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SAN FRANCISCO

From San Francisco - more on the Thomas Eagleton affair. The Democratic nominee for Vice President - addressing a meeting of California Democratic leaders. Asserting: "The best test of whether Thomas Eagleton can take it - will be this campaign." Adding: "I'm satisfied that I can hack it - that I can cut the mustard." Further telling the party faithful: "I'm going to stay in this race - I can assure you that."

WASHINGTON

While back in Washington - Columnist Jack Anderson was apparently backtracking a bit today. At least, it would seem so - from an article appearing in the Washington Star News. The self-proclaimed "muckraker" - saying he probably should have withheld his drunken driving charges against Eagleton; "probably should have withheld" - said he - "pending verification, if any."

EAGLETON FOLLOW WASHINGTON

All of which - was quickly relayed to San Francisco;

whereupon - Eagleton calling another news conference.

"I feel I have been vindicated" - said he. Adding that

he had also talked twice - with George McGovern.

Reporting: "He is one hundred per cent unqualifiedly

with me."

CUSTER

In the meantime, McGovern himself was returning today - to what remains his main task; that of defeating - President Nixon.

At Custer, South Dakota - McGovern slashing out at the President. Accusing the Chief Executive of "again deceiving and misleading the American people" - by holding forth the prospect of a negotiated peace in Vietnam. And this - McGovern continued - "a transparent effort to justify his continued propping up of the corrupt Thieu dictatorship in Saigon - step up the use of American bombers and naval forces in Indochina - and prolong the Paris peace talks while U.S. and Vietnamese casualties continued."

McGovern also charging that the President's present stance - is nothing more than, quote, "the old Nixon at his worst." "President Nixon's weakness" - said McGovern - "seems to be that he is always the

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opportunist, whether in politics, the Vietnam war, shifts in his economic policies, regard for his domestic critics and everything else."

McGovern adding: "He apparently lacks an abiding moral sense." "And that" - said he - "is deeply to be regretted - for our entire society."

The man he referred to was Senator Ellender of Louisiana, who died last night - at age eighty-two. The late President Pro-Tam - lauded today in both the House and Senate, Senator Long of Louisiana saying: "This fellow was just a pig." Congressman Weber of the same state saying: "Louisiana has lost one of its greatest citizens - and one of its most effective statesmen."

SENATE

The new President Pro-Tem of the Senate - and third in line of succession to the White House - James Eastland of Mississippi; as selected today by a Democratic caucus - and then approved by the full Senate.

Eastland later saying: "I am personally humble and proud." Adding: "This is not recognition of a man - but of a state and her/people." That from a man who once called himself - "a living symbol of conservative leadership in the Senate."

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MERGER

Washington again - the Civil Aeronautics Board today rejected, four-to-one - a proposed merger between Western Airlines and American Airlines. The CAB ruling that such a merger would have seriously damaged competition - with no "offsetting benefits." Hence - request denied.

LONDON

For the second time in two years - British seaports were closed tight today; again the result of a work stoppage - by the island nation's forty-one thousand longshoremen. The strikers seeking this time - greater job security in the face of growing automation.

By the way, the last such strike - forcing the British government to declare the next day a state of national emergency. And it may happen again. A spokesman saying today: "The government is giving immediate consideration - to the action it may need to take to protect the general interests of the economy and the consumer."

L. T. Tape Insert

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN"**

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discussing tonight - volunteer firemen. Lowell...**

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VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Here's one - a tribute to volunteer firemen; noting that volunteer fire-fighting has been an established custom for thousands of years; since the days of the Pharoahs in Egypt, - since before Nero was born and fiddled while Rome went up in flames. Here in the U.S. - volunteer firemen outnumber professionals by five-to-one.

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At least part of the credit we hear was due a city workcrew. At Tweed's instructions the city workers climbed the flagpole overnight - simply sawing away the top six feet.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "VOLUNTEER

FIREMEN"

Thank you, Lowell.

A final story - in a moment.

PASQUALE'S SANDWASH

First - the Missouri Monster. Now - the New Jersey Monster; as reported by a group of teen-agers at Vineland, New Jersey - who said they saw said creature at Pasquale's Sandwash; which just happens to be - a local nude swimming hole.

Anyway, this latest apparition - supposedly emerging from the water "making horrible noises." Also, described as "eight feet tall - hairy - green and slimy;" leaving a footprint on the beach - as he disappeared into a nearby woods. All of which - drawing a crowd of about a hundred searchers armed with flashlights and clubs.

Ah, but the mystery finally solved. Police identifying the so-called monster - as a local ^{recluse} ~~hunter~~ who was taking his annual bath. ~~and all that~~ While not quite as scary as pictured - age fifty-five - about six-foot-five - with a long beard. ~~and all that~~ In the nude, at least - a victim of guilt by association.