

There's speculation tonight about a possible new development in the Paris peace talks. Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger is due to arrive in Saigon tomorrow for talks with South Vietnamese President Thieu. Kissinger's sudden departure for Saigon comes after a series of meetings with North Vietnam's top negotiators in Paris, one of whom - Le Duc Tho - is reported to be himself flying to Hanoi tomorrow morning. Paris observers see the possibility of important new developments in the near simultaneous departures of Kissingers and Tho. Senator George McGovern, campaigning in Ohio today, said he has rejected Kissinger's offer for a secret briefing on the peace negotiations - adding that he had talked to Kissinger a number of times but McGovern said he could learn more from a good newsman than from the White House. On another subject, McGovern admitted that former Attorney General Ramsay Clark may have made a mistake in

"judgement and taste" by criticizing U-S policy while on a visit to Hanoi. But he still regards Clark as the kind of man he'd like to have in his cabinet.

POLITICS

In Miami Beach, Defense Secretary Laird urged the G-O-P platform committee to reject what he called "Democratic policies of planned weakness, white flag waving and unilateral disarmament." In another action, conservative Republicans offered what was termed a "compromise" plan to revise delegate voting strength at the upcoming convention - but liberals promptly rejected the proposal - calling it unfair to the big states with urban populations. For the most part, however, harmony was the rule - except for the efforts of California Congressman Paul McCloskey who wants his name placed in nomination for the presidency to prevent what he calls - "a convention coronation of President Nixon."

McCloskey - you'll recall - was an early primary challenger of the president - until he ran out of money - and votes.

CAPITOL

In Washington, a Federal judge reversed a court order that was blocking the construction of that multi-BILLION-dollar oil pipeline across Alaska - but appeals will probably send the case to the Supreme Court.

And the House, by unanimous vote, approved one-and-a-half-BILLION dollars in disaster relief for victims of tropical storm Agnes. That measure now goes to the Senate.

AUTOS

President Nixon is asking the auto industry to hold the line against any price increases for Nineteen-Seveny-Three models - increases sought by the industry to cover the cost of installing new safety equipment required by the government. The requested boost in prices by the Big Three automakers would average between eighty-five and ninety dollars a car.

ULSTER

Police in Belfast are quoted as saying that a gang of psychopathic killers - known as "the animals" - may be cruising about strife-town Northern Ireland murdering both Catholics and Protestants indiscriminately. They say the gang could be responsible for as many as forty murders during the past six weeks. Said one policemen - "Some of these have all the earmarks of thrill killings - something only a gang of psychopaths would do."

CHESS (WITH THOMAS TAPE)

Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky resumed their world championship chess match in Reykjavik, Iceland, today amid new extra-curricular fireworks. Hardly had the game begun did Bobby jump from his chair to make another protest about playing conditions, though he returned to the chess table after an animated conversation with an official. And just before the game began, movie director Chester Fox announced that he plans to sue Fischer for - in his words - "every cent we can lay our hands on" - because Fischer would NOT allow filming of the match on closed circuit television. Fox says he has a legal and binding contract to do just that.

Today's fourteenth game incidentally ended with Fischer still holding a three game lead. Next game - Thursday.

The chess match recently had a distinguished world traveler in the spectators gallery - Lowell Thomas -

and he tells us about it. Lowell...

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OUTCUE: So Long...

BABIES

Under Italian law, women cannot be placed under arrest if they are pregnant - or, if they are caring for a baby less than six months old. The Italian police knew that - and so did thirty-eight-year-old Mrs. Nunzia Federico who - over the past thirteen years - gave birth to ten children to avoid arrest on charges of selling contraband cigarettes in the city of Naples. Finally, however, her immunity came to an end when she could NO longer produce a medical certificate, verifying that she was once again pregnant, and the police closed in with a warrant. Her case was unusual, but hardly unique for in recent years several women in Naples have given birth to large families to avoid going to jail - though none raised as many children as Signore Federico.

Now for Lowell Thomas - so long until tomorrow.