

Friday, November 3, 1972
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POLITICS

**Good Evening: With less than four days to go
till elections - President Nixon and Senator McGovern
are both running hard.**

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW POLITICS

At the White House - the President taping another nationwide radio address. Lashing out at a McGovern-supported health plan - that he said would cost "a staggering Ninety-One Billion Dollars each year." Urging instead - the adoption of his own employer-supported health plan.

The President later flying to Chicago - for a big airport rally. There calling for the election - of "the entire Republican ticket in Illinois." His words, at times - all but drowned out by a few hecklers. This - leading to some scuffles.

The President finally saying: "All have a right to be heard - and so have I." Whereupon - a rousing cheer. The President adding: "I simply want to think that in the next four years - American will be the land of opportunity where the rights of all will be respected."

Next stop - Tulsa; and then - Providence; for, more of the same.

GRAND RAPIDS-CHICAGO

As for Senator McGovern - the Democratic nominee was starting out today in Grand Rapids, Michigan; in an appearance there before a group of churchmen - referring briefly to his encounter yesterday with a young heckler. McGovern telling the churchmen: "Those of you who took note - will recognize I have now fully disqualified myself for any service with the clergy."

That done, McGovern launching a ringing attack - on what he called the President's lack of moral leadership. "For the first time in our history" - said he - "we are caught up in a course which we are no longer willing to die for - but one which we are willing to kill for."

McGovern later flying to Chicago - to tape a television address for presentation later tonight. The Senator's campaign director - Frank Mankiewicz - saying he plans to attack the President's latest Vietnam policy statement. Mankiewicz asserting: "The President did not outline a path to peace - but a detour around election day."

JOBS

The U. S. unemployment rate - unchanged last month at five-and-a-half per cent, seasonally adjusted. But the raw figures also made public today - showing an actual increase of more than a quarter-of-a-million new jobs. The White House quickly noting: "There are more people on payrolls today - than ever before in the history of this country." Adding that the latest figures - are very "encouraging."

Reverse side - from the McGovern camp; where a spokesman called the jobless figures - "deceptive and misleading." Also noting: "Two million more people are unemployed now - than when Mr. Nixon took office." And today's "meager gains" - said he - cannot offset that truth.

VIETNAM

With peace perhaps near in Vietnam - Saigon troops were attempting to effect a clean sweep; overrunning today a Communist stronghold near An Loc - about sixty miles north of Saigon; also, recapturing the strategic town of Quen Son - on the Central Coast. This leaving enemy troops in control of only one district capital - within the present perimeters of government territory.

PENTAGON

The Pentagon today announced plans to beef up the South Vietnamese air force; to do it - as quickly as possible; which means that the necessary reinforcements will have to be "borrowed" temporarily from South Korea, Taiwan and Iran. This - we are told - an attempt to "enhance the possibilities" of a cease-fire - and also ensure later stability.

ATLANTA

For the U. S. Treasury's top law enforcement officer - Eugene Rossides - a brief trip to Atlanta; where he joined local authorities - in announcing the indictment of four alleged heroin dealers; not on drug charges - but rather for tax evasion.

This - the so-called "Al Capone method." With Rossides further predicting that three-fourths of the nation's major heroin dealers - will similarly be put out of business by next June.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "WINGATE-LAWRENCE"

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;

presenting tonight - a footnote to history. Lowell...

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Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.

ENDALL

As you may have heard already it was a big day on Wall Street - but chances are that investors won't mind hearing it again. On heavy volume the Dow Jones industrial average was up more than eleven points, closing at nine eighty-four point twelve. That's the highest in almost four years - and the Dow is once again within striking distance of that magic number - one thousand. The Dow has never closed at one thousand. Maybe next week sometime it will.

Dallas Townsend saying Good Night.