

Mon. July 29-'68

~~Turning to campaign Sixty-Eight~~ -- The "numbers game" <sup>is on</sup> ~~began in~~ earnest today at Miami Beach; with the first big influx of top Republicans -- getting ready for <sup>the GOP</sup> ~~that upcoming Republican~~ National Convention.

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Rockefeller backers <sup>saying</sup> ~~for their part~~ ~~asserting~~ ~~that Richard~~ Nixon is rapidly losing southern delegates.

Placing the former Vice President's current strength -- at about a hundred -and-fifty votes short of the nomination.

With Governor Chafee of Rhode Island going so far as to ~~predict a Rockefeller victory~~ -- "on the third or fourth ballot."

~~In return,~~ Nixon backers conceding that some southern delegates -- ARE "TALKING REAGAN," <sup>but</sup> ~~asserting~~ <sup>convinced</sup> ~~however, that~~ these same delegates -- will "vote Nixon" when the roll is called on the first ballot. A ~~Nixon spokes-~~ man adding: ~~"the likelihood is -- that there will not be a second ballot."~~

CIERNA NAD TISOU

Showdown at Cierna Nad Tisou, ~~That's~~ the  
Czech border village - where Czech and Russian leaders  
are squared off tonight, Trying to reach a compromise  
agreement - on the future of Czech "democratization."  
With massive soviet troop concentrations - just across  
the frontier ~~Serving~~ as a not-so-subtle warning to the  
Czechs ~~of~~ of possible dire ~~conseq~~ consequences should  
they cont~~in~~inue to disagree.

VATICAN

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At the Vatican ~~in Rome~~ - Pope Paul says "no" to birth control. As you doubtless know by now - the Pontiff stoutly reaffirming church policy; condemning abortion, sterilization or any other act - that would "render procreation impossible." Also, urging world governments to outlaw contraceptive devices - as morally degrading.

In making public the verdict - a Vatican spokesman saying the Pope knew his decision "would not be ~~easy~~ easily accepted by all." However, ~~the~~ ~~heat of~~ world reaction ~~perhaps~~ <sup>may</sup> surprise even to the Holy Father. In the Netherlands, ~~for example,~~ four leading Catholic churchmen - publicly challeng<sup>ed</sup> the Pontiff's ruling. A Swiss theologian adding that - "a doubtful teaching does not oblige." And the American co-inventor of birth control pills <sup>today</sup> ~~predicting that~~ <sup>ed</sup> the Pope's ruling eventually "will be corrected" <sup>said he</sup> "as Galileo's decision was."

PRESIDENT FOLLOW VATICAN

Ironically, a related bill - signing ~~exam~~ ceremony today - at the White House. With President Johnson enacting into law - a new two-year extension of the U.S. Food for Peace program placing special emphasis on aid to developing countries ~~and~~ adopting voluntary birth control programs. That is - countries said to be making a "self-help effort" - to ~~impr~~ improve their food-population balance.

~~Said the President: "This law - in my judgment - represents a great improvement in a bi-partisan program." One that "means so much to the poor people of the world" ~~said he~~ and also to the American farmer."~~

ROCHESTER

The worldwide medical fraternity -- as well as the fraternity of man -- deeply saddened today by the passing of Dr. Charles ~~W.~~ Mayo. The son of the founder of the famed Mayo Clinic -- an honored surgeon and humanitarian in ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> own right. -- ~~now dead at seventy~~ As you ~~may have heard~~ ~~the~~ the victim of an auto accident -- on the Mayo family estate at Rochester, Minnesota.

The legacy he leaves behind -- that of a man who carried his birthright to new heights. Dr. <sup>Mayo</sup> "Chuck" ~~winning~~ his wings early in his career -- when he reassured a frightened woman by telling her: "I'm just starting -- I can't afford to lose a patient." Later, earning a reputation as a pioneering surgeon, -- ~~especially in the treatment of cancer.~~ This leading to his eventual appointment -- as an alternate U.S. delegate to the <sup>U. N.</sup> ~~United Nations~~ General Assembly.

In Nineteen-Fifty-Six -- ~~Dr. Chuck also serving~~

~~as a personal representative of~~ President Eisenhower;  
sent him to  
at the Coronation of the King of Nepal -- Mahendra Bir  
Bikram Shah Deva. In fact we both were ambassadors  
to that exotic pageant in the Himalayas - both of us  
riding in the Coronation procession - in howdahs on  
painted and handsomely caparisoned elephants.

His lovely wife Alice had died only a few  
months ago and recently he had written me a sad letter  
saying: "Here I am, all alone rattling around in this  
big house."

His creed - he once told a patient; "to imagine  
the kind of ~~xxxx~~ doctor I'd like if I were sick - and  
then to be that kind of doctor." He was.

From the Smithsonian Institution in Washington comes news ~~today~~ of an intramural "feud" -- pitting science versus the aesthetics.

On the one hand -- the torch -- official house organ of the Smithsonian; which recently carried a dissertation -- on the nudibranch. <sup>ting</sup> ~~Nothing~~ that the nudibranch is -- quote -- "an ugly-looking" little species of sea slug.

This drawing an immediate response -- from a group of scientists who call themselves the Mollusks. Charging that use of the word "ugly" -- "was not at all in keeping with the philosophy of science." Adding that the nudibranch -- or "nudi", for short -- is certainly not "ugly" to another nudibranch; nor to the thousands of scientists who spend their lives -- "studying such as slugs, snails, crabs and bugs."

Stew Metz they say: -  
~~Waven:~~ -  
Those who call themselves ~~Indeed,~~ The Mollusks, concluding: "To us, ~~it's~~ ~~unequivocal~~ -- the nudi is a beauty."

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WHITE HOUSE

Here's one -- perhaps a consolation to the average city-dweller; <sup>whose</sup> whose sleep is often interrupted by a garbage truck -- or a street repair crew -- or some such.

It's a story they're telling at the White House today -- about a National Park Service crew, <sup>making</sup> Making its rounds of the White House grounds at the crack of dawn -- spraying trees against insects and plant disease. When a tall, angry, pajama-clad man -- appeared suddenly at a second-floor balcony. The President -- who likes to sleep with his window open on cool nights -- suggesting "rather firmly", we are told, that the men spray elsewhere -- which they did.

~~Even so~~ -- <sup>how</sup> proof again ~~that~~ it can happen to the ~~rest~~ best of us.