

Tues. August 29, 1972

CAMPAIGN

President Nixon announced today that some twelve thousand more American troops will be withdrawn from Vietnam during the next three months. But he ruled out any pre-election halt to the bombing of North Vietnam without progress in peace negotiations. In a wide-ranging news conference at the western White House he also conceded some "technical violations" - as he put it - in the handling of his campaign funds - but insisted the Democrats are guilty of the same thing.

In New York Democratic Presidential candidate McGovern carried his campaign into what he calls "the lion's den" - Wall Street. There taking occasion to cast aside his controversial proposal to give every American a thousand dollars. Instead, he now proposes to guarantee a four thousand dollar annual income for every family of four or more. To pay for these programs, he would close tax loop holes including the capital gains income tax rate.

Says McGovern: Money made by money should be taxed at the same rate as money made by men. He also said - if elected - he would nominate Representative Wilbur Mills of Arkansas as Treasury Secretary. Mills - reached at his home near Searcy, Arkansas - said he was "surprised" and added: "I never talked with him about it."

DRAFT

The Pentagon may stop drafting men into the armed forces by December - some six months ahead of President Nixon's deadline for ending the current draft law. Defense ~~Secretary~~ Secretary Laird says ~~that~~ -- "every effort will be made to minimize draft calls, or even avoid them entirely between January and July of next year." However, the House Armed Services Committee chairman -- Edward Hebert of Louisiana - doesn't share the ~~President's~~ President's ~~view~~ view on ending the draft. Hebert believes many men enlist as volunteers, simply because they want to avoid being drafted. Without a draft law, he says, volunteer enlistments would probably drop off.

VIETNAM

The commander of the U S Seventh Fleet
Admiral J L Holloway ^{III} ~~Third~~ -- personally led a
sea and air attack into North Vietnamese waters -
which resulted in the sinking of two Communist
P T boats and the shelling of land ~~targets~~ targets only
two miles from Haiphong. The raid - ~~was~~ carried
out Sunday - was the closest to Haiphong since the
current Communist offensive started five months ago.

AUTOS

The price commission today turned down the Ford and General Motors request for higher prices on their Nineteen Seventy-Three ~~models~~ models. Even so, ~~commission~~ commission chairman Jackson Grayson kept open the possibility of increases later this year. Similar ~~to~~ requests by Chrysler and American motors await the outcome of public ~~to~~ hearings. If the commission's decision stands car shoppers will have bargain days next month - when new models go on display in show rooms - at prices frozen at ~~to~~ this year's levels.

OLYMPICS

Californian Mark Spitz won his third Olympic Gold Medal today - and set his third new world record in winning the mens two hundred meter free style swim event in one minute -- fifty-two-and-eight-tenths seconds. And teen-ager Sandra

Neilsen, also of California won a gold medal in the womens one hundred meter free style.

So, for the moment
~~Thus, the~~
seem to be
Americans ~~are expanding their~~ dominating ~~of the~~ *the*
world *of* swimming.

RHINOS

In the year Eighteen Ninety-eight, only about a dozen white rhinos were left in the entire world - most of them roaming the veldt of their native Zululand in South Africa. Since then, there's been a white rhino population explosion of sorts - and now there are nearly two thousand of these called "white." Are they really white? No! For their broad face, the word "weit" in Afrikaans. Actually, they usually are the color of whatever mud they wallow in. Twenty of them are now thriving in the temperate veldt of southern California! At the San Diego wild animal park. There they roam a ninety acre unfenced enclosure along with harte beest, impala, gnu and other animals native to Africa. Even though the White rhino weighs a ton or more, it hasn't a bad disposition. In this respect it's unlike its more numerous and ferocious cousin, the black rhino. Why did the white rhino almost become extinct? Barry Gilbert of the Utah State University. An ecology expert says "probably because of the old belief that powdered rhino horn is ^a successful aphrodisiac.

POTPOURI

The international air transport association issued a warning today. Don't accept any packages from strangers just before boarding a plane at an airport. On an organized basis - terrorist movements are trying to give packages containing bombs to passengers.

In Houston a grand jury heard testimony that mileage indicators on about one hundred thousand used cars are rolled back each year. Why? To increase their re-sale value, of course.

In Sandusky, Ohio, radio personality Mike Kelly claims the world's record for continuous ferris wheel riding. As of right now - he's been ging round and round for more than seventeen days and plans to revolve indefinitely, as if anyone cares!

SPYING

A Senate sub-committee says Army intelligence agents gathered and placed on file personal information about millions of Americans in a massive ~~new~~ surveillance operation dating from the eve of World War Two until just recently. In its report, the constitutional rights sub-committee with Sam Ervin of North Carolina as chairman says the army surveillance was far more extensive than at first imagined and served no legitimate military purpose. ~~THE~~ "persons listed," we're told, "include the great and the obscure. Among them priests, lawyers, singers, Comedians, politicians and conductors of both orchestras and trains," *radio and TV newsmen I presume - and announcers like you, Bill. I wonder what they have in your dossier?*

DOGS

At Fort Lauderdale, Florida, ~~eighty-one~~

eighty one stray dogs ranging in pedigree from purebreds to mutts - have inherited about fourteen million dollars from their spinster mistress, E^elanor Ritchey. Miss Ritchey an oil heiress died four years ago at the age of fifty-eight. Since then, settlement of her ~~last~~ estate has been in constant litigation brought on by relatives who - for the most part - were left out of the will. The lucky ~~two~~ dogs live in a clinic on a ranch ~~in~~ near Fort Lauderdale where they ^{get} weekly checkups from a veterinarian.

When the last dog ~~dies~~ dies, the estate will go to an animal research foundation at Auburn University in Alabama. *Lucky dogs! would you say - to have 14,000,000 bucks?*