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SAN BERNADINO

*First - a special salute to two new additions
to the CBS Radio Network; station KCKC in San Bernadino,
California; and, Station W T S L in Hanover, New Hampshire.
And now - a look at the news.....*

CONCORD

~~Like it or not~~ - Announced or not - President Nixon finds himself tonight a bonafide candidate for re-election. This - thanks to a group of the President's backers ~~up~~ in New Hampshire who today entered his name - in that state's first-in-the-nation Presidential primary.

Former New Hampshire Governor Lane Dwinell, ^{was} one of ~~the driving forces~~ ^{those} behind the pro-Nixon movement. In a letter to the President - saying "This action on behalf of the citizens of our state - reflects our sincere sentiment that the nation needs your leadership for another four years."

Dwinell further telling reporters - that he has "had no contact with the President." With regard to the filing, ~~but~~ he added: "Those who saw the President on television last night - should be able to guess that he anticipated it."

PARIS

The President's remarks last night - those regarding Vietnam - were the subject of comment today in Paris. Hanoi's peace delegation - attacking the President's defense of recent U S air strikes; calling his explanation - "absurd and deceitful."

WHITE HOUSE

At the same time - back at the White House - a "clarification" relating to another of the President's statements. A spokesman explaining that the release of American P O W's - would not alone clear the way for total U S withdrawal. We still insist - ~~he~~ said he "that the South Vietnamese shall have a right to determine their own future."

In the same vein the White House also saying that Vietnamization is succeeding. Adding that "the South Vietnamese are in a much better position to ~~be~~ defend themselves now - than they were several months ago.

VIETNAM

Meanwhile, the fighting continues - with enemy forces said to be taking advantage of the dry season mounting new offensives - in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Enemy gunners - also shelling the big U S air base at Da Nang for the first time since last August.

KARACHI

At Karachi - a giant rally today that drew a crowd of more than a million, at which Pakistan's President Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto asked for a "verdict of the people" - on the question of whether he should release unconditionally Bengali Nationalist leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The crowd's response a thundering "yes" - says radio Pakistan. Adding that Bhutto then pledged to free the rebel leader - in a few days after a few more talks. All of which is said to have caused scenes of jubilation - in the new state of Bangladesh.

STOCKHOLM FOLL KARACHI

~~A related item - from Stockholm; where~~

~~Sw~~ Sweden's Premier ~~Olof Palme~~ said today - that

Sweden may ^{soon} recognize ~~rather soon~~ the new state of

Bengladesh. "We'll follow the principles ~~which we have~~

we always apply." said ^{he} ~~Palme~~. "When a government

has full control over its territory and it is established -

then we recognize it. But, he ^{added:-} ~~also~~ ~~or~~ ~~said~~: "One of

the pre-conditions for Swedish recognition of a new

nation - is that there are no foreign troops there."

MONROVIA

With U S First Lady Pat Nixon looking on -
also, the heads of two neighboring states - William
Tolbert Jr. was sworn in today as the new President
of Liberia. ~~The~~ ^{The} inaugural ~~staged during a~~
~~his~~ ^{staged during a} ~~taking two hours, in all.~~

~~This in the midst of a local~~ heat wave, - leaving ~~most of~~
the guests dripping. ^{Altho'}

~~But~~ ^{appeared} Mrs. Nixon ^{appeared} unruffled by the heat.
^{As one} ~~According to~~ ^{put it:} observer ~~appearing~~ "as cool as

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Washington's Potomac River in spring." ~~and~~ ^{When}
she ~~then~~ embraced President Tolbert - the son of a
one-time U S slave - a thunderous burst of applause.
Mrs. Nixon later decorated with the order of the
Cordon of the Pioneer - Liberia's highest honor.

COPENHAGEN

Denmark's King Frederick the Ninth - age seventy-two the victim of an acute heart attack. At last report he was said to have improved slightly. Doctors adding that there is no immediate concern for his life.

CENSUS

From the U S Census Bureau ^{comes} a report ~~today~~

that more than twenty-five million young Americans -

will be eligible to vote for President for the first

time this year. ~~Quite a block~~ But The Census Bureau

also notes ^{how} ~~that~~ less than half the eligible voters in

this age group - actually went to the polls back in

sixty-eight. So what effect they'll have in campaign

seventy-two ^{we don't know.} ~~well, we'll just have to wait and see.~~

BELFAST

In the midst of ~~the~~ post-holiday sales in
downtown Belfast, Northern Ireland - one of the worst
terrorist bombings ^{so far.} ~~yet~~ ~~This one - set to go off~~
~~in~~ ^a hi-jacked truck full of empty beer bottles =
~~When it~~ blew without warning - sending out a barrage
of jagged glass, ~~strapped~~ injuring some sixty persons -
of whom more than fifty were women and young girls.
Observers ~~later~~ saying -- the sidewalk ~~actually~~,
ran red with their blood.

CHEVALIER

Paris again - an avalanche of flowers - and a flood of tributes from all over the world; in memory of the one and only Maurice Chevalier - who died this past weekend. These including a rare accolade - from French President Pompidou; who said the famed singer personified "an image of France - partial, but gay and warm."

Maurice Chevalier - age eighty-three. Up to the end the gay boulevardier - often called "Mr. France." I first heard him during W. W. I when he was at the Cafe de Paris appearing with Mistinguett - over 50 years ago.

QUITO

The date, December Twenty-Eighth - in Ecuador - roughly comparable to our own April Fool's Day - and Quito's TV Channel Eight deciding to play a little joke; sending out a "news flash" announcing the cancellation of national elections scheduled for next summer; adding that Ecuador's President Velasco - would remain in power at least two more years. All of which was followed by the Spanish equivalent of "April Fool."

Ah, but the phony news flash - quickly picked up by competing media; went far and wide. Result, Quito's Channel Eight - was today closed down; and its news director Jose hustled to the hoosegaw, Warren.

MT. WASHINGTON

From Mt. Washington, New Hampshire -
the story of a close call - about as close as you
can get and still live to tell about it. Thirty year
old mountain climber Ted Streibert of Newton,
Mass. getting caught in a sudden ~~avalanche~~ avalanche
tumbling more than six hundred feet down a ravine -
where he ended up buried up to his neck.

Luckily ^{he had} ~~though~~ his voice ^{which reverberated} ~~was still okay.~~
^{down the ravine,}
His cries for help quickly answered. When finally
he was dug out, ~~we~~ Streibert found to have ~~four~~
fractured both ~~his~~ ankles - also, a rib - ^{plus} ~~not to mention~~
assorted cuts and ~~number~~ bruises as well as internal
injuries. But he's still alive - and that ^{they say is} ~~is itself~~
a near
~~miracle~~ miracle.