

LOS ANGELES

Mon, Nov. 4-68.

~~As you know~~ now right down to the wire -  
Campaign Sixty-Eight - ~~the big finish. Richard~~

with

Nixon and ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey - ~~practically~~ neck and neck  
according to <sup>Which of the polls will be right?</sup>  
~~in~~ the latest polls. ~~Battling down to the wire against~~

~~the "dark horse" threat of George Wallace.~~ Both major  
candidates - ~~blitzing~~ <sup>are bombarding us by radio and</sup> the American public by television

So here we are at the  
tail tonight. ~~Writing a swashing~~ climax - ~~of~~ one of the  
races for the  
most perplexing White House. ~~races on of recent history.~~

Date line  
~~final background~~ - Los Angeles, <sup>Richard</sup> where, Nixon

spent most of the day virtually incommunicado - getting

ready for a planned four-hour telethon. <sup>Today he</sup> appeared in  
public only once - and then briefly. <sup>He said, also</sup> ~~Nixon asserting~~

~~that~~ hopes for peace in Vietnam ~~are~~ becoming "quite  
discouraging." Adding that only a new Republican  
administration - <sup>can</sup> ~~could~~ prevent a potential "diplomatic  
disaster" at Paris.

~~Reverse side~~ - Hubert Humphrey, <sup>also on the</sup> ~~running~~

West Coast making a bid for  
~~hard again in a last-ditch bid for~~ California's forty  
electoral votes; before beginning ~~preparations~~ preparations -

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for his own four-hour television appeal.

~~Along the way~~ <sup>also</sup> Humphrey releasing perhaps  
his last position paper of the campaign. <sup>In it</sup> blasting  
South Vietnam <sup>for</sup> its threatened boycott of ~~those~~  
Paris peace talks. Asserting that the United States  
should <sup>with</sup> make it plain - "we intend to proceed <sup>with</sup> the  
negotiations in any case." Humphrey adding: "The  
foreign policy of the United States and the fate of ~~those~~  
young Americans in Vietnam - ~~some~~ should and will be  
determined by the President of the United States and  
not by any foreign ~~po~~ government."

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SAIGON FOLLOW LOS ANGELES

*Be that as it may - South Vietnamese*

*President Thieu remained adamant today. Refusing to send a negotiating team to Paris - for expanded talks with the Viet Cong. Thieu declaring: "Nobody can force us to do that."*

*Meanwhile, presidential aides were predicting a turn-out of about six thousand - for a government sponsored rally tomorrow at Saigon's City Hall. Purpose of the rally - we are told - to stress South Vietnamese "self-determination in political affairs."*

PARIS FOLLOW SAIGON

The situation was aggravated still further today in Paris - with the arrival of Viet Cong negotiators headed by a woman guerrilla. Madame Nguyen Thi Binh threatening, in effect, a fight to the finish. Said she: "Unless the American government gives up its aggressive aims" - unless it abandons Saigon and abandons its "neo-colonialist domination in South Vietnam - then the Vietnamese people will pursue their struggle with perseverance until final ~~victorious~~ victory."

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Later, U S and North Vietnamese negotiators hinting at a possible postponement -- of Wednesday's scheduled opening of four-power talks. Both sides admitting that "as of tonight" - there are "no firm plans" - for proceeding with the expanded meeting.

AMMAN

Showdown in Jordan. Tough young King Hussein - versus Syrian-backed Arab commandoes. The latter consisting mainly of Palestine refugees - angered over Hussein's alleged "soft" stand on ~~Israel~~ Israel, <sup>they</sup> opening fire on the King's loyal troops today - in the capital city of Amman. Using women and ~~children~~ children as human shields - to protect themselves from counter-attack.

However, <sup>King</sup> Hussein <sup>managed to</sup> contain~~ing~~ the violence - by clamping an immediate curfew on the entire city. <sup>He</sup> ~~Backed~~ <sup>curfew</sup> up the order <sup>with</sup> tanks, armored troop carriers and <sup>his loyal</sup> ~~forces~~ Bedouin irregulars. Later taking to Radio Amman - calling the terrorists "criminals, traitors, bought individuals." Further telling the commandoes to attack Israel themselves - if they are really so hot for revenge. Adding that Jordan's patience with the terrorists - has just "run out."

## TURIN

The death toll from that Italian flood and resulting landslides <sup>is</sup> now nearing a hundred. With scores more - still missing. Most of the casualties - in the Valle Mosso near Turin. U.S. Air Force helicopters <sup>were</sup> rushing relief supplies to the stricken area today. Even as a steady rain continued to fall - over most of northern Italy.

This already the worst flood disaster in Italy - since Nineteen Sixty-Six. <sup>What is happening</sup> Indeed ~~the flooding~~ <sup>is called the</sup> in Venice <sup>is</sup> worst in a hundred years; with the city's famed St. Mark's square <sup>tonight</sup> under five feet of water, <sup>So far</sup> ~~at last report.~~ Although the art treasures of Venice have ~~so far~~ been spared. - <sup>Not like</sup> ~~unlike those of~~ Florence two years ago.

PLEASANTVILLE

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Next up - a story from ~~New~~ Pleasantville,  
New Jersey - anything but pleasant. Police investigators  
canvassing the Pleasantville area today - trying to find  
out who put the razor blades in a dozen or so apples;  
apples that were later handed out to Hallow'e'en  
"trick or treaters" - injuring at least two.

This the second year - of the <sup>so</sup> South Jersey ~~dead~~  
<sup>so-called</sup> deadly apples. Which accounts for a special law passed  
last week - making such offenses punishable by up to a  
year in jail. A police official observing that South  
Jersey - "evidently has more than its share of live  
Hallowe'en witches and hobgoblins."

WASHINGTON

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From Washington comes a charge ~~today~~ - that Americans are again getting too ~~αα~~ fat because of too little exercise. This - according to the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council; which, therefore, recommends a reduction of one hundred calories - in the average daily food intake of the so-called "reference man" - also the "reference woman."

The object - we are told - to remain the same weight you were at age twenty-two. The nutrition board noting that by then - most people have already reached "physical maturity;" with any further additions in weight - usually "lateral growth."

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The warning - hence, obvious. Where health is concerned - ~~also~~ <sup>as in</sup> football -- a "lateral" in the end zone can be ~~awfully~~ dangerous.

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Warren - how are you doing in the end zone -- laterally.



NEW YORK

By the way - the American Communist Party was also getting in its last licks today. In New York - Party Leader Gus Hall noting that the Communists will appear on the ballot again this year - in Minnesota - also <sup>the state of</sup> Washington. Predicting, what's more that Communist candidates - will soon appear on the ballots of all fifty states. "After Tuesday" - said Gu<sup>s</sup> Hall "the most important question will be - where do we go from here?"

Tomorrow lots of Americans will be saying where do we go from here -- and now s-l-u-t-morrow

ELECTION

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# Election Day

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And what did you think about the outcome of the election with Richard Nixon today scoring the political comeback of the century. In the photo states that kept millions glued to their radios and television sets all night and for more hours today.

The pivotal state - again - Illinois, just as before - one of the last big states in report in. This time just the opposite results. This time Nixon carrying Illinois. This winning a cliff-hanger election with a clean-cut majority of the electoral vote.

So for the next four years the Nixon family will occupy the most famous residence in the world - the White House.

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