

*For Thomas Eagleton - his moment of truth. The Democratic nominee for Vice President - meeting tonight with Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern; a meeting that could determine whether he stays on the ticket - or calls it quits. In the meantime - Eagleton's office reports growing public support; with letters and telegrams said to be running - "three or four to one in favor of his staying." "They've been incredibly beautiful - the aide went on. Adding however that "most of the anti-mail - does seem to be coming from McGovern people."*

*For what it's worth, a check of historical records also showing today only one case where a Vice Presidential nominee ever withdrew from the race - and that back in Eighteen Forty-Four.*

*Senator Silas Wright of New York - a Democrat refusing to accept the second spot on a ticket headed by James K. Polk. Whereupon he was promptly replaced by George L. Dallas of Pennsylvania and apparently it worked*

OK for Polk and Dallas went on to victory in the fall.

# WASHINGTON

Washington again - the Justice Department filed a formal appeal today with the U S Supreme Court; seeking to set aside a stay in the so-called "Pentagon papers" trial -- as granted over the weekend by Associate Justice William O. Douglas.

Solicitor General Erwin Griswold charging that Douglas' action - was "completely unjustified" and thus he continued - an "impermissible interference." In the due process of law, a decision - ~~could be~~ - as he put it, that could "have a disastrous impact - upon this important criminal prosecution."

Incidentally, today's action, <sup>is</sup> the first of its kind - since Douglas stayed the execution of ~~the~~ atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg nearly twenty years ago; a stay that was later vacated of course - by the full court.

## NEW MIAMI

On a flight from Detroit to Miami -  
a sky ~~jackpot~~ jacking with a difference today.  
A team of three desperadoes and their families -  
perhaps as many as sixteen in all, seizing a Delta  
airlines D-C eight with nearly a hundred aboard;  
on arrival at Miami - demanding and getting one  
million in ~~hard~~ ransom money. After the release  
of ~~passenger~~ passengers taking off again; heading first  
for Boston and then Algeria.

## QUANG TRI

In Vietnam - allied forces today pounded the ~~Communist~~ Communist held Citadel of Quang Tri city with more than twenty thousand rounds of artillery fire. This - we are told - in preparation for another full scale assault by South Vietnamese troops. With a U S advisor explaining, ~~"we're~~ "we're ~~gon~~ going to throw so much artillery in there - we'll be able to walk right in without seeing a living soul."

## NORTHERN IRELAND

*In Northern Ireland - a British blitzkrieg today; with British ~~troopers~~ troopers invading the occupying - virtually every I R A stronghold in the province; in the process using tanks, bulldozers and armored personnel carriers to demolish ~~Roman Catholic~~ "no-go" street barricades. The violence = far from ended though. Indeed, the I R A quickly striking back - with a series of bomb blasts centered mainly in the village of Claudy, near Londonderry. First reports indicating at least six dead and more than ~~of~~ thirty wounded.*

HOUMA

At Houma, Louisiana - in the Cajun country where he was born eighty-one years ago - Senator Allen J. Ellender was laid to his rest today. Archbishop ~~Hannan~~ Hannan of New Orleans, <sup>in</sup> celebrating the funeral mass, calling ~~the~~ the late President Pro-Tem of the Senate - a man who "seemed to carry his devotion to duty to an extreme;" and yet an extreme - said the Archbishop <sup>that was</sup> to him, seemingly "normal and even ~~if~~ necessary."

President Nixon - ~~one of those who~~ attended the service, flying down from Washington with a number of the Senator's colleagues, among them Vice President ~~Spiro~~ Agnew, Senator McGovern, and Senator Eastland, the new President pro-tem.

Another coal mining disaster is reported from Ipswich, Australia where safety officials today ordering the sealing of a mine - racked by a series of early morning explosions; ~~h~~ thereby sealing the fate - of fourteen men trapped below. Walter Roach of Queensland mines - who headed the rescue effort - explaining: "We had no option because of the risk of further explosions." Adding: "It was so very obvious - there was just no hope for the men trapped underground." One of whom, it might be noted - his own nephew, John Roach.



NEW DELHI

In the Indian Parliament at New Delhi -  
an attempt today to win ratification of that new  
Simla Treaty; leading to <sup>a</sup> charges from the Hindu  
Nationalist Jansangh party -- <sup>a charge</sup> that Premier Indira  
Gandhi had sold out to Pakistan; that she had done  
so under pressure from Moscow. All of which ~~is~~  
<sup>today</sup> ~~said to have~~ lead to a scene of complete bedlam.

Madame Gandhi herself finally addressing  
the ~~Parliament~~ <sup>and</sup> Parliament ~~for fifteen minutes.~~

Stating flatly: "Nobody spoke to any ~~foreign~~ foreign  
power from Simla." Adding that the opposition  
charges were "utterly deplorable, childish and utterly  
ridiculous."

ATHENS

By order of Premier Papadopolous -  
a wholesale Cabinet shake-up ~~is~~ today in Greece;  
the second in that country ~~is~~ in less than a year;  
with the Premier replac<sup>ing</sup>ing eleven cabinet ministers  
and transferring eleven more; Papadopolous' new  
cabinet now containing twelve of his former military  
colleagues - the same men who helped him stage  
the coup that originally brought him to power back  
in Nineteen Sixty-Seven. For the first time though -  
also including a couple of pre-sixty-seven officials.  
A minor concession - we are told - but maybe a start.

## SEVEN SEAS

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From the U S geological survey - a rather salty tale. With government experts checking out the salt content - of the various ~~seas and~~ seas and oceans around the globe. Coming to the conclusion that total salt content the world over - is ~~somehow~~ somewhere around fifty quadrillion tons, or fifty million billion tons.

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A spokesman adding if said salt "could be removed and spread evenly over the earth's land surface - it would form a layer more than five hundred feet thick; about the same height <sup>Don-</sup> as the Washington ~~monument~~ monument.

**SYRACUSE**

*And now a salute to radio station W F B L  
at Syracuse, New York today rejoining the CBS  
radio network.*

## TOMBSTONE

*Tombstone, Arizona, by its own definition - the town too rough to die and its two ~~four~~ famous hanging trees each about two and a half feet thick - thought to be similarly indestructible. Until today - that is.*

*A driver for the Tombstone Sanitation Department - accidentally backing his garbage truck into one of "the hanging trees;" tearing it up - and knocking it over; thereby destroying one of the city's main tourist attractions. ~~As~~ Officials adding of the driver in question - it was his first day on the job. Also - his last.*