

Fri. May 5, 1972

ASIA

Senator Goldwater today warned his colleagues - they should reject a bill that would cut off - U.S. funds for the Vietnam war or else - as he put it - "risk giving the Saigon government the kiss of death" - thereby endangering the lives of American soldiers still in Vietnam. One of the measure's sponsors - Frank Church of Idaho - concedes that cutting off funds at the height of the current Communist offensive may be wrong. But Church asked: "We are now in the eighth year of the American ordeal in Vietnam - when will the right time ever come?"

A Pentagon spokesman today refused to rule out the possibility that US Marine units might be used to help protect and evacuate American forces, if necessary. Also, the U.S. is reopening an air base in Thailand - a base for about eighty additional Phantom fighter-bombers now on their way to Southeast Asia.

## POLITICS

It's definite now - the Republican National Convention will be held in Miami Beach; beginning August Twenty-First - just five weeks after the Democrats hold their convention there, starting July Tenth. For the first time in twenty years, both major parties will hold conventions in the same city - the last time being Nineteen-Fifty-Two in Chicago where the Republicans nominated Dwight <sup>D</sup>Eisenhower and the Democrats <sup>of course named</sup> Adlai Stevenson.

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About fifteen-hundred delegate votes will be needed to nominate a president at the Democratic Convention. A United Press International count of delegates pledged so far shows these totals for the leaders: McGovern, two-hundred-eighty-five - Humphrey, one-hundred-eighty-one - Wallace, one-hundred-sixty-nine - Muskie, one-hundred-thirty-two. So anything can happen.

**NIXON**

*President Nixon doesn't agree with one of his own commission's recommendations that birth control and abortion services be made available to all adults and teenagers - paid for by health insurance. Said the President: "I do NOT support unrestricted abortion policies - I consider abortion an unacceptable form of population control." His statement was released as he met with John D. Rockefeller Third - head of the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future - which has just completed a two-year study, recommending that present restrictions on birth control devices and abortion be abandoned.*

## HIJACK

Another airline hijacking today - this one a jetliner over Pennsylvania - forty-nine passengers on board enroute to Washington and Miami. The hijacker - claiming he had dynamite in a brief case - demanded three-hundred-thousand dollars cash - parachutes, and other supplies which were given to him when the plane landed at Dulles Airport. The passengers were permitted to leave the plane - and then with enough fuel on board to reach Cuba - the airliner took off again. Shortly afterwards it returned and began circling Dulles airport. ~~It turned out that~~ The hijacker ~~is~~ dissatisfied with the denominations of the bills he received. ~~What happened? Here's the latest from CBS~~

~~News~~

## PLANE

*The Russians today displayed first pictures of their Ilyushin-Eight-Six "Airbus" - a huge plane to carry three-hundred-fifty passengers - representing the Soviet challenge to America's Boeing Seven-Forty-Seven. Although when the plane becomes operational in Nineteen-Seventy-Five, its major role is expected to a domestic one - that of ferrying Russians over the vast, roadless distances of their own country.*

*Except for the Iron Curtain countries most of the top aviation people in the free world are in Los Angeles tonight - at a banquet in honor of the man who has left a greater impact on the world of flying than anyone since the Wright Brothers. His name - Donald Douglas. His designing the DC 3 probably did more to advance commercial aviation than any one thing. I suppose I've flown over most of the countries on this planet in Don Douglas's good old DC 3.*

*I had expected to be in Los Angeles for this historic*

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*event. Don Douglas birthday party which they are holding one month after his birthday. In a way we are almost*

*twins - born the same year, same month, same day.*

*And, as you may recall - Douglas planes were the first to circle the globe in Nineteen-Twenty-Four and they've been flying round ever since.*

## LOAN

*In Fairfax, California, a seventy-seven-year-old widow may lose her home because she can't repay a loan she took out to pay for her husband's funeral. The finance company wants to auction off the home Mrs. Aileen Pick has lived in for thirty years - but she is asking the court to void the twenty-seven-hundred dollar loan - claiming it's in violation of the Federal Truth in Lending Act. A hearing in the case is scheduled for May Eighteenth.*

## **MOTHER'S DAY**

*As Mother's Day - May Fourteenth - approaches we find that times are changing - even in the greeting card business. Mothers are getting younger, we're told, as more and more girls become parents before they are twenty-five; all of which is bringing some drastic changes in those familiar Mother's Day cards. One card now on sale reads: "Think of motherhood as a job - and quit!" Another: "I want you to know that you're the dearest, sweetest, kindest mother in the world - and you're a real swinger!" Don, still another card reads: "I just wanted you to know that if you had a chance to raise me all over again - I wouldn't blame you a bit if you chickened out."*



TEACHER

A young and shapely female English instructor at the University of Oklahoma - in Norman - has her own ideas about how to make poetry interesting. Standing in front of her class, poetry book in hand, she told her class of eighteen students: "My body is NO big deal." Then she proceeded to strip, and finally settled down, ~~nude that is, into~~ her chair and began to read poetry. Asked why she did it, she replied: "I want to change a society that doesn't allow me to appear in my birthday suit anytime I please." Even before ~~the~~ <sup>her</sup> strip performance, the University <sup>already</sup> had no plans to rehire ~~the instructor~~ <sup>her for</sup> next year. ~~of a -~~ MAN!