

Friday, August 16, 1968

WALTER REED

Ike suffers another heart attack. The news flash late today - from Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. Doctors calling former President Eisenhower's seventh heart seizure - in a word "serious." With the Doctors adding that it's still too early to appraise "the full consequences" of this latest attack.

CHICAGO

For the nation's top democrats - all roads lead to Chicago this weekend. Humphrey, McCarthy, McGovern and a host of others - all heading for the Windy City, where the Democrats first convention battle is set to begin bright and early Monday morning.

At the opening of credentials' committee hearings it is expected there will be challenges to delegations from at least fifteen states. McCarthy, for one, saying the credentials fight - could be one of the most important issues this year.

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PITTSBURGH ALLENTOWN FOLLOW CHICAGO

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For Hubert Humphrey though - apparently
no such concern. The Vice President wending his way
through Pennsylvania today - the picture of strength
and confidence. Telling a crowd at Allentown - that
victory in America's war on poverty "will be the greatest
achievement of civilization." Telling another crowd at
Pittsburgh; ^{that} "There's a whole surge of interest." ^{and - "it} ~~is~~
looks good for Hubert!"

~~No doubt, Humphrey buoyed in part - by the
withdrawal today of two more favorite son candidates.
Senator Bayh of Indiana and Senator Young of Ohio -
the latest to spare convention-watchers from unnecessary
oratory. Better still, Democratic Chairman John
Bailey moving today - to cut out demonstrations entirely.~~

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam tells ~~today~~ of a U S armored assault - to the very ~~to~~ threshold of the Communist north. With American tanks heading an allied advance halfway across that D M Z -- all the way to the official boundary between the two Vietnams. At the height of the battle - U S tank gunners ^{were} firing point blank at enemy fortifications inside North Vietnam.

This in the first allied clean-up of the buffer zone -- in nearly five weeks. Also the bloodiest fighting in two months - for the enemy, at least.

With the U S command setting Communist losses - at more than two hundred and eighty men; as against an initial allied death toll of only four -- ~~with~~ all of them South Vietnamese.

TEXAS WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, the Texas White House - today restating President Johnson's official "hands off" policy. Press secretary George Christian saying: "As far as I know - neither the White House nor anybody in the White House - has had anything to do with the convention."

WASHINGTON

The cause of that tragic helicopter crash Wednesday near Disneyland - believed pinpointed today. Government air safety investigators in Washington - saying one of the craft's main rotor ~~blades~~ blades apparently broke off in flight. Possibly the result of "a metal fatigue type failure of the blade spindle assembly."

Accordingly, the probers^{are} urging an immediate inspection of all such helicopters - before they leave the ground again.

PRAGUE

At Prague - a final parley ~~today~~ between
Czech Communist leader Dubcek and Romanian Communist
leader ^{Soc seacu} Ceausescu. Followed by the signing of a new
twenty year friendship pact between the two countries. *This*
Emphasizing once ~~a~~ again - their new-found independence
from Soviet mastery.

Later ~~enough~~ Dubcek warning the Czechs
against trying to obtain too much freedom too fast.
Asserting that "unity and alliance with the Soviet
Union" --- remains "the Alpha and the Omega of Czech
foreign policy."

JAKARTA

After months of comparative quiet - trouble again in Indonesia. Reports from Jakarta - telling today of an army purge in the Siliwangi District of West Java.

Back in Jakarta - President Suharto was blaming ex-President Sukarno for the country's present economic plight, saying it will take at least another five years - to undo the damage.

STOCKHOLM

This next - from Stockholm. Perhaps heralding the shape of things to come - in jet air travel. When a sexy blonde will announce over the cabin intercom:

"Good morning, ~~lax~~ ladies and gentlemen -- this is your captain speaking."

The blonde most likely to fill ~~the~~ the bill - lovely Turid Wideroe, ² thirty year old daughter of Wiggo Wideroe, - ^{Remember Wiggo} one of Norway's pioneer airmen. [?] A veteran flyer herself - ^{Turid} ~~she~~ has just been named a jet pilot trainee for S. A. ^S Airlines.

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Turid Wideroe - the first woman in the world ever accepted for such ~~the~~ training - by ~~any~~ major airline.

MOSCOW

From Moscow comes a brief item today - telling of a poll of some seventeen thousand young Russians, men and women. Chief question: "What do you consider the main fault -- of Soviet youth?"

Result -- a dead heat. The Russians themselves listing the two main faults of Soviet youth - ~~as drinking~~ too much vodka -- and, imitating western fashions.

NEWCASTLE FOLLOW MOSCOW

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Speaking of western fashions - the British, too, are showing a sudden concern over way-out clothes. To the point where the government has just agreed - to finance a psychological study of British girls. Purpose: to try ~~and~~ and determine why they wear what they do = and why they don't wear what they don't.

Dr. Keith Gibbins of Newcastle University - the man in charge, Explaining: "I want to find out what motivates a girl to wear a mini-skirt and a see-through blouse. - I want to find out what message she is trying to convey -- whether she wants to put across an image of boldness, youthfulness, sweetness, knowledge or what?"

Even in advance of his study though - Dr.

Gibbins suggests ^a possible "love-hate relationship." -

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I was going to ask you, Warren, what ~~whatever that means, Warren~~ message you read in a mini-skirt and a see thru blouse. What image do you get?

ESPARROS

In the little town of Esparros, France -- it's New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day and Sadie Hawkins Day - all wrapped in one tonight. Esparros' third annual "bachelor fair" - drawing an estimated ten thousand visitors. Some young - some not so young. But all sharing in a holiday weekend - featuring bachelor balls, spinster soirees, party picnics and so on.

Esparrros striving mightily to live up to its reputation - as "the greatest matrimonial agency in the world." ~~Although a word to the wise,~~ Fair officials noting that bachelors outnumber spinsters this year - nearly five to one.