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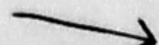
From the Pentagon - the best possible news for some thirty thousand U S sailors; scheduled today for early discharge -- in a new navy economy program.

Those affected - sailors who enlisted for two years of active duty -- to be followed by four ~~more~~ in the active reserve. <sup>P</sup> The first batch <sup>now</sup> to be separated from the service -- on or about October one. The rest to return to civilian life - by the end of December. <sup>This means</sup> ~~up~~ up to a year early - for some.

SEA GIRT

*If the Republicans are easing off in their attacks on Hubert Humphrey -- as appears to be the case -- Humphrey himself is something else again. At Sea Girt, New Jersey -- the Vice President blasting away today at his Republican opponent. Calling Richard Nixon -- a "Fearless Fosdick." This in reference to the bumbling detective -- of the "Li'l Abner" cartoon strip. Humphrey explaining his designation by saying of Nixon: He's "strong on building jails -- I'm strong on building houses."*

*~~Hubert~~ Humphrey further charging -- that Nixon has "made a deal" with Senator <sup>Stron</sup> Thurmond of South Carolina; thereby blocking the confirmation of Abe Fortas -- as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Said the Vice President: "All Nixon has to do is say the word -- and Mr. Fortas would be confirmed; because it's his troops in the Senate -- his supporters -- who are blocking that confirmation."*





SENATE

*At the same time - the Senate Judiciary Committee was resuming ~~its~~ consideration of the Fortas nomination. Hearing first today - from Dean B. J.*

*Tennery of the American University law school; who said that ~~Fort~~ Fortas was paid fifteen thousand dollars - for nine classroom lectures this past summer.*


*Fortas foes ~~xp~~ promptly calling the payment - highly improper. Fortas supporters - familiar with the ways of the Supreme Court - replying "hogwash."*

CLEVELAND

Meanwhile, the issue of law and order - ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup>  
being re-emphasized by ~~the main thrust of Richard Nixon's campaign~~ in Cleveland,  
the Republican nominee accusing Humphrey - of adopting  
a "naive" approach to the nation's crime problem.

Asserting that Humphrey's plans for a war on poverty -  
are "no substitute for a war on crime."

"Certainly conditions of poverty - are the  
traditional breeding grounds of criminals," <sup>said he</sup> "but poverty  
alone -- cannot explain the "dangerously accelerating"  
rate of crime in affluent America. ~~said~~ Nixon, <sup>then</sup> Adding:  
"I say that doubling the conviction rate in this ~~conv~~  
country would do far more to cure crime in America -  
than quadrupling the funds for Mr. Humphrey's war on  
poverty."



ADD CLEVELAND

Earlier

spoke of

Later, Nixon ~~setting~~ Illinois and Indiana as

the two key states in his drive for the presidency. ~~Said~~

~~he~~ "If I win Illinois by five per cent <sup>said he,</sup> ~~---~~ I believe I will

carry the entire Middle West; ~~But~~, if I lose in Indiana -

I am sure I would be defeated for President.

CINCINNATI

As for George Wallace -- the Third Party candidate ~~traveled today to Cincinnati. There asserting~~ <sup>said at</sup> that current U.S. Foreign Aid programs - are "pumping money down a rat hole." Adding that most of them should be eliminated - with the savings better spent on solving "the problems of the cities" here at home.

VIETNAM

*Meanwhile*  
~~on the other side of the globe~~ - in Vietnam -

the latest battle for Tay Ninh draws to a rapid close tonight. With American and South Vietnamese infantrymen - driving the main force of enemy attackers back across the ~~Q~~ Cambodian border. Leaving only scattered units and lone snipers - ~~to be~~ to be ~~dispos~~ disposed of.

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Viet Cong losses in the past three days of heavy fighting - now set at more <sup>than</sup> ~~than~~ two hundred and forty. Allied losses - called light; ~~including~~ - at last report -- ~~count of~~ ~~four~~ fourteen Americans.



PRAGUE

*Prague -- the Czech Parliament knuckles under. Czech lawmakers passing tonight by unanimous vote - a new government reform program; restoring censorship, - restricting the right of public assembly, - and generally speeding so-called ~~Komm~~ "normalization" of Czechoslovakia.*

*Final action - following a speech by Czech Premier Cernik; who said ~~that~~ the Czech people must face a "new reality" -- meaning Soviet ~~occupant~~ occupation. Leaving no alternative - said he - <sup>but</sup> ~~has~~ to follow the dictates of the Kremlin.*

According to the poet -- a friend in need is a friend, indeed. Which perhaps accounts for a suit filed in Richmond Federal Court -- by an inmate of the Virginia State Penitentiary. Convict Andrew White attempting to change the prison's policy of assigning cellmates arbitrarily. Asserting that "a man -- even though a prisoner -- should be allowed to pick his own friends and associates."

As it turned out though -- convict White was unable to find a friend in court. Judge Robert Merhige -- tossing out the suit. Ruling, in effect, that -- "beggars can't be choosers."

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Here's a switch! A rags to riches story, in reverse -- reported today from San Rafael, California, where Donald C. McCoy Senior and others -- have just won the first round of a legal battle against Donald C. McCoy Junior. Temporarily cutting off the younger McCoy from his remaining funds -- for reasons that follow:

Up until six months ago -- the defendant a prosperous, hard-working businessman; when suddenly -- he turned hippie. Quickly becoming the head guru -- of a hippie colony known as "The Chosen Family." Setting up the group -- on a four-hundred-and-fifty-acre ranch near San Rafael. Eventually adopting "The Chosen Family" -- lock, stock and barrel, according to court papers.

Result -- we are told: The younger McCoy has been "giving away or spending his money -- as fast as he can." Disposing of more than three hundred thousand bucks so far -- out of an original fortune valued at half-a-million.

-Warren-

5/14 With his family finally deciding -- enough is too much.

ROME

From Rome -- a story today of bethrothal,  
Italian-style. The bethrothal - that of Italian film star  
Vittorio Gassman and French actress Juliette Mayniel;  
who announced plans to be married this week - after five  
years of keeping steady company. ~~only~~ <sup>But they</sup> part<sup>ed</sup> today -  
after a lover's spat.

Gassman's attorney later announcing - the  
couple have separated "irrevocably." The only remaining  
question - we are told -- who gets ~~best~~ custody - of  
their three year old son? <sup>So it's that way</sup> —  
<sup>and s-l-u-Monday.</sup>