

Mon. June 19, 1972

KEY BISCAYNE

At the Florida White House - Key Biscayne - a rather special "no comment" today. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler refusing to discuss, at first - that weekend break-in at National Democratic Headquarters. When pressed though - Ziegler finally calling it "a third-rate burglary attempt." Said he: "Obviously - we don't condone that kind of activity." Further stating the President has made no inquiries into the matter - because "it is nothing he would be involved with."

Ziegler also saying: "There are certain elements who will try to stretch this matter - into something it is not." Adding: "This is something - that should not fall into the political process."

PANAMA CITY

To the North - in the Florida Panhandle -

Hurricane Agnes crashed ashore today near Panama City.

Its winds - that once hit a hundred-and-twenty miles an hour - now down to seventy-five, barely ~~weather~~ ^{hurricane force.}

1/2 But the U.S. Weather Bureau - noting that Agnes has already claimed a dozen lives, ~~Adding~~ there's still ~~a~~ danger tonight of flash flood and possible tornadoes - in Northern Florida and Southern Georgia.

A lot of water fell in the N.Y. area too - with many suburban New Yorkers unable to get to the city.

VIETNAM

U.S. troop strength in Vietnam, as of today - exactly sixty thousand, one hundred men; so announced - by the U.S. Command in Saigon; the lowest figure - in seven years. This leaving only three U.S. combat battalions - still in the war zone; two in the Da Nang area - and one around Saigon.

In the air war - a record series of strikes against the Communist North. According to a U.S. spokesman - many against surface-to-air missile sites. But it was also - said he - "a case of running into a lot of enemy targets - and just knocking the hell out of them."

MOSCOW FOLLOW VIETNAM

— new mustache and all —
Russia's President Podgorny *^* just back from Hanoi.

In an interview carried today by the Soviet news agency Tass
he was
^ accusing the U.S. of "continuing armed intervention against
the Vietnamese people;" also, pledging all "necessary aid"
to North Vietnam - to repel American aggression.

However, the rumors persist - that some sort of
Soviet-sponsored peace move may be underway. The

Communist side at Paris - at least partly responsible *for the rumor.*

They were
^ calling again for a resumption of peace talks today - even
though it said last week the next move was up to the U.S.

KENNEDY

Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts - scheduled to appear twice today on national TV. At his first stop though - again denying he was a candidate for anything. Stating flatly: "I'm not in it this year."

Kennedy also discussing the dangers ~~of~~ running for high office. Saying: "If you didn't consider the possibilities of danger - you'd be quite unrealistic." But adding: "If you became obsessed with them - you'd lose your effectiveness."

HUMPHREY FOLLOW KENNEDY

Elsewhere on the political front, Hubert Humphrey was again stressing ^{how} he's still ^{very much} in the race for the Democratic nomination; not only in it - but expecting to win it. And this - said he - by convincing the Democratic delegates - that he alone can beat President Nixon.

What about George McGovern? No way - said Humphrey. Adding that McGovern's views on a broad range of issues - are clearly "unacceptable" to vast numbers of Democrats; and thus the nomination of McGovern - said he - would lead to "electoral disaster."

NEW YORK FOLLOW HUMPHREY

If the McGovern forces were worried though - they failed to show it. Indeed ^{there is} a report ^{of} ~~today~~ the McGovern camp is conducting an extensive poll - to gauge the voter appeal of various possible running mates.

Meanwhile, McGovern himself ^{was} canceling his last scheduled campaign swing through New York. This - said he - in "sympathy" with striking airline pilots throughout the world; to help ^{as he put it to} "bring an end - to the growing epidemic of airplane sabotage and hijacking."

ATLANTA

On the Republican side - Vice President Spiro Agnew was a visitor ~~today~~ in Atlanta; ^{he was} There addressing 4 the National Convention of Jaycees, predicting a real shake-up - in the November elections. But "it won't be the system that gets it" - said he; rather, the "elitists of the new left - and their renegade followers who seek revolutionary change."

The Vice President - also attacking news coverage of the Vietnam war; especially the fact that "more and more members of the press" - have been induced "to stop using the word 'enemy'" in reference to North Vietnam. "I find it incredible" - said he - "that in a war in which thousands of Americans have fought and died - there is any difficulty in deciding who is the enemy."

UTTAR PRADESH

The death toll from three days of religious ^{rioting} ~~riots~~ in India's Uttar Pradesh State, ^{is} ~~is~~ now set at ⁺ ~~at~~ more than twenty. These including at least five - the victims of police bullets; ~~with~~ the rest ~~falling~~ in clashes between rival mobs of Hindus and Moslems.

The spark that set it ~~all~~ off - a new "open enrollment" policy at Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh University. This - heretofore, an all-Moslem ^{institution} ~~school~~.

BELFAST

In Northern Ireland - terrorist gunmen today ambushed two British Army patrols; in the process, killing one - and wounding five others. All while Catholic politicians - were meeting with Britain's William Whitelaw, trying to work out an accommodation to end the bloodshed.

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SUPREME COURT

For the major leagues' baseball players association - it's three strikes and out. The Supreme Court rejecting today - for the third time in fifty years - a challenge to baseball's controversial "reserve clause." Ruling that *While* baseball *is* big business; ^{*its*} ~~but~~ still exempt from anti-trust laws - because of its "unique characteristics and needs." Adding if there's any change in this status - it will have to originate in Congress.

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ADIRONDACKS

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From out of the past--a touch of Indian lore.
The mighty Iroquois--great hunters--once reigning
supreme in Upstate New York. ~~and~~ Then along came the
Algonquin--who were fond of munching on wild fruit.
To the Iroquois--the Algonquin promptly becoming
"Hatirontaks;" which means, literally--"they eat
trees."

~~And that~~ ^{Says} the National Geographic, ~~that's~~ ^{that's}
how the Adirondack Mountains got their name, ^{Don-} ~~and~~
~~From the Algonquin Hatirontaks!~~
~~I'd like to see somebody eat them.~~

NEW YORK

New York ~~again~~ - it's hats off today to the milliners
of America. ^{They are taking about} ~~Their annual show of ladies' toppings.~~ -

~~heralding, quote,~~ "a new and delightful sanity" in women's
hats; as demonstrated by small hats - "perfect for compact
cars;" ^{also} big fur hats ~~= perfect~~ for cold weather; an ^{in-between}
hats - perfect for every occasion.

This - according to Maybelle Hall of the Millinery
Institute - marking ^{recent} ~~the~~ the death-knell of the ^{masquerade} look.
~~of the past few years~~ ^{Says} Mrs. Hall; ~~further declaring:~~

"Fashion - is a lady again."