his final resting place - dressed as his millions of fans all over the globe remember him; black tuxedo and a black bow tie - with a rosette of France's Legion of Honor in his button-hole; all topped, of course - by his traditional straw boater. The actor singer's relatives saying - that's the way he wanted it.

HONG KONG

From Hong Kong - a report today that four late model German-made limousines obtained last week in the British Crown Colony - are now enroute to Peking. These - we are told - the personal cars of four wealthy Hong Kong Communists; who agreed, — ^{they say - to let} under pressure ~~to let down~~ [^] them be used next month ^{in the Peking} ~~in Red China~~ ^{to} welcome ~~for~~ President Nixon.

Next question: Why don't the Chinese use their own cars? And the answer to that -- a question of face. China watchers observing that the best and latest Chinese cars - are merely new copies of old Russian sedans; and worse -- ~~they~~ [^] "are always breaking down."

SINGAPORE

~~Little~~ Singapore ^{the} ~~an~~ island nation ^{off the Malay Peninsula,} one of
the places hardest hit by ~~that~~ ^{the} so-called "population
explosion." Singapore's ~~total~~ population ^{is} increasing
from ~~one~~ ^a million to more than two million during the
fifties and sixties. ~~And~~ ^{came} Then ~~the start of~~ a nationwide
family planning campaign - which is still bearing fruit,
or vice-versa, ^{maybe you would say,} At any rate, Singapore's birth rate -
now showing three straight years of steady decline.
In the year just ~~ending~~ ended - ~~according to figures~~
~~announced today~~ ^a ~~another~~ forty-percent drop, ^{of} from
twenty-seven births per thousand population -- to
a present figure of only twelve. In teeming Singapore -
really something to sing about.

ALTA

At Alta, Utah - a newly incorporated "ski town" -

the inauguration of that community's first Board of Trustees.

Board President William Levitt promptly challenging the officials of any other town in the state - to a giant slalom race. Bill, owner of Alta Lodge, observing: "We are probably the only Board of Trustees who are also a ski team."

Things seem to be booming in Little Cottonwood

Canyon where Alf Engen has long been the unofficial Mayor!

SAPPORO

Let's take a preview look at Sapporo, Japan where the Winter Olympics are to be held in a few weeks.

Observers noting that Sapporo, a modern city, is laid out - in square city blocks, American style; with a center, downtown boasting an American-style belfry clock, and the surrounding countryside - replete with slant roofed barns and towering feed silos; much as in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota.

All this explained by the fact that Sapporo - is the chief city on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido - an island developed largely with American know-how at Japan's request nearly a century ago.

But another feature of Sapporo distinctly Japanese - Warren - the abundance of public a la natural co-ed baths.

NULLABOR PLAIN

From the Nullabor Plain in the land Down Under comes a report of the sighting of a second Nullabor nymph. The first was the topless blonde who was seen bouncing along last week with a galaxy of kangaroos - tall blonde; tall kangaroos six feet tall. And now - a repeat performance - same description except the second nymph only five two or so, also bounding along I suppose.

This - according to Graeme Campbell, one of Australia's top bush experts, one of a hundred or more adventurers drawn to Nullabor by the lure of the nymph. Campbell further speculating that maybe out there in the Out Back there may be a colony of nymphs; that is, some hippy-types who have turned nature girls in the Never Never - or maybe hardly ever Land!