

HOOVER

Tues, May 2 - '72

J. Edgar Hoover ^{— father of and —} the first and only director

of the F-B-I - died early today in his sleep at his home in

Washington. He was seventy-seven. ^{His doctor says it} ~~Death~~ resulted from

cardiovascular disease or high blood pressure, ~~according to~~

^{1/2} ~~a doctor's report~~. President Nixon ⁱⁿ ~~issued~~ a statement on

^{J. Edgar's} ~~Hoover's~~ passing, saying in part - "All Americans, mourn

the death of J. Edgar Hoover who served his nation as

Director of the F-B-I with total loyalty, unparalleled ability

and supreme dedication."

^{as everyone knows I guess, was}
J. Edgar Hoover [^] a bachelor who never married. ^{He} served

under eight presidents from Calvin Coolidge through Richard

Nixon. During the turbulent Nineteen-Thirties his F-B-I

agents won fame for tracking down such notorious gangsters

and outlaws as John Dillinger, Alvin Karpis, Ma Barker and

^{and many more,}
² ~~George~~ "Machinegun" Kelly [^] From the start, Hoover

regarded Communist subversion as a constant threat to the

nation's survival, ^{ed} ~~so~~ his agents infiltrating [^] numerous

leftwing organizations - and, extreme rightwing groups too,

~~for that matter~~ His detractors sometimes called him "The Librarian", claiming that his power rested solely on the fact that he held hundreds of thousands of personal dossiers on criminals - and many non-criminals. ^{J. Edgar} Hoover also had a set of fingerprints for half the population of America.

^{TP} His bullet-proof cars were a source of controversy - perhaps because the only other official in the government who rated one was - The President.

~~Recent Hoover~~ ^{Recent} years ~~were~~ ^{were} perhaps his stormiest - as the F-B-I came under numerous attacks from politicians, leftwing groups, civil rights leaders, and others. But he paid them little heed - confident that the President and the Attorney General ~~would rise to his defense~~ ^{would be his defenders -} - which they ~~are~~ were,

President Nixon summed it up best today, saying -

³ "It can be truly said that he was a legend in his own lifetime ^{added the President} For millions, ^{he} he was the symbol and embodiment of those values he cherished most - courage, patriotism, dedication

to country - and a granite-like honesty and integrity."

PRIMARIES

Voters in both Ohio and Indiana turned out today in fairly heavy numbers - to choose between presidential hopefuls Senators Hubert Humphrey, - George McGovern and Alabama Governor George Wallace. The weather was good - and so was temperament in most places - although the primary balloting ~~did~~ ^{did} ~~the balloting primary~~ produced a charge of vote-machine tampering in the Cleveland area. Humphrey is favored over McGovern in Ohio where Wallace is NOT on the ballot. But the Alabama governor is the favorite in Indiana - although Humphrey ^{may have} picked up ~~some~~ last-minute support from former supporters of Senator Muskie - ~~including~~ ^{for one.} Indiana Senator Birch Bayh. Even so, Muskie's name remains on the Indiana ballot - much to the discomfort of the Humphrey camp.

VIETNAM

North Vietnamese infantry and tanks are reported driving toward the ancient city of Hue. Allied officers say the enemy force has overcome part of South Vietnam's new defense line some twenty miles north of the city. Another North Vietnamese force - of some twenty-thousand - is reported moving on Hue from the southwest. Some two thousand American troops - most of them communications specialists at an air base near Hue - are on a "yellow alert" status - meaning an attack could be imminent.

Five Americans were killed today near the Quang Tri when their helicopter was shot down after picking up a U-S adviser on the ground. An American military spokesman said the helicopter was hit by what he called a "hand-held heat-seeking missile" - which to his knowledge - was used in the war for the first time.

One of the most stubborn salary disputes in baseball history is over - with Vida Blue signing a sixty-three-thousand-dollar contract to pitch ~~with~~ the Oakland Athletics. Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn had to mediate the dispute between Oakland-owner Charles Finley and his star pitcher - whose salary was about fourteen-thousand last year.

By the Way The newspaper, Fargo, North Dakota, Forum is dropping the use of Indian and Indian-related nicknames from its sports pages. Sports editor Ed Kolpeck saying - "we feel the American Indian has a case in trying to create a new image for himself." In the Fargo area, the new policy affects athletic teams like the Dickinson State College Savages and the North Dakota University Sioux.

5 1/2 That is Sioux country up there in the Dakotas. The Sioux were one of the most impressive of all the No. Amer. Indian nations.

WOMEN

Women's Rights activist Gloria Steinem ^{speaking}
in Atlanta ^{said} to the League of Women Voters, it should
continue to bar men from membership - because - ^{as} she
^{put it:-} ~~put it:-~~ "the League is NOT ready for it." ^{Don -} She added:
"This is an organization for women."

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STEAMBOATS

The stern-wheeler "Delta Queen" sailed up the Ohio River today - on its way to tomorrow's annual meeting with the "Belle of Louisville" in the nation's only steamboat race. ^{This} over a nine-mile course along the Louisville waterfront. The Ohio River is reported in good condition for the race ^{which is} - held each year as part of the ^{This Saturday will be the} Ninty-Eighth festivities surrounding the Kentucky Derby. - ^{the} Run for the Roses. - ~~scheduled for this Saturday.~~