

In the nation's capitol - the Democratic re-run tonight with the Democratic National Committee taking up - the latest selection of a Democratic candidate for Vice President.

The lone applicant - still Sargent Shriver, as of last report; the schedule calling for Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield - to place his name in nomination; with Senators Kennedy and Humphrey - to speak later. At what should be a cut and dried committee meeting, will there be fireworks? If the last Democratic Party vote on a Vice Presidential candidate is any indication - maybe!

MIAMI BEACH FOLLOW DEMOCRATS

Earlier today, at Miami Beach - Senator McGovern was again attacking Administration economic policy; or "Nixonomics" - as he put it.- at a meeting of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters union.

Senator McGovern charged that the President has deliberately thrown people out of work - as a means of dealing with inflation, and that "Nixonomics" has fostered a tax structure - that rewards the rich and gouges the middle class.

CAPITOL HILL

For the second time in as many days - the Senate overwhelmingly rejected an amendment to a proposed gun control bill. This one - offered by Senator Steveneson of Illinois; calling for nationwide registration and licensing - of pistols and revolvers; turned down - by a vote of seventy-five to sixteen.

In the debate that preceded the vote - Senator Hruska observed that in cities where such laws have been passed - "they have failed and failed dismally because - he said - the public does not support this type of law - and will not support an effort to enforce such laws."

HOUSE FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

The House Education Committee also took up a controversial measure: School busing, and finally approved, by a vote of twenty-one to sixteen - a bill to make forced busing a last resort in school desegregation; also, banning the crosstown busing - of grade school pupils. The full House may vote on it - as early as next week.

WHITE HOUSE

President Nixon today met with Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott and House Minority Leader Gerald Ford; then the two Republicans from Capitol Hill blasted spending proposals in the Democratic Party platform, charging that these would increase the Federal budget - by One Hundred and Forty-Four Billion Dollars - a-year; and would necessitate a tax increase of about One Thousand Dollars for the average family. But they pledged the re-election of President Nixon would mean no tax increase.

CAMP DAVID FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Later, the President summoned his entire Cabinet - to a special dinner meeting at Camp David, in Maryland, the White House said: to discuss a broad range of domestic issues - "and probably the forthcoming election campaign" in "a more relaxed atmosphere."

VIETNAM

On the war front - heavy fighting again at Quang Tri City; also, in the Parrot's Beak section of Cambodia - just across^{from} the Mekong Delta; with Allied strategists saying an attack against Hue - may be next. All of which is said to indicate that the enemy's stalled four-month-old offensive - may be on the move again.

MOSCOW

*The city of Moscow, population eight million -
grimmer than usual today; with sharp, acrid smoke -
enveloping virtually one and all; the result of a vast peat
fire - in the boglands just east of the Russian Capital;
the fire blazing in the midst of Moscow's worst heat wave -
in more than a hundred years.*

PENTAGON

First - it was "anchors aweigh." Now - "ankles aweigh." The U.S. Navy announcing today that women will be assigned to sea duty, henceforth - in virtually all non-combat shipboard jobs; this an attempt to keep pace with the Army - in attracting new women recruits. Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, the Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, concedes: "In the near term - there will be some who are concerned," but he added: "When you look at the level to which our society has developed - there is no reason in theory, in sociology or in equity why women should not have the same opportunities the men have."

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "P.M. MCMILLAN"

*And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;
discussing tonight the reminiscences - of one of Great
Britain's elder statesmen. Lowell...*

From out of the past - the voice of former British Prime Minister Harold McMillan - at age seventy-eight discussing for the B B C - some of his reminiscences dating back more than a quarter of a century.

McMillan recalling for example - that "F D R charmed everybody - could charm a bird off a tree." And then he met Stalin - said McMillan; "somebody he thought he could charm but couldn't; so he sold out the Poles." McMillan also recalling that after the war - DeGaule behaved in a rather tiresome way, in a vain attempt - "to show his bigness" . "This" - said he - "stemming from what to a man of DeGaule's pride must have been terrible: the degradation of France."

As for Eisenhower, his one great mistake - said McMillan - in connection with that Gary Powers' U-2 flight; "when he not only did not apologize - but tried to justify it." So says Harold McMillan.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "P.M. MCMILLAN"

Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - for the first time in a year - women wearing hot pants, see-through blouses and other revealing clothes - were allowed to enter St. Peter's Basilica with hundreds of summer-clad women - quickly taking advantage of the new rules.

But they had to wear all-covering plastic raincoats - supplied by attendants, and they were asked to make a small contribution - toward the upkeep and maintenance of St. Peter's. Average donation about twenty-five cents - American. Tax deductible, of course. Good Night.