

ROMNEY

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— year 1968 —
IN "THE MAKING OF A PRESIDENT" ~~SIXTY EIGHT~~

- A BOMBHELL TODAY IN WASHINGTON. MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR
ROMNEY CALLING IT QUILTS - BOWING OUT OF THE CAMPAIGN; IN
THE FACE OF CLEAR CUT EVIDENCE - SAID HE - "THAT MY CANDIDACY
HAS NOT WON THE WIDE SPREAD ACCEPTANCE I HAD HOPED." INDEED
RECENT POLLS SAID TO SHOW THAT ROMNEY HAS BEEN TRAILING
RICHARD NIXON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE - BY A MARGIN REPORTED AT
TIMES AS HIGH AS ^{Seven} FIVE TO ONE.

NEXT QUESTION: WHO WILL ROMNEY SUPPORT IN
HIS STEAD? TO THAT - NO ANSWER AS YET. ROMNEY ^{indicating} SAYING
ONLY THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT THE CHOICE OF THE REPUBLICAN
GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE - WHICH GETS UNDER WAY TOMORROW IN
WASHINGTON. AS FOR GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER OF NEW YORK, #
^{his one possible} ~~THE RUMORED~~ REPLACEMENT - ROMNEY SAYING: "HE HAS ASKED
NOTHING OF ME - AND HE HAS GIVEN MORE THAN I HAVE ASKED
OF HIM."

VIETNAM

IN VIETNAM - THE SPOTLIGHT FALLS AGAIN TONIGHT
ON KHE SANH. WITH A FLIGHT OF BIG AMERICAN B-FIFTY TWO'S
ATTEMPTING TO EASE THE PRESSURE ON THAT BELEAGUERED MARINE
OUTPOST; BLASTING AWAY AT ENEMY TROOP CONCENTRATIONS - JUST
the
ACROSS NEARBY DMZ.

THIS FOLLOWING A REPORT THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE
TROOPS LAYING SIEGE TO KHE SANH, HAVE RECENTLY ADOPTED A
TACTIC FIRST USED SUCCESSFULLY AT DIEN BIEN PHU. DIGGING
MAMMOTH ZIG-ZAG TRENCHES - REACHING IN SOME PLACES TO LESS
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THAN A HUNDRED YARDS FROM *the* AMERICAN LINES.

AT THE SAME TIME - IN SAIGON - THE U S COMMAND
TODAY WAS ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL OF FOUR THOUSAND AMERICAN
PARATROOPERS. THE GREAT MAJORITY - VIETNAM VETERANS
RETURNING FOR A SECOND TOUR OF DUTY, *and* ~~RE-~~ COMBAT-READY
TO MEET ANY NEW COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE THREAT - AT KHE SANH
OR WHEREVER.

WHITE HOUSE

JUST BACK FROM THE BATTLE ZONE - GENERAL EARL
ME WHEELER - CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF; WHO
CONFERRED FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS TODAY - WITH PRESIDENT
JOHNSON AND TOP WHITE HOUSE ADVISORS.

GENERAL WHEELER SUPPOSEDLY CARRYING A REQUEST
FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND - FOR A SUBSTANTIAL TROOP BUILDUP
IN VIETNAM. HOWEVER, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE
CHRISTIAN - LATER BRUSHING ASIDE THE QUESTION OF MORE MEN.
"THE GENERAL'S REPORT IS GOING TO BE EVALUATED AND STUDIED"
- SAID CHRISTIAN; THEREFORE ADDING THAT FOR NOW, AT LEAST-
- THERE WOULD BE NO DISCLOSURE OF ^{SPECIFIC} ~~GENERAL~~ DETAILS."

PARIS

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH - ANOTHER WAR-RELATING-
STORY COMES TODAY FROM PARIS. THE GOVERNMENT OF CHARLES
DEGAULLE REPORTING RECEIPT OF SPECIFIC ASSURANCES FROM
HANOI; ASSURANCES THAT AN UNCONDITIONAL HALT OF ^{U.S.} ~~THE~~ BOMBING
OVER NORTH VIETNAM IS A "NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT" STEP
TOWARD THE OPENING OF PEACE TALKS.

— *but it is*
THIS - NOT EXACTLY NEW ~~NEWS~~ THE FIRST OFFICIAL
WORD *^* THAT PARIS IS ACTIVELY PURSUING PEACE IN VIETNAM.
COUPLED THOUGH WITH A WARNING THAT UNLESS THERE ARE TALKS
SOON - THE WAR MAY WELL BECOME A GRAVE THREAT TO WORLD PEACE.

WASHINGTON

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL LOSES AGAIN. THE STORY

- FROM WASHINGTON WHERE A THREE JUDGE FEDERAL PANEL - TODAY
REJECTED AN APPEAL FROM THE FORMER HARLEM CONGRESSMAN; UPHOLDING
A PREVIOUS DECISION THAT HE CANNOT ~~BE~~ CHALLENGE IN THE COURTS -
HIS OUSTER LAST YEAR FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE PANEL'S ONLY CONCESSION - AN OBSERVATION
THAT THE HOUSE MAY HAVE ERRED IN REFUSING TO SEAT POWELL.
"THAT EACH BRANCH" OF GOVERNMENT "MAY THUS OCCASIONALLY MAKE
ERRORS - IS ONE OF THE PRICES WE ~~NEE~~ PAY" FOR THE AMERICAN
SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES - SAID THE PANEL. ADDING,
MOREOVER, THAT EVEN IF THE COURTS DID RULE IN POWELL'S FAVOR -
THEY WOULD HAVE NO POWER TO ENFORCE SUCH A RULING.

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OTTAWA

NORTH OF THE BORDER - AT OTTAWA - CANADA'S
NINE DAY OLD PARLIAMENTARY CRISIS ~~WAS~~ ^{came to an} FINALLY ENDED ^{with} TODAY
LIBERAL PRIME MINISTER LESTER PEARSON - EASILY WINNING A
VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FINAL TALLY - ONE-HUNDRED-THIRTY-EIGHT TO
ONE-HUNDRED-NINETEEN. WITH THE WINNING ~~NEW~~ VOTES FOR
PEARSON'S MINORITY ADMINISTRATION - COMING CHIEFLY FROM
THE TINY CREDITISTE PARTY.

MOSCOW

MOSCOW - A SOVIET FIRST TODAY. WITH A COMMUNIST
NEWSPAPER RECOGNIZING FOR THE FIRST TIME - A GROWING PROTEST
AMONG RUSSIAN WRITERS AND OTHERS; AGAINST THOSE HARSH SENTENCES
METED OUT LAST MONTH - TO FOUR YOUNG RUSSIAN DISSIDENTS.

BE THAT AS IT MAY - THE SOVIET UNION REMAINS
THE SOVIET UNION. SO THE NEWSPAPER - ~~KOMSOHOISKAYA~~ PRAVDA
- REFRAINED FROM QUOTING ANY OF THE COMPLAINANTS; THE SAME
AS IT REFUSED TO PUBLISH PROTEST POSITIONS CIRCULATED DURING
AND AFTER THE TRIAL. INDEED, THE PAPER CLAIMING THAT CRITICS
OF THE PROCEEDINGS WERE EITHER - INADEQUATELY INFORMED -
OR CONFUSED BY THE MISINFORMATION Poured OUT BY BOURGEOIS
PROPAGANDA.

AMMAN

JORDAN'S ~~BEHVE~~ YOUNG KING HUSSEIN LIKE THE
FABLED "MAN BETWEEN", ACCORDING TO A DISPATCH TODAY FROM
AMMAN.

ON THE OTHER HAND - A GROWING GUERRILLA
MOVEMENT IN ISRAELI OCCUPIED JORDANIAN TERRITORY; SPEAR-
HEADED BY SYRIAN TRAINED - "AL FATAH" COMMANDOES. AGAINST
THIS - AN ISRAELI WARNING OF MASSIVE RETALIATION; IF THE
KING IS UNWILLING - OR UNABLE - TO HOLD THE GUERRILLAS IN
CHECK.

SUMMING UP: WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAYING THE
QUEST FOR PEACE IN THE MID-EAST HAS NOW BECOME "A RACE
AGAINST TIME." WITH HUSSEIN'S THRONE PERHAPS HANGING IN
THE BALANCE.

NEW YORK

THREE OF THE NATION'S LEADING PHARMACEUTICAL
HOUSES - FINED A TOTAL OF NEARLY HALF A MILLION BUCKS TODAY
IN A NEW YORK FEDERAL COURT. THE TRIO INCLUDING CHARLES
PFIZER AND COMPANY, AMERICAN CYANAMID, AND BRISTOL-MEYERS;
~~RENDERING~~ CONVICTED OF PRICE FIXING AND OTHER ANTI-TRUST
VIOLATIONS - IN THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF A NUMBER OF
SO-CALLED "WONDER DRUGS". AMONG THEM - TETRACYCLINE,
AUREOMYCIN, TERRAMYCIN, AND CHLORAMYCETIN, *Warren,*

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CAMBRIDGE

ON THE SPACE FRONT A FLURRY OF EXCITEMENT TODAY.
SIR MARTIN TYLE OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY - REPORTING DISCOVERY
OF A NEW STAR DEEP IN SPACE. ACCORDING TO RADIO ASTRONOMERS -
THE STAR GIVING OFF "SOME FUNNY, FLUCTUATING SIGNALS."

THE MOST PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION - SAID SIR
MARTIN ^{Tyle} - THAT THE NEW STAR IS ACTUALLY A DYING STAR, THE
SUPPOSED RADIO SIGNALS CAUSED BY THE PULSATION OF NUCLEAR
MATERIAL. HE ADDED HOWEVER: "WE CANNOT COMPLETELY RULE
OUT" THE POSSIBILITY - "THAT THIS IS ANOTHER ~~XXX~~ INTELLIGENCE
TRYING TO CONTACT US."

IN DEFERENCE TO WHICH - ASTRONOMERS HAVE ALREADY
NICKNAMED THE STAR "L G M". INITIALS STANDING FOR - LITTLE
GREEN MEN.