

CAMPAIGN

Tues. Sept. 24 - 68.

Turning first to politics--Campaign Sixty-Eight ~~was~~ surging ahead today on all fronts.

On the Democratic side--at Minneapolis--Hubert Humphrey calling himself the target of well-disciplined, well-organized agitators, whose only purpose--said he-- is the destruction of the Democratic Party and the United States. While at Charleston, West Virginia--
1/2 Senator Muskie was saying he would match Humphrey's record against Nixon's any day.

On the Republican side--at Bismarck, North Dakota-- Richard Nixon ^{was} calling his Democratic opponent--the "most uncompromising defender of the Johnson Administration."
While at Hilo, Hawaii--~~Governor Agnew was attempting to explain away another alleged racial slur.~~

UNITED NATIONS

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At the United Nations--Secretary General U Thant was also doing some explaining today; ~~Explaining~~ that he never had any intention of raising before the full General Assembly--the question of U. S. bombing of North Vietnam. U Thant's statement--through a spokesman-- following ~~that~~ ^{ed the} official U.S. protest; ~~suggesting~~ that the Secretary General's earlier remarks--were hindering rather than helping ~~these~~ ^{The} Paris peace talks.

VIETNAM

On the war front--in Vietnam--the focus ^{again} shifts
~~tonight~~ to the Mekong Delta, where U.S. infantrymen
~~today~~ attacked a Viet Cong "secret zone"--deep in the
swampy jungle. The G.I.'s blazing into battle aboard
special assault boats--similar to those used in the
Florida Everglades.

To the North--~~the great city of~~ ⁱⁿ Saigon ~~suffered today~~
through ~~another siege of~~ ^{more} invasion jitters; though at last
report--~~it~~ ^{the city} was still comparatively quiet, ~~on the Saigon~~
front.

TORONTO FOLLOW VIETNAM

Toronto, Can: —

~~closer to home~~—a series of eight bomb blast ^{at} ~~today~~
~~in and around Toronto, Canada.~~ Damaging the homes of

eight top executives--of Hawker-Siddeley of Canada.

Police ^{believe} ~~theorizing~~ the bombs ~~may~~ have been set by

anti-war protestors--inasmuch as the firm builds

airplane parts for American use in Vietnam.

PRAGUE

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That planned Czech-Soviet summit meeting in Moscow--
canceled again today for the second time. Czech sources
in Prague--blaming this latest postponement on the
Kremlin, which has apparently failed--in its efforts
to pack the Czech delegation with hard-line Stalinists.

~~Indeed,~~ ^a Czech spokesman saying the Kremlin has
had no success at all--against the--quote--"unshakeable
unity" of the Czech reformists. The Czechs apparently
convinced--as were the early American patriots--that
they must "hang together--or hang separately."

MOSCOW

For the fabled Shah of Shahs--the Shah of Iran--
a thunderous welcome today in Moscow. The Shah and
his ~~lovely~~ queen--Empress Farah--stepping from their
special jet to the roar of a twenty-gun salute--also,
a brass band. Awaiting them below--Soviet President
Podgorny--^{and} ~~along with Soviet~~ Premier Kosygin.

(All in all, "a grand welcome"--said the Soviet news
agency Tass--and so it was.) The Shah's visit--at
the invitation of Russian leaders--a far cry from the
days when he was branded an "arch-reactionary."
Indeed, Tass currently calling the Shah a "progressive"--
a title on which both East and West ~~can~~ agree, for once.

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RAJASTHAN

"Poverty in the midst of plenty"--that's a phrase often used to describe the plight of American poor.

Turns out now--it's equally apt when applied to India's western desert state of Rajasthan.

As you know, ^{Most} ~~the great bulk~~ of India has just recovered from two successive years of drought, with a bumper crop this year--filling granaries across the land; everywhere--except Rajasthan--which depends solely on winter rain; of which there has been exactly none, ~~in the Rajasthan winter just ended.~~

The situation said to be especially critical-- in the once-princely city of Jaisalmer, ^{now} ~~currently~~ dependant on special water trains--to augment its dwindling water supply.

PEKING

From Peking--by way of Formosa--a report ~~today~~ that suicide in Red China is ~~rapidly~~ assuming "alarming proportions." This according to an interview with the chief of Communist Chinese secret police--published in a Red Guard magazine. The chief quoted as blaming the situation mainly --on China's "great cultural revolution" --so-called. Asserting: "It was inevitable that many people would commit suicide--to escape punishment for the crimes they committed."

However, the chief going on to say that the current suicide trend--"will seriously hamper the revolution/~~if~~ not stopped in time." Adding that party officials can cut the death rate-- if they will only "point out a new path" for potential victims.

MADISON

A novel stage production of the classic "Peter Pan"

--is reported today from the University of Wisconsin.

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This --a drama class presentation, featuring as members of Peter's merry band--six buxom coeds--nude.

A Wisconsin drama coach explaining: "It's not nudity for its own sake--it's experimental theater." However, the one-time only production--drawing at least one protest. A university official complaining: "I certainly didn't know about this--if I knew, I'd have been ^{there.} ~~there~~"

~~I knew, I'd have been there.~~

A strange era we live in,
Warren.

CARIBOU

From Alaska and the great Candian Northwest comes a progress report today--on the comeback of the caribou.

As you may have heard or read--the caribou were once nearly as plentiful as the buffalo; until they suffered very nearly the same fate--as the buffalo. Marauding bands of hunters--slaughtering literally millions of these magnificent reindeer. Forest fires and raging Arctic storms further reducing the caribou population--to little more than a quarter-of-a-million a decade ago.

Enter concerned conservationists--in the United States and Canada, ^{who must all have read that superb and thrilling book never cry wolf.} Stepping up fire control--cutting off hunting privileges, [^] these measures--coupled with a favorable weather cycle--raising the current caribou count to nearly three hundred and sixty ~~million;~~ ^{thousand;} a forty per cent increase ~~in just over ten years--~~ according to a survey by the National Georgraphic.

Better still, the caribou population explosion--

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^{to now}
1 expected to continue at a steady rate of about two per

cent a year; as once again--the caribou herds thunder

across the tundra. -- as we hope they'll
continue to thunder.