

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A repurcussion of last November's disastrous election -- disastrous for the Republican Party, that is -- still plaguing the G.O.P. Senator Barry Goldwater and representative William Miller reportedly masterminding a last ditch fight -- to retain Dean Burch as National Chairman.

The Republican running-mates meeting today with representative Bob Wilson -- Chairman of the G.O.P. Congressional Campaign Committee -- and Senator Thurston Morton -- Chairman of the Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Afterwards, Miller telling reporters that Burch -- has a definite program for reshaping the Republican Party. Miller declaring that Burch has earned the right -- to try to unify the different G.O.P. forces. Morton adding that it's probably impossible to avoid a showdown fight over Burch -- but arguing that such a fight would be good for the party in the long run.

Both men agree that Burch should stay on as National Chairman -- as long as he has even a majority of one -- in the Republican National Committee. Which meets , incidentally, early next month.

VIET NAM

The situation in Viet Nam seems to be complete chaos tonight, as a result of that newest crisis precipitated by the group of younger army officers. The so-called "Young Turks" arresting twenty-two members of the High National Council - thus dissolving that legislative body, but retaining token civilian rule - in the person of Premier Nguyen Khanh and Chief of State Phan Khac Suu- the move apparently leaving the young officers with all the power - and the civilian government with all the responsibility.

For his part, U.S. Ambassador Maxwell Taylor was forced to suspend urgent talks - on pressing the war against the communist-backed Viet Cong. Instead, attempting tonight to solve one of the toughest dilemmas the United States has faced in its four years in Viet Nam.

SATELLITE

Down here in Florida, a bit North of where

Sam,

AT CAPE KENNEDY, TODAY - THE LAST SPACE SHOT OF 1964. A MILLION-DOLLAR

FLYING-WINDMILL" LAUNCHED INTO ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH.- APPARENTLY A RESOUNDING

SUCCESS. THE "FLYING-WINDMILL" THE FOURTH IN A SERIES OF SATELLITES -

TO CHART THE RADIATION ZONES THAT SURROUND THE EARTH. TO HELP DETERMINE THE

FUTURE COURSE - OF MANNED SPACE FLIGHT TO THE MOON.

CHRISTMAS

With this the beginning of Christmas week - the signs of the season are all about us. From Fulda, Germany, come reports of a U.S. cavalryman in a Santa Claus suit, playing Santa - in-a-jeep to hundreds of German children living on the Red Frontier.

In France- President DeGaulle granting the traditional Christmas amnesty. This time - to one hundred and seventy three convicted secret army terrorists. Here in the U.S.A. blanket of white covering much of the nation. Traditional Christmas weather on this the first day of Winter.

But the Christmas spirit apparently meaning nothing to three men in Patterson, New Jersey. These three-wearing halloween masks. Thus disguised, they robbed three priests in a church rectory - then bound and gagged them. A few minutes later, they held up an armored truck - when it arrived to pick up the church's Sunday collection. The loot from the church totaling - around eleven hundred dollars. The armored truck being used to deliver money to branch banks-

to meet the holiday rush. Total taken from the armored truck more than five hundred thousand dollars. A hot half million - for someone's Christmas stocking.

FIRE FOLLOW CHRISTMAS

SPEAKING OF HEAT, YOU PROBABLY HEARD ABOUT THAT WICKED FIRE
IN DALLAS - THE ONE THAT SWEEP THROUGH HEIDAN-MARCUS, THERE'S THE STORE
THAT SELLS THINGS LIKE HIS-AND-HER SUBMARINES - PRICED AT EIGHTEEN THOUSAND
DOLLARS APIECE. WELL, TODAY THEY TOTALLED UP THE DAMAGE - NEARLY TEN MILLION
DOLLARS. AT THE SAME TIME, OWNER STEWART MARCUS REPORTING HUNDREDS OF OFFERS
OF HELP FROM THE RICH AND FAMOUS OF THE SOUTHWEST - THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP
SO MUCH OF THE STORE'S CUSTOMERS.

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HOWEVER, MARCUS SAYS THE OFFERS ARE UNNECESSARY - THE STORE CAN TAKE
CARE OF ITSELF. NEVERTHELESS, HE'S PARTICULARLY PROUD - OF ONE CALL OF COURTESY.
THIS FROM A TALL TEXAN - WHO BUYS HIS WESTERN STYLE HATS AT HEIDAN MARCUS. THERE
THE BRAND IN THE BAND - L. B. J.

CONGO

Mary
~~A SWEEP OF TOWN~~ VIOLENCE IN THE CONGO. GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT
PILOTED BY CUBAN EXILES - BOMBING REBEL POSITIONS ON THE OUTSKIRTS PAULIS -
AN ATTEMPT TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT MERCENARIES - BADLY OUTNUMBERED
AND NEARLY SURROUNDED BY THE COMMUNIST-BACKED REBELS BUT THE REBELS STILL
POURING IN - FRESH TROOPS - ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

AND NEARBY - GOVERNMENT TROOPS REPORTING THE MASSACRE - OF FOURTEEN
MORE WHITES. MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FAMILIES - KEE FIVE OF THEM CHILDREN.
ALL KILLED IN THE VILLAGE OF BANALIA - JUST AS A RESCUE COLUMN REACHED THE
TOWN.

BOURGIBA FOLLOW CONGO

MEANWHILE, THERE'S TALK IN WASHINGTON OF THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF -

AN AFRICAN PEACE FORCE. THE PEACE FORCE TO BE MADE UP OR ENTIRELY OF AFRICANS -

TO TRY TO RESTORE ORDER IN THE CONGO. TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB BOURGIBA

JUNIOR - SON OF THE TUNISIAN PRESIDENT - CONFERRING ON THE SUBJECT WITH U. S.

SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK. THE TALK SAID BY DIPLOMATIC SOURCES - TO BE OF

VITAL POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE HOPE - THAT CREATION OF AN AFRICAN PEACE

BOARD MIGHT ELIMINATE THE CHARGES OF RACISM THAT HAVE SO FAR DOMINATED

U. S. DEBATES ON THE CONGO.

ALASKA FOLLOW SHIP

~~NO-20-2000 THE CREW OF~~ THE S. S. SAN PATRICK.

~~SHIPPED~~ ~~WEST-BOUND~~ BOUND FOR YOKOHAMA OUT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA -

WITH A LOAD OF SHEETS AND GRAIN. LOST LAST THURSDAY IN A VIOLENT

STORM - WITH SOME THIRTY MEN ABOARD. TODAY - THE BATTERED HULK

OF THE PERISHED SHIP SPOTTED ON THE FOSSIDGING COAST OF ULAK ISLAND -

IN THE ROCK BOUND ALIUTIAN. ~~THE CREW SURVIVED, BUT AS OF~~

~~TODAY~~ - NO SIGN OF SURVIVORS.

RACE

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN JUST GOT UNDER WAY.

CECIL ~~W~~ HIGGINBOTHAM OF BELLWOOD, NEBRASKA, TODAY DECLARING HIMSELF - THE FIRST ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT IN 1968. THE THIRTY-SIX YEAR OLD HIGGINBOTHAM A SELF EMPLOYED ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN. DETERMINED, ~~HE~~ SO HE SAYS, TO RUN ON A NON-PARTISAN TICKET - TO SHOW THAT A POOR BOY CAN BECOME PRESIDENT.

AND NOW, HE IS LOOKING FOR A RUNNING MATE - PREFERABLY A WOMAN -

AND PREFERABLY FROM THE SOUTH. HIGGINBOTHAM REASONING THAT A WOMAN FOR *vice-* PRESIDENT - MIGHT COST HIM SOME MALE VOTES. BUT STATING FLATLY THAT *- Dick -* WOMEN ARE NEEDED IN GOVERNMENT ~~-XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "FOR THEIR COMMON-SENSE, JUDGMENT AND ECONOMY."

~~HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS, DICK - THE GOVERNOR ONLY A FEW YEARS OLD~~

~~AND ALREADY THE FIRST WIFE THROWN~~

MILKMAN

IN WICKFORD ENGLAND - SEVENTY EIGHT HOUSEWIVES ARE STAGING A MASS PROTEST TONIGHT. THEY'RE MAD ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF THEIR MILKMAN - TO A NEW ROUTE. ONE OF THE HOUSEWIVES SAYING OF THE MILKMAN - "HE'S JUST LIKE ONE OF THE FAMILY."

STILL NO WORD FROM THE HUSBANDS INVOLVED - BUT THERE'S A RUMOR TONIGHT THAT THE MEN THEMSELVES ARE OPPOSED THE TRANSFER. ONE HUSBAND REPORTEDLY OVERHEARD SAYING THIS OF THE MILKMAN - "HE'S TOO MUCH LIKE ONE OF THE FAMILY." TO WHICH I CAN ONLY ADD - THAT'S THE WAY THE CREAM CURDLES.

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