

CHANGEOVER

Thurs. Nov. 7-68.

~~On the U.S. political scene and right around the~~  
*Here in the USA*  
~~world~~ - the big changeover begins. From his vacation

retreat at Key Biscayne, Florida - Richard Nixon today designating a liaison man with the present Johnson Administration. Franklin Lincoln Junior - a partner in the President-elect's New York law firm - also, a former Assistant Secretary of Defense; promptly starting consultations with Washington officials - pointing toward an orderly transfer of government.

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A key consideration, of course - the make-up of the new Cabinet. And what with Richard Nixon holding his own counsel as yet - the rumors were flying ~~hot and heavy~~ *around* today. Among those ~~most~~ *still* prominently mentioned - Governor Rockefeller, as a possible Secretary of Defense; - ~~William Scranton, Secretary of State~~ - Governor Romney, Secretary of Commerce; - Los Angeles District Attorney Evelle Younger, Attorney-General. Senator Hartke of Indiana going so far as

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to recommend Hubert Humphrey - for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. A move - said he - guaranteed to ensure the understanding and cooperation of the Democrats - who will control both Houses of Congress.

Meanwhile, the morning after "the morning after" - was calling forth a wide range of response from world leaders. Greek Premier George Papadopoulos, for one, expressing "supreme" pride - at the election of the Nixon-Agnew team. Pope Paul telling the President-elect - "our prayers are with you - that God may grant you abundant graces of strength and guidance - in the accomplishment of your arduous duties." *The Papal blessing.*

At the same time - in Moscow - Soviet Defense Minister Grechko delivering the main speech - at a Red Square demonstration marking the fifty-first anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. For the first time in memory - *it was* a speech totally devoid of violent anti-Americanism. While  
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in Saigon - President Thieu was inviting Richard Nixon  
to visit South Vietnam - for a personal assessment of the  
war.

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PARIS FOLLOW CHANGEOVER

*As for*

~~More on~~ the war - from Paris; ~~where~~ U.S.

negotiators reportedly met in secret today - with  
representatives of Hanoi; trying to get expanded peace  
talks off the ground - hopefully, with Saigon participation.

As of now - Averell Harriman, <sup>*we hear is*</sup> ~~supposedly~~ still  
carrying the ball for the U.S.; <sup>*with*</sup> ~~however~~ a team of Nixon  
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will <sup>*fly over -*</sup> ~~soon pay visit~~ to Paris.

KEY BISCAIYNE FOLLOW PARIS

*However*  
~~Be that as it may~~ Nixon headquarters *at Key Biscayne*  
~~ed~~ *that* announcing tonight the President-elect will not  
travel abroad before his inauguration; ~~will not travel~~ *— that is not*  
~~abroad~~ unless President Johnson feels it will increase  
the chances of peace.

PHNOM PENH FOLLOW SAIGON

~~A related item~~ - From Phnom Penh, ~~in neighboring~~  
Cambodia: - ~~where~~ Prince Norodom Sihanouk today offered  
to free eleven Americans - who strayed accidentally into  
Cambodian waters last July. However, <sup>in return</sup> the Prince, asking,  
<sup>for a public</sup> ~~in return~~ promise from President Johnson, <sup>a promise to do</sup> ~~that he will do~~  
all in his power <sup>to</sup> stop U.S. bombing attacks on Cambodian  
border areas.

AN KHE

The more things change - the more they remain the same. Latest proof - from An Khe in Vietnam - headquarters of the Hundred-and-Seventy-Third Airborne Brigade; where every new arrival - gets a copy of "Rogers' Rangers' Standing Orders." This a primer for guerilla warfare - composed by famed American Indian-fighter Robert Rogers way back in Seventeen-Fifty-Nine.

Just as appropriate now as they were then - Rogers' Orders telling U.S. troopers to sneak up on the enemy - the same as "if you were sneaking up on a deer." Also advising: "If we take prisoners - keep 'em separate so they can't cook up a story between 'em." Most important - according to Rogers' Orders - "don't ~~never~~ take a chance you don't have to - and don't forget nothing."

PENTAGON FOLLOW PHNOM PENH

Here at home again ~~another draft call today from~~

the Pentagon <sup>was</sup> calling for the induction of nearly twenty-  
seven thousand men <sup>25,000 more for</sup> ~~during~~ the month of January. Highest  
quota of any month - since ~~was~~ last May. Nearly three times  
the current November figure, ~~which represents an eighteen-~~  
~~month low.~~

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had only prescribed their drugs, <sup>this</sup> by generic names rather  
than brand names, <sup>they would have saved</sup>  
41,000,000 bucks.



WASHINGTON

Just out tonight - a government study on the cost of prescription drugs. A study covering one hundred and seventy-five million prescriptions - written for elderly people in Nineteen-Sixty-Six. Part of an effort to determine the feasibility - of placing such items under Medicare.

Perhaps the most surprising result though - a finding that these older people could have saved some <sup>dollars</sup> Forty-One Million in prescription costs, if their doctors had only prescribed <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>their</sup> drugs. By generic names, rather than <sup>by</sup> brand names, <sup>— these elderly people —</sup> they would have saved 41,000,000 bucks.

NEW YORK

A visitor today to New York - famed British author J. B. Priestley, <sup>Who complains that</sup> ~~Discussing among other things - sleep -~~ <sup>here in New York,</sup> ~~or lack of same.~~ It's "difficult to sleep here" ~~- said he -~~

<sup>0 1/2</sup> ~~because~~ "There are so many people pinched into a cube; people above us and below us - on all sides of us;" sending "signals flying in every direction - keeping us awake," <sup>so says Priestley. Adding that</sup>

~~Indeed,~~ the "big city is modern man's greatest mistake;" ~~- said J. B. Priestley. Going on to assert that~~

Cities ~~are~~ now so big they're unmanageable" <sup>and</sup> ~~size,~~ "all but bankrupt." <sup>will talk</sup> ~~And still the~~ buildings <sup>and up.</sup> ~~keep going up,~~ ~~said~~

~~He~~ <sup>s</sup> ~~Predicting a day eventually~~ <sup>out</sup> ~~when~~ city buildings will rise millions of feet into the air - "with no one ~~living~~ in them."

<sup>He</sup> ~~J. B. Priestley~~ is also fascinated by American women - <sup>aren't we all!</sup> ~~But he says~~ ~~it turns out.~~ The writer noting that New York "is full of

rich widows - walking grimly down the street." ~~However, it's~~ Warren, ~~could hardly be~~ <sup>could hardly be</sup> ~~ing his eye on~~ ~~a mistake - he contends - "to think that America is a~~

<sup>1/4</sup> ~~the wrong women,~~ ~~Warren.~~

NOUMEA

At the city of Noumea - New Caledonia - a meeting today of the South Pacific Commission. Chief topic for discussion - how to attract tourists to that remote corner of the globe. With Western airlines and business interests - presenting plans for the possible construction of modern jet airports - ~~complete~~ with ~~brand~~ new skyscraper hotels.

Among the delegates though - at least one holdout. Premier Albert Henry of the Cook Islands asserting flatly:

"We will build nothing on any of our islands - that will go higher than a coconut tree." Reason - said Premier Henry:

"If we hide the coconut trees - it will not be an island anymore."

*Hear! Hear! Henry - and  
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