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Good Evening Everybody:

President Johnson today eliminated six men from consideration as his vice presidential running mate.

And, he named them: At the head of the list is Robert

F. Kennedy. The others, Defense Secretary McNamara,

U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, Peace Corps Director

Sargent Shriver, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, and

Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman.

Who does that leave besides New York's Mayor Wagner? The President says he is still considering the matter, and will make his selection known in due course. So, let's all start guessing again!

## VIETNAM

*The battle now going on in South Viet Nam, north of Saigon, is described as one of the biggest of the war. Raging for three days, both sides are throwing in reinforcements, and on both sides many casualties. At least three hundred Red Guerrillas killed by planes and artillery. The Vietnamese - about half that number, including one American officer. The outcome of the battle is said to be in doubt - tonight.*

## CASTRO

*Vincentina Antuna - sounds like the heroine of a Victorian novel. But Vincentina Antuna is described as an old guard Cuban Red - in charge of the Havana Cultural Council. Now, given the boot - by the bearded one because she sided with the hard core communists when they tried to undermine Castro's authority. Vincentina Antuna no longer Fidel's bosom companion.*

*Meanwhile, another lady who has managed to escape from Cuba, Juana Castro terming her brother's island - "A vast prison," - today was granted political asylum in Mexico. The Mexican government convinced that her life would be in danger if they sent her back.*

## RANGER

America's moon probe is reported making a bee-line - for where it's due to hit the lunar surface. No need to tell the instruments - to point the cameras at the moon because they are on target - already, and will be triggered into action tomorrow as the capsule approaches its destination. Whereupon the scientists hope to be receiving photographs during the final period of this space flight, until Ranger Seven plunges into the dust - or whatever it is that covers the surface of the moon.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

*The lines are clear tonight - following the Negro summit conference in New York. Roy Wilkins and his colleagues formulated a definite policy - for this election year. No more street demonstrations - until after November third. Reason - fear of creating a "white backlash" that would throw votes to Goldwater.*

*However the militant local leaders are saying no moratorium for them. In New York, Milton Galamison accuses the national leaders - of "poor judgment". In Little Rock, Arkansas, Albert Bagby says he'll decide - "on the basis of the local situation." And in Cairo, Egypt, Malcolm X is calling for - "continued action, right now."*

*Which way - will the majority of negroes go? The guessing is that they'll follow their national leaders - put the demonstration in abeyance - until the nation has elected a President.*

BOHEMIAN GROVE - DON STEWART

*There have been stories on the press wires saying that GOP candidate Barry Goldwater would be spending part of this week in a Redwood Forest a hundred miles north of San Francisco, on the Russian River. Off and on during the past twenty five years I have spent the last two weeks of July here where I am tonight, in the Redwoods. Each day I come out of the Bohemian Grove just long enough to do this broadcast, because it's a place where cameras and radios are not allowed.*

*Just what is the Bohemian Grove and why should Senator Goldwater be coming here this afternoon?*

*That's difficult to explain. One of the most famous of university presidents was Nicholas Murray Butler, Legendary head of Columbia, who came here every summer as did President Hoover who is now so much missed out here by his friends. President Eisenhower and his son John have been with us, and there's an unconfirmed*

report that Mr. Truman will be arriving today or tomorrow; also British Prime Minister Lord Home. Attorney General Kennedy just left us. That's the way it is every summer, for these two weeks.

It all started with a San Francisco club whose high spirited members long ago decided to save this particular Redwood Forest from being cut down. Ever since then club members and guests have come here for an encampment that is quite impossible to describe. At the moment there are some seventeen or eighteen hundred of us in camps in the valley here on the Russian River and on the sides of the valley - one hundred and thirty-three separate camps.

Here's what the eloquent Nicholas Murray Butler said about it: "... a place beyond compare in all this world. It is no exaggeration to say that not since Ancient Greece has there ever been such a whole-souled and truly human devotion, on the part of a large

*group drawn from every walk in life, to all that is best in that life, including the human relationships, letters and fine arts . . . . It is one place in the world where a man counts for nothing but what he really is. And it's motto is: "Weaving spiders come not here."*

*I only wish that Senator Goldwater could have been here earlier in the week to have met another jet pilot. I was tapped to preside at one affair. I wanted a friend to come out from New York and sing a song. Don Stewart until recently was in command of one of those big super jet bombers of the strategic air command. Recently he has been singing in musical shows in New York -- Camelot and others. As a reserve officer he is now flying hot fighter jets, and, flew one here from the Atlantic coast. Out and back - some six-thousand miles - to sing a song. Jet pilot Barry Goldwater would have gotten a thrill out of jet pilot Don Stewart.*



RHODESIA

THE WITCH DOCTOR OF RHODESIA TURNS OUT TO BE A - LADY.  
SO SAYS A DISPATCH FROM LUSAKA.

LENSHINA, CORCERESS OF THE LUMPAS, HAS TWELVE APOSTLES.  
WORKS HER FOLLOWERS INTO A FRENZY WITH INCANTATIONS. AND ISSUES  
PASSPORTS TO HEAVEN - FOR ALL CASUALTIES OF HER HOLY WAR. SO FAR  
HER FORCES HAVE ~~DESTROYED~~ DESTROYED THIRTY FIVE VILLAGES, KILLING  
MANY VILLAGERS. TROOPS FROM NAIROBI HAVE BEEN SENDING QUITE A  
FEW LUMPAS TO HEAVEN. BUT THEIR FEMALE LEADER - SHE HAS  
DISAPPEARED \_\_\_ INTO THE BUSH. WITH A PRICE ON HER HEAD, DICK --  
A THOUSAND POUNDS FOR THE LUMPA SORCERESS OF RHODESIA.

## SWEEPSTAKES

IS MRS. DENTON LEASH - OF SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE, THE LUCKIEST LADY IN AMERICA? COULD BE.

BACK IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, MRS. LEASH BOUGHT A TICKET IN THE IRISH SWEEPSTAKES, AND WON - THIRTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE - AN ENCORE, TWELVE HUNDRED MORE.

MRS. LEASH, THE GAMBLING WIDOW, DECIDED TO TAKE A CHANCE - ON THE NEW NEW HAMPSHIRE SWEEPSTAKES. AND <sup>holds</sup> ~~HELD~~ ONE OF THE HUNDRED AND SIXTY SIX TICKETS DRAWN LAST NIGHT. HER POSSIBLE WINNINGS - ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. ~~NO-MATTER~~ WHATEVER HAPPENS, SHE'LL GET A CUT. THE LUCKY LADY OF SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE.