

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

What kind of place is -- Atlantic City tonight?

At least one young Democrat -- couldn't wait to get here. The President's teen-age daughter Luci, breezing in today complete with sun glasses -- and the latest thing in hair-dos; dying to get into the swim at the Convention.

And talking about swimming, we hear the Main delegation intends to caucus tomorrow morning -- at the swimming pool of the Malibu Hotel. Will some fall in as they did at the Bobby Kennedy parties?

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Tonight at the convention Maynoter Senator Pastore of Rhode Island, at his eloquent best extolled the Johnson administration -- and poked fun at his opposite number who did the keynoting at San Francisco.

CREDENTIALS

As you probably all know by now the big fight in Atlantic City today - has been about crednetials. Specifically, the credentials of the Alabama and Mississippi delegations - to be seated at the Democratic Convention.

The political logic of the whole situation - is as follows:

Alabama refused last May - to pledge its electors to support the party ticket. So the Democratic crednetials committee in Atlantic City decided to require each and every Alabama delegate - to sign the loyalty oath. That is, to pledge support for President Johnson - in November. The loyalty oath - never so far enforced since it went on the books in Nineteen Fifty Six. The Alabamians raising a storm of protest - at being asked to sign, Calling this - discrimination, Violation of - their civil rights. Most of them threatening to walk out

of the Convention - if they weren't accepted "as is."

And, expecting other Southern delegates - to follow suit.

Costing the party many votes - in the South.

The situation with regard to Mississippi is different. But, just as lively. That State as you know has come up with - two delegations. The regular delegation, And, the freedom Democratic Party, ~~which~~ which is sponsored by - civil rights groups, And, claims - about fifty thousand supporters. Each delegation demanding that it be seated - and the other thrown out.

The Democratic Convention off to an interesting start - in Atlantic City.

PLATFORM

The Democratic Platform Committee today produced and unanimously approved a plank placing main emphasis on law and order. Condemning - disregard for the rights of others, ~~When~~ Whether in the cause of obtaining or denying - equal rights. Calling for rejection of discrimination on a broad front - for all groups. Declaring that the new Civil Rights Law - must be observed by all, And - enforced effectively. The Civil Rights Plank carefully worded ~~xxxxxxx~~ to make it acceptable to - both North and South, While containing the essentials of the Democratic Party's program. Quite a tall order - for ~~the~~ ^{her} platform committee, in Atlantic City, today.

VIET NAM

The student revolt in South Viet Nam, against the regime of President Khan, rampaged through ~~21~~ Saigon and three other cities - ending up in pitched battles, between Vietnamese Catholics and Buddhists, ^{with} ~~Nearly~~ forty thousand people ~~were~~ involved.

American~~s~~ soldiers got caught up in the melee in the city of Da Nang, ~~where~~ American air power has been centered since the Gulf of ~~Tonkin~~ Tonkin crisis. The soldiers incurring the crowds' anger - when they tried to take pictures from windows of the hotel where they are billeted. An old American custom - picture taking. But the rioting mobs - didn't like it. Some warning shots were fired - reportedly by U.S. guards on the roof of the hotel..

The riots - all to protest the one-man rule of General Khan.

ROUMANIA

A dispatch from Bucharest shows how dangerous it is to overlook the personal angle - in the relations between States. We've been hearing ^{an} economic explanation of the growing split - between Russia and Roumania. The Roumanians, resentful of Khrushchev's plan - to pastoralize their country. And - so on.

Now, we hear from the Roumanian capital that the first feeling of mutual animosity - was personal. Khrushchev found that Roumanian Premier Georghii Dej wouldn't take his advice. The boss of the Kremlin then tried to purge - the Roumanian. And - failed.

According to this report, the Bucharest leader decided to stand up to Moscow - from then on. And so he was ready to meet the challenge of khrushchev's attempt to make the Roumanians the country cousins of Eastern Europe.

BRIDGE

The victims of that tragedy at Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela - were mainly teachers. Delegates to a teachers convention in Puerto Ordaz. Taking advantage of their ~~their~~ leisure to see the sights. Including that ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~Caroni~~ Caroni River as seen from the bridge.

A foot bridge, three feet wide - and one hundred feet long, spanning - the turbulent flood beneath. A favorite place for visitors - in search of excitement.

This time - more excitement - ~~that~~ than they bargained for. ^{More than} ~~One hundred~~ fifty ~~per~~ people were on the footbridge when it gave way. Splintering in the ~~middle~~ ^{then} - collapsing into the river. The sight seers ~~was~~ swept down ~~that~~ stream toward the rapids. About twenty five managed to ~~grasp~~ grab the rocks and ~~be~~ pull themselves ashore. Some thirty - either drowned or missing.

Casualties of the Caroni River - in Venezuela.

MOUNTAIN

The latest ~~mountain~~ mountain to be discovered on our planet is almost as tall as California's giant Mt. Whitney. Which means that it rises - over fourteen thousand feet.

Name - „Seamount“. And the name - tells the story. This mountain stands - on the floor of the Pacific ocean. About two ~~th~~ hundred miles - to the South of Wake Island. It was discovered by the scientists aboard the ~~an~~ laboratory ship "Pioneer" - of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.

"Seamount" - an underwater titan. Its summit , almost a mile down - in the Pacific.

BEAUTY

Now about that matter of credentials. Consider the complications ~~of~~ at another convention. In this case the delegates from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island -- all beautiful delegates. All being challenged before the Credentials Committee - the charge - they all actually live in Massachusetts - not really girls from Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The Committee had better clear this one up - in a hurry, or else most of New England will be disqualified, ~~At~~ Huntington, West Virginia. The gals from those states will be barred from the Miss United States beauty pageant - not to be confused with the Miss America event to be staged here at Atlantic City early in September when I hope the judges look with favor on my favorite ~~the~~ candidate Kathy Knight - Miss Colorado. *And now the delegate from Long Island -- Mrs. Noel.*

LOVE NOTE

I suppose you've all seen this kind of line written on a wall - John loves Mary. But suppose it was written on a wall - two hundred years ago? That's what workmen cleaning St. Paul's Cathedral in London found - engraved in the wall. So, John loves Mary - no matter what the century. The sentiment - is universal. I wonder what Christopher Wren - would think of that?