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With the Republican National Convention now a matter of history -- the shift ^{of course} is on this week. No less than four Democratic hopefuls -- trying to write a little history of their own today -- in advance of that upcoming Democratic caucus.

Perhaps the biggest news -- from pre-convention headquarters in Chicago, where Humphrey and McCarthy supporters alike -- vowed today to support a racially-integrated Mississippi delegation. A so-called "rump" delegation -- attempting to unseat the regular party organization from that state.

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Meanwhile, ^{while} in Los Angeles -- McCarthy ^{was} saying it would be a "personal and political tragedy" if violence should erupt during the Chicago convention. In New York -- McGovern calling racism -- "at least as great a threat to the nation" as the Vietnam war. In Savannah -- ^{Gov.} Maddox

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saying he might HAVE to run -- in order to keep the Democrats from adopting "the Communist platform."

Robert Murphy

Nixon -- the primary target of the attack -- saying he will refuse to "sell out South Vietnam." By this statement -- said he -- Nixon showed the leadership to consider the southern part of our nation -- as its own personal property. It also indicates -- said he -- that Nixon is prepared to "perpetuate the division of Vietnam; and our presence in South Vietnam is a neocolonial military base of the United States."

As for Robert Murphy -- Nixon taking exception to his recent statements -- that point is Vietnam was closer than ever before. He called the Vice President's remark "insulting." Adding that as far as Nixon is concerned -- Robert Murphy and LBJ are the same. He has already criticized and condemned the policies of both -- said he.

PARIS

Hanoi looks at Campaign Sixty-Eight. The story --
from Paris; where North Vietnam's Nguyen Than Le was
taking verbal cracks today -- at Richard Nixon -- ^{and - at} ~~also,~~
Hubert Humphrey.

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he will refuse to "sell out South Vietnam." "By this
statement" -- ^{Nguyen Than Le} said ~~he~~ -- "Nixon showed the impudence to
consider the southern part of our nation -- as his own
personal property." It also indicates -- said Le -- that
Nixon is prepared to "perpetuate the division of Vietnam;
and thus preserve the South -- as a neocolonial military
base of the United States."

As for Hubert Humphrey -- Hanoi taking exception to
his recent statement -- that peace in Vietnam was closer
than ever before. Le calling the Vice President's remark
-- "inexact." Adding that as far as Hanoi is concerned --
Hubert Humphrey and LBJ are ^{one} ~~two~~ and the same. "We have
already criticized and condemned" the policies of both --
said he.

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

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Meanwhile, a massive U.S. bombing attack today -- on the southern panhandle of Vietnam. With a flight of big B-Fifty-Twos -- pounding enemy troop concentrations just across the D.M.Z. Amid reports from Saigon -- that this might be the final thrust before a complete bombing halt over the Communist North.

Here at home though -- the speculation quickly ^{is} laid to rest. White House Press Secretary George Christian saying the President "has made quite clear" -- the U.S. position with regard to a bombing halt. Christian adding that "as of now" -- that ^{position} ~~policy~~ remains unchanged.

WALTER REED FOLLOW WALTER REED

From Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington -- the best possible news today. Doctors reporting that former President Eisenhower has now passed -- "the immediate ² critical period" following his most recent heart attack. Adding that the seventy-seven-year-old General -- "continues to show satisfactory progress; he is no longer requiring oxygen -- has continued free of pain -- and his spirits are excellent."

All of which means that Ike has successfully cleared -- his first major hurdle ² on the road to recovery.

SAN ANTONIO FOLLOW WALTER REED

For President Johnson -- another brief visit today to the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. The President completing a series of X-ray tests -- to determine the extent of his diverticulosis. With copies of the X-rays to be sent to the President's two personal physicians -- for comparison with previous films of the trouble-spot.

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~~Outside of this" -- said White House Press Secretary George Christian -- "there is nothing else to report."~~

JERUSALEM

The place -- a little-used ^{Israeli} air strip in ^{Upper} ~~Northern~~

~~Galilee.~~
~~Israel.~~

With farm worker Yossi Yitzhak -- watching in wonderment; as a pair of Russian-made Migs dropped from the sky -- making a perfect landing.

As Yitzhak later told the story -- he ^{ran up} ~~rushed out~~ to the planes and one of the pilots got out. The airman asking in Arabic: "Is this Lebanon?" The farmer replying: "No, you're in Israel." At which both flyers -- ~~are~~ said to have turned "white with shock."

Turns out -- the planes and pilots were from Syria. On a routine training flight -- when they got lost in bad weather and ^{apparently} ran out of fuel. Whatever the cause of their arrival though -- the gift from on high more than welcome in Jerusalem; as a possible means of getting back that Arab-hijacked El Al Airliner -- still held in Algiers.

FORT LAUDERDALE

Here's one--a tale of deep-down adventure. In the Gulf Stream--off Fort Lauderdale--Navy diving instructor Bob Croft today setting a new world free-dive record. Plunging to a depth of two hundred and forty feet--without diving gear. Total elapsed time--two minutes and twenty-six seconds.

Later, when he had caught his breath--Bob Croft telling reporters this best of all dives may also have been his last dive. "I've had it--this was my last attempt"--said he. Adding: "Whoever wants to top this--I'll be the first to congratulate him."

CAPE HATTERAS

At the National Hurricane Center in Miami -- it was
"Hello Dolly" today. The season's fourth tropical storm
-- springing into life from a tropical depression off Cape
Hatteras. Navy reconnaissance indicating ^a rapid build-up
-- expected to reach full hurricane-strength by late tonight.
Luckily though -- Dolly is currently headed east-by-
northeast. Director Robert Simpson of the Hurricane Center
reporting: "There's nothing in her ^gunsights now --
except ships at sea."

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ALTA VISTA

America's vaunted "power of the press" -- the root cause of a civic crisis today; in the little town of Alta Vista, Iowa -- population two^{-hundred-and-}seventy.

It all started with an editorial -- in the local "Altavistan." Businessman-journalist E. J. Weber -- complaining about litter in the streets. Also charging laxity -- in traffic regulation. Whereupon the town maintenance man -- the town's only full-time employe -- suddenly quit his job; followed by the mayor -- and then all five town councilmen.

In response -- Weber saying today: "I regret this whole thing -- it has zoomed way out of proportion."

Webster's critics, in turn -- implying an "arrogance of power." And so -- a wistful vista tonight -- in Alta Vista, Iowa.

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BIKINI

World-famed Bikini Atoll -- the site of more than twenty nuclear tests in the forties and fifties -- is once more safe for human habitation. This according to a report from Interior Secretary Udall -- made public today at the Texas White House. A report based on scientific studies -- showing minimal residual radiation.

Udall going on to say the way is now clear -- for several hundred displaced Bikinians to return home from neighboring islands. Perhaps within the year -- if all goes as planned. Udall explaining the returnees will need housing -- a school -- a dispensary; also water collection facilities -- and other public works. But once these are completed -- Bikini will live again.