

Mon. Mar. 13-72,

In that Florida Presidential primary - it's all over [^] ~~but~~ the voting. Nearly a dozen candidates ~~^~~ winding up their campaigns today. And the next voice to be heard - the voice of the people; According to advance estimates, more than ~~two~~ two million in all - or roughly seventy percent of those eligible ^{will vote. If so} ~~if true~~ quite a turn out.

2 On the ~~Dem~~ Republican side - President Nixon is ^{run far ahead,} expected to ~~win handily~~ [^]. On the Democratic side - George Wallace ^{may roll up} ~~expected to claim~~ a thirty percent plurality; ^{But all this of course is conjecture,} ~~and after that anybody's guess. But how~~ ~~it really turns out - well we'll just have to wait and~~ see.

NEW YORK

strange case of the
In the ~~case of that~~ ~~dispro-~~ ~~reputable~~ Howard

Hughes autobiography - author Clifford Irving finally

admitted today *that it just isn't,*
~~it wasn't,~~ Irving pleading guilty to

~~conspired~~ conspiracy and larceny - along with his wife ,

Edith and his researcher - Richard Suskind. This in

a series of appearances - in state and federal courts

in New York City. Officials, agreeing to drop several

additional charges - in exchange for *his making a so-called*
~~the~~ "clean breast" of it.

The trio now set for sentencing - June Sixteenth. Irving

himself, as ring leader *is* facing up to ~~twenty~~ ^{twelve} years in

prison. *The number one* ~~And so ends the great~~ literary hoax of ~~modern~~ *this era, I guess.*

~~times.~~

PARIS

For the first time at Paris - a meeting today between U S and Red Chinese officials. U S Ambassador to France ~~Art~~ Arthur K. Watson - conferring with his Red Chinese counterpart, Ambassador Huang Chen. The two ~~men~~ resuming ^{the} contact, ~~originally~~ established by ~~President~~ President Nixon during his recent trip to Peking.

Ambas, Watson later indicating ~~this~~ ^{it} was just a "get acquainted" visit. But he added: "I was received very warmly;- ~~however~~ we had a friendly discussion;" "hopefully" the beginning of many."

PEKING FOLLOW PARIS

Half a world away - Britain ^{today was} ~~was also~~ strengthening its ties with Red China. This by virtue of an agreement - signed today at Peking. Britain and China raising their diplomatic relations - to the Ambassadorial level.

As part of the bargain, Britain acknowledging quote "the position of the Chinese government - that ~~the~~ Taiwan is a province of the Peoples Republic of China. also recognizing quote "the government of the Peoples Republic of China - as the sole legal government of China."

PANDAS

The fate of those two giant pandas coming from Red China ^{was} decided at last today. The White House announcing - they'll be housed at the Washington National zoo partly because of climate and weather conditions.

The White House further noting: "This is a gift from the people of China to all the people of the United States." Therefore, the President and Mrs. Nixon felt it was proper - to house them in the ~~xx~~ national zoo.

Incidentally, the two pandas ^{are} expected to arrive here - around April One. ~~No joke.~~

KAMPONG TRANCH

~~In the fighting~~ ^{this was} In Indo China, the fourth day
of a massive South Vietnamese drive into Eastern Cambodia,
the Saigon troops capturing today - a key Communist
stronghold at Kampong Tranch. Back in Saigon - the
U S command disclosed the withdrawal ~~was~~ last week of
more than five thousand U S fighting men; the biggest
pull back - in six weeks; cutting total U S troop strength -
to less than a hundred and fifteen thousand.

PHNOM PENH

Meanwhile, at Phnom Penh, Lon Nol was declaring himself ~~today~~ President of Cambodia, - ~~also~~, commander in chief of the Cambodian Armed forces, and ~~also, the~~ President of Cambodia's Council of Ministers.

This coming ~~on~~ the fourth day ~~4~~ of a nationwide political crisis, ~~with~~ ~~crisis~~ ~~crisis~~, ~~apparently shunting aside for the time~~ ~~being~~ ~~with~~ Lon Nol's chief lieutenant, the controversial Sirik Matak, dropped - at least for the present.

PENTAGON

~~Here at home~~ The Pentagon ~~today~~ reported ^S
a ~~drastic~~ fall off in enlistments - during the draft
suspensions of January and February. Adding that there
now appears little chance - that ^{we will have} ~~"we can beat"~~ the
~~goal of achieving~~ an all-volunteer army by mid-seventy-
three. ^{We also hear} ~~On another front, the Pentagon announced today~~
that Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~ Laird will not take part in
partisan political activity during Campaign Seventy-Two.
This laying to rest ^{a previous report that he would do so and} ~~rumors that he might~~ ^{and thus set}
^{set} a new precedent.

WINCHESTER

Winchester, England, a British ~~xxx~~ Royal Navy officer was ^{today} sentenced ~~today~~ to twenty-one years in prison. Sub-lieutenant, David Bingham - a naval torpedo expert - admitting the sale of defense secrets to Soviet Agents, ^{receiving} ~~getting~~ about six thousand American ^{dollars} ~~x~~ for information ~~later~~ described as "priceless."

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~~And~~ why did he do it? At his wife's urging - we are told - ~~in order~~ to get out from under household debts. ~~Well, he accomplished that, at least.~~

BOCA RATON

At Boca Raton, Florida the carpet industry was "on the carpet" today. The President's advisor for consumer affairs Mrs. Virginia Knauer - addressing a meeting of the U S carpet and rug institute; saying she was shocked and disappointed - by the industry's refusal to adopt a voluntary grading system; adding that said refusal is a clear "invitation" to the government - "to come in and take over an industry's own responsibility." Mrs. Knauer observing, in short, "this is one problem - you can't sweep under the rug."

WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House~~ President Nixon today
proclaimed^Q Nineteen Seventy Two "international book
week." The ~~President~~ President saying: "First, we
must abolish functional illiteracy - so that all our
citizens, rich and poor alike, will have a better chance
to learn from the accumulated wisdom of man." And,
"second" - said he - "we must continue to foster the
growth of learning and culture - by protecting intellectual
production through copyright."

The President adding: "It is incumbent upon
all who desire a better America, public officials and
private citizens alike - to help improve both our
intellectual resources and the free flow of information."

RENO

Out West - "wild horse" Annie rides again. In case you've forgotten, "wild horse" Annie ^{is a} ~~that's the~~ nickname given Mrs. Velma Johnson, for leading a twenty year fight - to protect the wild mustangs still roaming the western range. Congress finally passing a law last year - hopefully, insuring survival of the dwindling herds. ~~AA~~,

5 1/2 But "wild horse Annie" wants to make sure. At Reno ~~she~~ ~~Nevada~~ ^{is} announcing ~~today~~ the formation of a new foundation; ~~a sort of~~ ^a ~~watch~~ watch dog ^{group} ~~agency~~ to make sure that federal officials really take their jobs seriously. Annie calling her new group - "Wild horse organized assistance" - to be known henceforth, as simply - "Whoa".

6 As for you, Warren, giddy-up.

ECONOMIST

The White House again - Mrs. ~~Maurine von~~ ^{Marina}

~~Newman~~ Whitman was sworn in today - as a member of the President's council of economic advisors; the first woman ever to hold such a post.

After the oath taking President Nixon telling Mrs. Whitman: "Congratulations - and welcome to the ~~press~~ payroll." When the reporters ~~had left~~ ^{departed} - the President ~~added~~ ^{said to her:} "Now - get those meat prices down!"

And so -