

Fri. Jan. 3 - '69 ✓

Senator Edward Kennedy moves onward and upward. The sole surviving Kennedy brother - winning surprise election today as Senate Democratic Whip, ousting from that post veteran Senator Long of Louisiana. This the first political upset of the new year.

Senator Ted Kennedy's margin of victory - a scant five votes. Still, quite a triumph for Senate liberals in general and Ted Kennedy in particular. At age thirty-six - only six years in public office - now the number two man in the nation's highest legislative body.

All this of course raises surmise of another possible Kennedy bid for the Presidency in Nineteen Seventy Two. Senator Long for one suggesting "that Mr. Nixon should be careful and watch himself for the future because in all probability he will have an able opponent waiting for him.

However, Senator Kennedy himself - ducking

the issue asserting that his victory only demonstrates his close commitment to Senate business. "This is a time-consuming responsibility" - said he. Adding: "I don't think there are really any implications - beyond that."

REPUBLICAN FOLLOW SENATE

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Meanwhile, Senate Republicans were also meeting in party caucus - also coming up with something of a surprise. With Senator Scott of Pennsylvania - winning an upset victory in the race for Senate Republican whip - turning back by three votes - the favored Senator Hruska of Nebraska.

Senator Scott - considered a moderate -
Senator Kruska - a conservative. The outcome thus

rated another rebuff - to the Senate "old guard"; for the
both the
Republican ~~as well as~~ Democrat. Old Guard.

HOUSE FOLLOW REPUBLICANS

Across Capitol Hill -- ~~a typical~~ ^{a rather festive} home

coming ~~today~~ for Adam Clayton Powell. The former Harlem congressman - ~~who was~~ banished two years ago - returning to the House floor as dapper as ever. Shaking hands with former colleagues - gallantly kissing the hand of the first negro congresswoman - smiling and waving at friends in the gallery. By pre-arrangement though - stepping aside when it came time to swear in the rest of the House.

This clearing the way for the first order of business in the new Ninety-First Congress - to decide officially whether to re-admit Powell to House membership. The question calling forth hours of debate -

also a number of roll calls. ~~with the outcome at~~ ^{The final vote}
252 to 160 providing ^{for Powell's} ~~last report still in doubt.~~
re-admission - with a fine of 22,000 ~~bucks & loss of seniority~~

STATE

Elsewhere in Washington - Dean Rusk met the press today - for maybe his last time as Secretary of State. Topic A - the Middle East. With Dean Rusk urging Arab governments - "to do their utmost to restrain ~~xxx~~ terrorist activity". At the same time - urging Israel "to recognize that excessive retaliation will not produce peace". Further/warning both sides that continued violence - could be "catastrophic for all the people" of the Middle East.

~~Do~~ Turning next to Vietnam - Dean Rusk ^{telling us} ~~asserting that~~ the present administration is going "flat out" in Paris, ^{in an} ~~Attempt~~ to present the incoming Nixon administration ~~with~~ a basis for dealing with the "real issues" of the Vietnam war. As for his reported feud with Defense Secretary Clark Clifford - on how to speed peace talks - Dean Rusk saying: "I have seen some of this speculation - and do not connect it with the world in which I live."

PARIS

Paris again - the bickering continues. North Vietnam and the Viet Cong offering today - to drop all procedural issues still blocking the expanded peace talks. To drop them - that is, if the United States and South Vietnam will agree to meet at a single round table.

However, the two Communist delegations - turning down flat the latest allied ~~peace~~ procedural package. An offer of yesterday - suggesting six possible variations on a divided round table.

End result - another Mexican stand-off -- apparently. While half a world away - American troops were attempting to head off the threat of another New Year's offensive. Capturing a ton of enemy ammunition near the Cambodian border - blasting a Viet Cong military complex in the Mekong Delta - bombing suspected Communist staging areas throughout that embattled land.

ADELAIDE

For Max Conrad - the moment of decision

*is fast approaching. As you may have heard - the
famed "flying grandfather has been stranded for nearly
two weeks, grounded by bad weather at Britain's
Antarctic outpost on Adelaide Island, there unable to
attempt his next scheduled flight - over the South Pole;
this the most dangerous leg of his attempt to fly solo
around the world - by way and over both Poles.*

*Now - this latest. Max Conrad requesting
weather advice today - for the vast, frozen Antarctic
- also for what is known as Drake's Passage to the North.
Which means that at the moment he is even considering
a possible return flight to Chile.*

*The end of a dream? Only time - and weather
can tell. The weather can be wild over the Antarctic.*

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hope for mankind. I hope you haven't given
up hope, Warren."*

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KANSAS CITY

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Believe it or not - most people do care.

This the salient conclusion reported today - by four doctors of the University of Missouri medical school, Kansas City. Based on a mock attempt to recruit volunteers - or human "guinea pigs" for a supposed series of new and revolutionary medical experiments.

Of those polled - prisoners proved to be the most willing to volunteers - which is perhaps understandable. Beyond that, though - the doctors discovered a wealth ^{of} potential volunteers in nearly every walk of life. People who believe, as they put it - that "human responsibility includes an obligation to improve the state of ~~the~~ living for all people."

Summing up - the doctors asserting -- "a strong sense of altruism - is not altogether dead in our world." Another way of saying - ~~there~~ there's still hope for mankind.

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NORTHAMPTON

"At home" today for the first time in their

marriage - the newlywed Mr. and Mrs. Dwight David

Eisenhower the Second. Young David and the former

Julie Nixon - arriving over night at their new student

apartment at Northampton, Mass. For David at least -

the honeymoon is really over. That is, he now begins

to cram for mid-term exams - starting Monday at

nearby Amherst College.