

MIAMI BEACH

Thurs, July 13-72.

Have you heard?

At Miami Beach George McGovern makes his choice. The Democratic nominee for President picking as his running mate today a freshman Senator from the border state of Missouri - Thomas Eagleton -- age forty-two -- a Roman Catholic - also, a down the line liberal, the same as McGovern himself, but other than that - a virtual political unknown. Perhaps the most surprised by all this - Thomas Eagleton. When informed by McGovern <sup>that</sup> he was the man - his hand trembling, his voice failing him briefly ~~and then~~ he said: "I'm flabbergasted - but let me hasten to say "yes" before you change your mind." And he later admitted: "I'm so surprised my brain is numb."

To McGovern though - Eagleton's qualifications are apparently more than adequate. A McGovern aide calling the Missourian - a leader in the Senate and

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a consistent foe of Pentagon over-spending --  
and well qualified to succeed to the Presidency."

Edmund Muskie - who once held the same spot  
also calling Eagleton a fine choice. Adding:

He's one of the bright young leaders of our party -  
with good political instincts. But his main job at  
the outset - said Muskie - <sup>adding</sup> "to make himself known -  
as I did in sixty-eight."

ROME

Incidentally, the ~~result~~ nomination of Senator McGovern which is causing quite a stir in democratic circles <sup>was</sup> also causing quite a stir today in Rome. <sup>as</sup> The result of a speech in the Italian Senate by Italian Premier Giulio andreotti; who bitterly criticized McGovern's Vietnam Middle East and Nato defense policies.

This - in the midst of a foreign policy debate; an event - unprecedented in the memory of most political observers; leading to a general uproar - mainly from the left: When he was able to continue though - Anddreoiti then <sup>went on to</sup> praising the ~~political~~ policies of President Nixon, especially in Vietnam; ~~whereupon another has said cry.~~

At one point <sup>a</sup> Communist Senator, Gerardo Chiaromonte - ~~was speaking~~ referring to Vietnam as "Nixon's war." <sup>however</sup> ~~But~~ The Premier <sup>refusing</sup> to give

an inch. Finally telling Chiaromonte: You know

very well - the war did not begin with Nixon. I began

~~but rather~~ <sup>with</sup> President Kennedy," said the Premier of Italy.

**PARIS**

*After a two months break - ~~to~~ Paris  
again - a resumption of peace talks. But today's  
session another blank apparently. With the ~~Communist~~  
Communist side ~~now~~ rejecting President Nixon's  
latest peace plan -- as "unreasonable and absurd."  
At the same time - demanding complete acceptance  
of their own proposals. And doing it - we are told -  
in a tone "unusually harsh."*

## QUANG TRI

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On the fighting front - the battle for Quang Tri continued unabated today. In one sector, a force of South Vietnamese paratroopers - finally battering their way into the city's outskirts; while across town a like force of south Vietnamese marines - completely encircled, at last report, were ~~and~~ fighting for their lives.

From Saigon - another casualty report. The number of American deaths last week - down to four as compared with fourteen the previous week. But South Vietnamese and Communist losses <sup>were</sup> - both showing a twenty percent increase. The battle for Quang Tri proving extremely costly to both sides.

## HONSHU

Japan's main island of Honshu - again  
hit hard today by torrential rains; with the official  
death toll from week long flooding and devastating  
landslides now set at nearly three hundred; plus  
another two hundred or so ~~●~~ listed as missing;  
officials add that several villages have been cut  
off from communications; which means - we are  
told - it could be even worse. ~~But how bad -~~  
~~well, we'll just have to wait and see.~~

REYKJAVIK

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At Reykjavik, Iceland - Bobby Fischer's chances of becoming world chess champion - all but went down the ~~down-drain~~ drain today. The American challenger forfeiting his second game with defending champ Boris Spassky of Russia; refusing to take part in the competition - because of the presence of TV cameras; which means he is down - two games to none.

Earlier, an attempt to reach a compromise - with contest officials offering to remove one camera and relocate three others. This-in talks with Fischer's representatives. But Fischer himself - remaining secluded in his hotel room. An American chess observer commenting: "You can talk to Fischer when he is winning - but not when he has lost."



## VATICAN

In the Roman Catholic ~~one~~ church for years now - a growing clamor for the ~~the~~ liberalization of confession rules. In the U S and Europe, especially - this leading to the adoption of so-called "group confessions;" a practice today ~~is~~ banned by the Vatican except in "extraordinary circumstances."

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More than that, the Vatican also calling for a complete return - to the teachings of the ~~sixteenth~~ sixteenth century council of Trent = asserting that Catholics must confess their sins to a priest ~~in public~~ private - they must receive absolution - and they must perform a penance.

## **Mt. McKINLEY**

**For five young women from Japan - it started out in late June - almost a lark - an Alaskan holiday. The Japanese attempting to become only the second all-women team - ever to conquer Mt. McKinley, north America's tallest peak. And it looked for a time - as though they might make it.**

**And then an ominous silence -- followed by a check from <sup>Alaska's top</sup> bush pilot Don Sheldon; who discovered the word - "sick" stamped in the snow at the girls' base camp at about the ten thousand foot level.**

**Whereupon Alaska's rescue coordination center - dispatching a helicopter, carrying to safety two of the Japanese women one of whom was suffering from altitude sickness and internal bleeding. As for the other three - ~~how~~ they<sup>are</sup> still up there somewhere. <sup>Ref</sup>**

**A number of crack climbing teams <sup>are</sup> attempting to**

**track them down. But officials admitting by now - they must be presumed dead.**

## LAGUNA HILLS

From lion country safari at Laguna Hills, California comes the sad news today: "Frasier is dead."

Frasier - in case you've forgotten - a lion about twenty years old; the equivalent of roughly a hundred in a human being; and yet - one of the ~~of~~ greatest sex symbols in recent history.

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So old he could hardly walk - so weak he could hardly chew, so ragged and dull he looked downright pitiful - Frasier ~~was~~ nevertheless taking over a troublesome ~~harem~~ harem - over the past sixteen months - siring thirty-three cubs with another dozen or so still to come. His fame eventually spreading far and wide - via tee-shirts, buttons, records and "Frasier for President" bumper stickers. Indeed, Frasier ~~has~~ keeping up the good work - even in spite of a recent kidney ailment but finally

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succumbing in part, we are told - because his lion~~ess~~

just wouldn't let him alone. So now it's hail and

~~no~~ farewell to the great Frasier - pride of the

pride, <sup>Warren,</sup> ~~may he rest in peace.~~

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## PLANALTINA

*This next - from Planaltina, Brazil;  
where city and church officials - have been trying  
to up-grade their local "ladies of the evening"  
teaching them to ~~now~~ read and write in a series of  
classes held in three local night spots. And now -  
graduation day.*

*The new grads - consisting of one hundred  
and one girls; five of whom - have ~~already~~ already quit  
the profession; plus another <sup>with</sup> something of a  
"summa cum laude." <sup>That is</sup> ~~she's~~ she's getting married.*

**FLORENCE**

**First, a salute to CBS radio station**

**W J M X at Florence, South Carolina today celebrating  
its twenty-fifth anniversary on the air and now the  
news.....**