

RETAKE

Friday, Aug. 4, 1972

UPPER MARLBOROUGH

Upper Marlborough, Maryland - Arthur Bremer was found today guilty as charged. A six man six woman jury - rejecting his plea of insanity - taking only an hour and thirty five minutes - to convict Bremer of the attempted murder of Governor Wallace of Alabama. His sentence promptly set at sixty-three years in prison. For life.

MCGOVERN

Spurned by the full A F of L - C I O George

McGovern was, nevertheless, warmly embraced today by the Affiliated Communications Workers of America. Union President Joseph Beirne explaining the McGovern endorsement - saying "President Nixon's record is almost a re-run of Herbert Hoover - that we only had to go around some corner to reach economic stability."

Beirne also taking a slap at George Meany's self-proclaimed "neutrality." "I think" - said he - "it is impossible for any labor leader - to sit out a Presidential election."

MATE FOLLOW MCGOVERN

Meanwhile, McGovern himself - was still pondering the selection of a running mate. At one point today - telling trailing reporters - "we'll have something to say later on." Then, next time the question was raised - he said, some time before Monday. When the reporters persisted in hounding him McGovern finally saying: "It's a little ridiculous gentlemen - I'm not going to say anything else today."

Mate - new ending

**The reports persist however that Sendor
Muskie has already been offered the job. Indeed,
the Senator flying home to Maine this weekend -
apparently there to make his final decision.**

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon signed into law today an emergency relief measure; ~~thereby~~ providing another one hundred and fifty million - to help repair the damages caused by tropical storm Agnes.

~~But~~ The President calling this - "only a down payment on the total disaster relief program." I urge said he - "that the Congress place the highest possible priority - in approving my entire package of disaster relief ~~the~~ legislation, so that tangible help can start flowing at the earliest possible time to the tens of thousands still in dire need."

INFLATION

The U S unemployment rate - steady; holding last month at five and a half percent - according to figures announced today; the same as it was - in June; which indicates - we are told - the previous drop from five point nine percent in May - was more than just "a statistical quirk."

Elsewhere on the economic front - wholesale food prices were jumping three point two percent. This said to be a seventeen month high. The White House saying - it was "not totally unexpected." Press Secretary Ron Ziegler adding: "We are moving into a period of good economic expansion - as the rate of inflation slows down."

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - government troops scored a major success today at An Loc; with the battle to reopen vital Highway Thirteen to Saigon - now said to be nearing completion; and the four-month siege at An Loc - all but ended.

Saigon troops also scoring a second victory today - north of Quang Tri City with South Vietnamese Marines later ~~about~~ battling their way into ~~town~~ - house by house, floor by floor, window by window."

A U S advisor saying: The name of the game - is to isolate the citadel.

REYKJAVIK

At Reykjavik, Iceland - Bobby Fischer wins again. Today besting defending champ Boris Spassky - for the fifth straight time; on the fifty-sixth move of the tenth game - in their world championship series. The American challenger - thus taking a commanding three point lead - while Spassky - recalling his fortieth move of last night - admitting a bit sadly: "I made a blunder."

PRISONERS

In more than twenty British jails and prisons today - a massive sit-down strike; with perhaps as many as six thousand inmates -- said to be staging passive demonstrations. This - we are told - the work of a new group called "prop- or preservation of the rights of prisoners." A spokesman saying the strike is intended to last twenty four hours - involving "total non-cooperation with the authorities". Prop adding that its main goal - is ~~that of~~ ^{to} dramatiz^e~~ing~~ demands for: "One - improved prison conditions; and two - negotiations on prisoners rights."

CENTRAL LUZON

In the Philippines - nearly a month
straight of steady monsoon rains - all but
submerging Central Luzon- and wreaking havoc
throughout the country. The death toll - hitting
four hundred and twelve as of noon today; ~~it was~~ ^{and}
still raining - ~~and still~~ ^{with} no end in sight.

GENEVA

At Geneva - Timothy Leary wins some -
~~and~~ loses some. The American drug cultist - a fugitive
from U S justice - successfully squashing today a
warrent ~~for~~ for his extradition. At the same time
though he and his wife were ordered to leave
~~Switzer~~ Switzerland no later than October thirty one.
Next stop - apparently Denmark.

VALLE DELLA STORTA

From Valle Della Storta, Italy - the story of a ten foot boa constrictor that escaped this week from a local circus. It's keeper - one Peter Anoma - telling police the missing reptile was harmless. Adding, however, that it was strong enough to crush a cow; whereupon the whole town of Valle Della Storta - developed a bad case of jitters. Ah, but all safe now - the boa returning home today. Keeper Anoma explaining; Warren - "He finally got hungry." The reason he took off - in the first place? "It's his mating season - and he is very romantic."

LONDON

London again - a royal birthday. Britain's beloved Queen Mum - the Queen Mother Elizabeth age seventy-two today. And we are told the phones at her ~~residence~~ residence at Clarence House - were busy all day. Queen Elizabeth calling, ^{also} - Prince Phillip, Prince Charles, Princess Anne and right on down the line, it seems. So Happy birthday - Queen Mum from all of us here too.