

NEW ORLEANS

Thursday, May 6, 1976

On the ropes just a few weeks ago - Ronald Reagan today at New Orleans was saying: "I never expected a clean sweep in Texas - I never expected the margin of victory we had in the three primaries last Tuesday. Then adding: "Frankly - now - I believe we can," win on the first ballot at Kansas.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW NEW ORLEANS

~~are~~ At The White House meanwhile ~~the~~
~~second day of an announced "reassessment" - of~~
the President's campaign strategy ^{— according to} ~~Spokesman~~ Ron
Nessen ~~insisting, however,~~ the President, too,
believes - "he can win on the first ballot ~~of~~
Kansas City/"



SALT LAKE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

~~On the Democratic side~~ Frank Church was
campaigning today in Salt Lake, - Morris Udall
~~was~~ in Detroit, ~~and~~ Edmund Brown ~~was running hard~~
in Maryland. But the man to beat remains, of course,
Jimmy Carter. ^{Says} Senator Church, ^e ~~earlier saying:~~
Since I entered the campaign seven weeks ago the
Carter snowball was turned into an avalanche.

~~at this M -~~

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill a target budget of more than four hundred and thirteen billion for fiscal seventy-seven was approved today by a House-Senate conference committee. The new figure - seventeen and a half billion more than requested by the President.

And now...

BEIRUT

A U S engineered truce in the Beirut port district - still in effect at last report; but Lebanese Moslems and Christians were again at ^{it} ~~each other's~~ ~~throats today~~ in suburban Beirut and in the mountains east of the capital; ~~and~~ ^{with} the election of a new President of ~~Lebanon~~ set for Saturday, - ^{maybe.} ~~well, it could be~~ ~~put off again.~~

NAIROBI

In the wind up to his African trip - Henry Kissinger addressing the U N conference on trade and development at Nairobi, was urging adoption of a sweeping program to combat poverty - and avert economic warfare" between rich and poor nations. This to include the creation of a new billion dollar resources bank - and a so-called "technology corps to help train third world workers.

Dr. Kissinger's speech draw warm applause. He then left for Paris - enroute home; the French delegate at Nairobi , Finance Minister Jean Pierre Fourcade says he's "opposed to setting up a billion dollar fund right away - because it might be years before it is used. Also asking, in effect, what's wrong with using the world bank - instead of a new one.

PEKING

A related item - from Peking. The U S
and Russia today ^{were} accused of trying to "sabotage
and obstruct" third world efforts to create a
new world economic order. This in an effort say
the Chinese - to "preserve the old international
economic order" of exploitation and control.

Peking adding the U S is bad enough
- but Russia is even worse. "Under the cloak
of socialism" says the Chinese attack - the Soviet
union has outstripped U S imperialism in its
perniciousness and insatiable greed;" setting new
records - for exploitation and ~~plunder~~ plunder of the
third world."

KREMLIN

From the Kremlin - a report ^{of} ~~today showing~~
a deficit of nearly five billion - ^{in last year's} ~~7~~ Soviet trade
~~last year~~ with the West. Nearly half of this said to
have come from purchases of U S grain - to make
up for a disastrous Russian wheat harvest. The
soviets adding, however, they were able to shave
the imbalance by more than a ~~billi~~ billion through
trading with other Communist ~~relations~~ nations.

STOCKHOLM

Sweden's King Carl Gustaf home again in Stockholm ^{again} was denying ~~again~~ Swedish news reports - that he acted "stiff" during his recent visit to the U S. The King saying he is by nature - "a ~~little~~ bit reserved and withdrawn." Adding, in the U S "at ~~times~~ times I was tense - but ~~stiff~~ stiff - hardly." The King also saying: Americans are tremendously spontaneous and easy going and it was easy to communicate with them. But the crush of police and reporters everywhere he went - a bit much." He was then asked if it was hard being a king. and he replied: "No" not that hard - but at times rather tricky."

TURIN

An Italian nobleman who was a hero in World War Two and later an ambassador - is under arrest today at ~~Turix~~ Turin. Edgardo Sogno accused of conspiring to kidnap Italian President Giovanni Leone - and overthrow the government. Officials saying an associate of Sogno ~~has~~ ^{and 8 others also} ~~has also been~~ arrested, ^{also} ~~and eight others, including~~ a former Italian ~~de~~ defense minister, ^{is} ~~are~~ under investigation.

How serious the alleged plot? ~~was a~~ [?] ~~subject of some controversy though.~~ (Police saying Sogno was also involved in a similar plot; ~~to overthrow the government~~ - back in Nineteen Seventy; ^{and} ~~but that one~~ cancelled ~~we are told~~ on account of rain.

VENICE

Amib Earthquake in Italy, ~~The tremor hitting~~
somewhere between Venice and the ^{Austro-}~~nearby~~ Jugoslavian
border. - ~~how bad - it's hard to say. At least one~~
~~report - telling of~~ ^{says} many ^{killed} ~~deaths~~ - much devastation.
But ~~the~~ Italian radio ^{says} ~~insisting so far - the damage was~~
only minor damage