

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - '72

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At Sioux Falls, South Dakota, today George McGovern, after a first full night's sleep in weeks, said he would never run for president again. Adding emphatically: "I really mean it."

As to what went wrong - why the number one political debacle in American history? That will be argued for years. McGovern's campaign director, Frank Mankiewicz, summed it up - saying: "We were overwhelmed - nothing would have made a difference."

NEW YORK - FOLLOW SIOUX FALLS

Next question: in seventy-six who will the Democratic standard bearer be? Some of the speculation of course centers on Ted Kennedy; but some say Connally of Texas to rebuild the party.

Said Mayor Lindsay of New York: "I got washed out so badly in Florida and Wisconsin, if I said 'yes' I'd run' no one would believe me, including my wife, my four children and my three friends."

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House today - in the wake of President Nixon's <sup>operational</sup> ~~historically unprecedented~~ landslide victory - a "new beginning." The President meeting with <sup>his close</sup> ~~his close~~ <sup>associates</sup> ~~associates~~ with key aides <sup>as well as</sup> ~~as well as~~ "cabinet members and ~~the~~ heads of federal agencies." <sup>According to</sup> ~~Discussing - in the words of~~ Press Secretary Ron Ziegler <sup>they</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>were discussing</sup> "personnel and operation of government;" also, passing the word that all executive appointees - are expected to submit their resignations "in the near future."

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Ziegler <sup>further</sup> ~~further~~ telling newsmen: "I think you can anticipate significant reorganization of the White House and the government - in the next term." You might ~~even~~ call it a "shake up" - he <sup>said</sup> ~~went~~ <sup>on</sup> - but a shake up "in a positive way." "The President feels" - <sup>he went</sup> ~~he went~~ <sup>on</sup> - <sup>CM: -</sup> ~~said he~~ - "that many more things can be done effectively and effeciently."

HAIG FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

On another front, the President today dispatched to Vietnam - General Alexander Haig, who serves as Chief Aide to Henry Kissinger. The General to confer with President Thieu: <sup>quote</sup> "on the progress of peace negotiations - and make a general assessment of the situation in Vietnam."

<sup>As far</sup> ~~And now the latest:~~ <sup>Nixon, he is</sup> the President flying to Key Biscayne - for a few days of rest and relaxation; <sup>also</sup> ~~there,~~ too, to continue ~~the~~ deliberations <sup>that</sup> we're told ~~- that~~ will help him "to organize his second term."

REACTION FOLLOW HAIG

Meanwhile, the reaction to the President's record win -  
continued to echo and re-echo today, <sup>both</sup> here at home - and right  
around the globe.

The President himself <sup>as you would expect</sup> calling his triumph - "the best one  
of all." First Lady Pat Nixon - saying she was "happy, proud and  
excited." <sup>IP as far</sup> ~~while~~ <sup>he was</sup> AFL-CIO President George Meany <sup>λ</sup> saying the voters  
have "overwhelmingly repudiated neo-isolationism." Adding: "they  
have spoken in a loud and clear voice - they have shown that they  
want peace in Vietnam, but not surrender and not dishonor."

PARIS - KREMLIN FOLLOW REACTION

Overseas, the Communist side at Paris peace talks - was again  
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accusing/President of stalling on a cease-fire. Also, saying the  
U.S. election - was strictly an internal affair.

But elsewhere in Europe, Asia and Africa - the President's  
victory was widely acclaimed. With even the Kremlin - sending  
along it's official congratulations. <sup>Even</sup> ~~And~~ the Communist Party  
newspaper in Hungary - observing that "peace in Vietnam never seemed  
as near as it does now."

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS - KREMLIN

Perhaps nowhere though was the President's victory more welcome - than it was in Saigon. South Vietnam Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam saying: "We are sure we will have a very good friend - in the person of President Nixon." Adding: "This is a very happy day - not only for the American people but also the Vietnamese people."

DENVER FOLLOW NEW

*In addition to the various races decided yesterday - a long list of referendums were also on the ballot. In California, for example, the voters approving a reinstatement of the death penalty- for certain "heinous" crimes. Also, voting two to one - against the legalization of marijuana.*

*Here in Colorado - the voters cutting off all state funds - for the Nineteen Seventy-Six Winter Olympics. Lake Placid, New York, site of the Nineteen-Thirty-Two Olympica, wants it; but it my go to Europe where the only likely countries who would be eligible are Italy, Switzerland, and Norway. Richard Goodwin, head of the <sup>Colorado</sup> committee ~~adding~~ adding sadly: "The voters did a very, very foolish thing - but I can't find it in me to work against the mandate of the people." I'm in Colorado tonight and without exception everyone I've met is in a state of shock. They fought for it. They got - and now look what has happened? Some say maybe Uncle Sam would like to take it on - maybe for the*



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*fabulous Mineral King area in the High Sierra.*

BEGICH - BOGGS

I've just come from Alaska where every airman - and most Alaskans are - have given up hope for the two Congressmen, Hale Boggs and Nick Begich, now missing for three weeks. I flew over the mountains where they might have gone down; once in a small plane with Lowell, Junior. ~~Even so,~~ <sup>Well,</sup> Nick Begich has been re-elected. And down in Louisiana - the same for House Majority Leader Hale Boggs. The second time in history, I believe, for Congressmen presumed dead, to be re-elected.

SPOCK

A final note on the election - from Dr. Benjamin Spock; who ran for president - as the candidate of the People's Party. Dr. Spock admits he garnered only a handful of votes - twenty-one thousand out of seventy-two million.

"But - we're not discouraged" - said he. Adding: "if you really stop to think about it - we only carried two less states than McGovern."  
How's that for optimism, John? Bill?

BELLA - FOLLOW DENVER

And then there was New York's Bella Abzug - like a phoenix risen from the ashes, winning re-election to Congress. When it was suggested she might care to pay a visit to local McGovern headquarters, since she had been a staunch McGovern supporter, Bella replied, "A victory doesn't go to a funeral." And so long until tomorrow.

*First, a special salute to CBS Radio  
affiliate W N A X at Yankton, South Dakota - today  
celebrating it's Fiftieth Anniversary on the air.*

*And now the news.....*