

Thurs. June 23, 1972

POLITICS

Senator McGovern tonight has a legal fight on his hands - to keep from losing some of the two hundred-and-seventy-one California convention delegates he won in the recent West Coast primary. Even though California's Presidential primaries had been set up on a winner-take-all basis four losing candidates - Humphrey, Jackson, Chisholm, and Wallace - have filed a lawsuit seeking to split the delegation and give each a proportionate slice.

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In Warrenton, Virginia, the F C C ruled today that broadcasters are not required to give the opposition the right to respond to addresses on radio and TV by the President of the United States . A spokesman says the agency does not want to act in an area where the F C C feels Congress has the prerogative.

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Senator Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma - speaking

before a Senate sub-committee today argued that the present American system of choosing Presidents is - quote - "a national disgrace and an international joke *N* that should be scrapped as soon as possible." Unquote. The Oklahoman introduced one more in a stack of constitutional amendments which would do away with the State presidential primary and conventions; substitute instead one national primary.

REVENUE SHARING

The House tonight passed the controversial revenue sharing bill to provide more than five billion in Federal aid to states and cities needing money for various problems. The bill now goes to the Senate.

AGNES

Agonizing Agnes - the tropical storm that
won't quit - ^{today} pounded the east coast with up to twelve
inches of rain, creating flash floods from the Carolinas
to New York, ^{with a death toll of} ~~and killing~~ more than twenty-five.

Thousands fled their homes as ~~inundated~~ rivers left
their banks in eleven states. The death toll ^{for}
Storm Agnes' week long rampage has passed forty
and ~~is~~ still mounting.

NUCLEAR

President ~~was~~ Nixon called a news conference today and said that if Congress fails to approve his recommendations for a ~~new~~ new offensive weapons system - then all chances of a broad arms agreement with the Russians will be virtually eliminated. He pointed out ^{how} _^ the Soviets intend to go ahead with their weapons development despite the limited arms curb recently agreed to. ~~And he declared,~~ ^{He says} the Russians will soon be ahead of us if Congress fails to act.

In Moscow, ~~the newspaper~~ ^{Pravda today} underscored the President's concern. It said Russia will go on preparing for a possible nuclear war with the United States because the recently concluded agreement with Washington does not eliminate the threat of Atomic attack.

And in Geneva, Japanese spokesmen used the word "deplorable" in describing the continued

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atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons by China and France; ^{also} ~~and~~ the word "regrettable" ~~is~~ referring to ~~on-going~~ underground tests by the United States and ~~and~~ Russia. Say the Japanese - these tests lead only to increased international tension and environmental contamination.

Here's ~~the~~ news! - from far off ^{and from} Pitcairn Island tonight comes word that the ^(residents) ~~residents~~ of that storied ^{bit of} land ^{in the} ~~is~~ So, Pacific ~~is~~ famous by Mutiny on the Bounty - are leaving their two hundred year refuge. They ^{believe} ~~fear~~ the imminent French nuclear test ^{will} ~~could~~ contaminate the fish ~~that~~ they rely on as their main supply of ~~general~~ food.

VIETNAM

North Vietnamese infantry - supported
by dozens of tanks - today broke through the
government defense line in Quang Tri Province -
then battled South Vietnamese paratroopers on the
plains below the My Chanh River. American ~~war~~planes
joined in the defense of the area - against a Communist
push ^{that} some ~~observers call~~ ^{believe is} the start of an offensive
against the ancient capital of ~~Hue~~ Hue. In Saigon,
U S spokesmen say eight ~~or~~ American soldiers were
killed - twenty-seven wounded - ^{with} ~~and~~ eleven missing
or captured in ~~combat~~ action last week.

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IRELAND

The militant provisional wing of the Irish Republican army announced ^S~~today~~ that it will suspend - quote - "offensive operations" - in North Ireland as of midnight this coming Monday if the British army declares a cease-fire in return. The British promptly accepted.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court today handed down a decision that would prohibit state and local governments from carving out new school districts that would prevent integration.

PIPELINE

Interior Secretary Rogers Morton says

~~that~~ any pipeline constructed across Canada wouldn't be ready to carry Alaskan oil to the United States before Nineteen Eighty-one at the ~~very~~ earliest.

Testifying before a congressional committee, ^{See.} Morton says a three thousand mile trans-canadian pipeline

would ~~cost~~ cost about seventy-six billion dollars - including tankers to carry the oil from the Alaskan port of Valdez. He wants to go ahead with his own

proposal to construct the pipeline south~~ward~~ across

Alaska ~~instead~~ ^{and} ~~thereby~~ speeding up the delivery

date for the much needed ^{North Slope} petroleum, ~~from the Arctic~~

~~coast.~~

BUGGING

The attempt to install listen-in microphones in the Democratic National Committees headquarters in Washington revives memories of some other goings on in the nation's capital. For example, only recently a new member of Congress from Florida moved into an office vacated by a former Congressman who had been involuntarily retired by his constituents. One of the new Congressman's aides on finding an extra phone in the office - picked it up and was greeted by the bar tender of a nearby saloon. The former Congressman, a regular at the pub, had a private line to it, Warren, so his secretary could alert him when the time came to hoist a quick one and then rush back and vote.

SALUTE

*Here's to our Kool friends of K double O L - Kool
Radio, Phoenix, Arizona. Today celebrating their twenty-
fifth anniversary on the air. And now a final item....*

FALL

In Barranquilla, Colombia, doctors say twenty-one year old Torres Valderrama suffered only slight injuries when he fell from the tenth floor of an apartment building. Torres Valderrama, a student, was talking with friends on the apartment balcony when over he went. He wasn't pushed. He fell from a height of eighty-five feet. He was treated for shock.