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MIAMI BEACH

At Miami Beach - it's all over but the shouting and that will begin shortly. George McGovern sweeping everything - enroute to what now appears a certain first ballot victory. The only remaining question - who will be Number Two? Who will he choose as his running mate.

The popular choice is still reported to be Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts, who was still saying his position is "unchanged". Said Kennedy: "I appreciate the confidence - that party leaders have shown in me." But he added, in effect: "No dice."

After Kennedy - the name of Wilbur Mills is perhaps heard most often. Congressman Mills did withdraw today as a candidate for the Presidency. Under questioning by reporters - he said - he would be glad to "sit down and talk a bit" about the Vice Presidency.

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The rest of the Democratic camp was far from "sweetness and light" though. Henry "Scoop" Jackson, for one - giving McGovern credit for being "brilliant tactically." But he also said: "The Democratic party faces a ~~an~~ real challenge for ~~a~~ survival in this election." While the supporters of George Wallace ^{were} ~~is~~ again threatening a third party campaign. Wallace's chief aide saying: "This possibility" is growing "stronger and stronger."

NEW YORK

On the Republican side - Vice President

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Spiro Agnew ~~was~~ ^{- he - or was - in} ~~travelling today to~~ New York; where

he called the McGovern movement - an "anti-progress
crusade." The Vice President further charging:

"There has ~~been~~ never been a significant improvement
in all of history - that did not have its Senator
McGoverns and ~~Senator~~ Senator Kennedys and Senator
Muskie to ridicule it and fight it every step of the
way."

HONG KONG

Are you even a little bit interested
in some ^{of the} comment from overseas? ~~as follows~~

The Times of London ^{was} giving McGovern
credit for "winning handsomely," saying "he, therefore,
stands a fair chance of healing the wounds - which
his more ruthless supporters have inflicted on the
party."

As for McGovern's "end the war" pledge -
the Communist newspaper Ta-Kung-Pao of Hong Kong ~~was~~
recalling ^{how} "Four years ago - President Nixon said
the same thing." Thus concluding: "It is quite clear -
the Vietnam question is still the main focus of the
American election."

~~From~~ ^{From} Rome's IL Giornale D'Italia ^{this:-}
~~observing~~ "What we will see in Miami, unless
a miracle occurs is the conquest of a great American
party - in fact, the largest - by a minority of
activists organized and guided by strategists of
political guerrilla warfare."

SAN CLEMENTE

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At the Western White House - San Clemente -
President Nixon today announced plans to seek from
Congress - an additional one point seven billion in
special disaster loans. This ^{will be} to help rebuild the
communities in six ^{eastern} ~~Atlantic seaboard~~ states -
recently devastated by tropical storm Agnes.

"The challenge we face - is not an easy
one" - said the President. Adding that "never before
has so thorough a recovery effort been launched -
never was it more uniquely needed. But I have faith"
- he continued - "that, working together, we can
overcome the terrible devastation that the floods have
left behind."

JUSTICE

From the U S Justice Department ^{came} a report ~~today~~ that serious crime in the U S increased only one percent during the first three months of the year. This ^{is} said to be the lowest rate of increase - since Nineteen Sixty-Two; with the nation's six largest cities - actually showing a ~~slight~~ decrease in overall crime. But best of all - Washington, D.C. - the showcase of the administration's anti-crime effort; ~~there~~ serious crime ~~was~~ reduced by thirty percent.

Attorney General ~~Richard M.~~ Kleindienst observing - "we are not yet satisfied;" but the figures ~~he added~~ ^{said he are} at least "heartening."

QUANG TRI CITY

In the battle for Quang Tri City in Vietnam - a massive display of U S aerial might; with big American B-52s over the past twenty-four hours - dumping about six hundred and fifty tons of bombs on suspected enemy positions.

On the ground - South Vietnamese troops continuing to hammer away at the city's defenders, ~~in action today~~, wiping out at least three hundred enemy troops - and knocking out fifteen communist tanks.

ASIA-RAINS

For the past three days - torrential rains in Japan; also in Nepal; and in the Philippines. This leading to heavy flooding and devastating landslides in all three. The death count at last report; in the Philippines - more than thirty; in Nepal - more than forty; in Japan - more than two hundred.

REYKJAVIK

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The winner in round one of the world chess competition at Reykjavik, Iceland - Russia's defending champ, Boris Spassky; with American challenger Bobby Fischer finally conceding today on the fifty-sixth move.

Observers noting that Fischer could have played for a draw - but "he took a chance to win" and lost. However, this is just the beginning. An Icelandic was pointing out to me ~~for Fischer and his many fans a bitter~~ today that there are to be 24 games and it ~~will take from now until September to play them. Have that for a marathon contest - maybe 2 solid months of exciting chess - if chess excites you.~~

LONDON

A recent study of British girls - age fifteen to nineteen ^{is} reported ~~today~~ from London.

Result? ~~Well, they~~ ^{This} may surprise you. ~~At any~~

~~rate,~~ The British "birds" of today ^{as they call them, are} ~~^~~ [^] said to be

gentler, softer and more romantic than those of

the ~~conventional~~ sixties; also, less inclined toward

minnies and see-throughs, less promiscuous than

they used to be - and ~~now~~ somewhat less ^{than} enthusiastic

about feminist movements such as womens lib.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of all ~~though~~ -

the British teen-ager ^{is} found to be ~~truly~~ concerned

about world problems; as, for example - the threatened

extinction of whales where a few years ago - said

one researcher - the mention of whales would ^{have} probably

~~had~~ raised the comment: "Is that a new rock group?"

LOS ANGELES

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A novel approach to traffic safety -
is reported ~~today~~ from Los Angeles; where ~~and~~
a U C L A engineering student by the name of
Dan Bell has just come up with - ~~well, you might~~ ^{would you}
call it - a stuffed bumper? And the "stuffing"
used by young Dan - a material said to be cheap,
light, ^{and} porous; one that "requires no unusual skills
to produce - will withstand a five mile per hour
crash without damage, and besides, in an emergency
can be eaten."

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Don, The name of this wonder material?

Popcorn.

NAKED CITY

This next from a place called Naked City -
Indiana; as you might expect, a nudist colony - ~~an~~
unincorporated and apparently uninhabited. Also, the
site of another miss nude world beauty pageant starting
Saturday. All of which ^{has} ~~led~~ led to a bit of a flap.
Some of the contestants - complaining that others
~~are~~ are not nudists at all; but more like - professional
opportunists. Pageant director Dick Drost - ~~says~~
settling the argument though. Ruling: "If you take
off your clothes in public - you're a ~~nude~~ nudist."
He also says Don - ~~that~~ the judging will concentrate
mainly on "figure, facial beauty, ~~and~~ poise, and ^{he adds "an} ~~on~~
over-all tan wouldn't hurt."