

The Senate today was taking up a proposal by Senator McGovern himself; a proposal to cut President Nixon's defense budget - by four billion this year. Taking it up - and turning it down flat. The McGovern measure - failing by a vote of fifty-nine to thirty-three.

This the first legislative test - of one of McGovern's major campaign issues. The Democratic nominee argued passionately in favor of the cut. Senator Eagleton doing the same. All - to no avail.

EAGLETON FOLLOW MCGOVERN

As for Thomas Eagleton - he formally withdrew from the race today. This - in a letter to the Democratic National Committee. With the Senator saying as he signed the document: "There is no rancor in my heart." His decision to pull out was a "joint decision" - said he; one that was made - "in the higher interest of the party."

MCGOVERN

The big question in Washington and right around the country: who will it be? Who does George McGovern want - as his new running mate? The answer to this may come later tonight - in a nationwide broadcast. McGovern saying he plans to make, quote, - "a major announcement."

In the meantime, a member of McGovern's staff - was saying the field has now been narrowed to six. These said to include past Democratic National Chairman Lawrence O'Brien, Kennedy in-law Sargent Shriver, Governor Lucey of Wisconsin, Senator Muskie of Maine, Senator Nelson of Wisconsin - and Senator Church of Idaho.

ANDERSON

Almost incidentally - another meeting today between Senator Eagleton and newspaper columnist Jack Anderson; with the latter again apologizing - for those drinking charges he leveled against the senator last week. Said Anderson: "I think the story did damage to the Senator - and I owe him a great and humble apology."

Next - Eagleton's turn. The Senator calling Anderson - a "distinguished journalist" and "a man of candor." Also saying - he was "very pleased with the statement Anderson made." Adding with finality: "The book is now closed."

NEW DELHI

After weeks of heated debate marked at times by near-bedlam - the Indian Parliament finally today approved that Simla Pact. The vote, what's more - virtually unanimous; with half-a-dozen Hindu Nationalist Jansangh party members, who stoutly opposed the Pact - in the end, refusing to take part in the tally.

As you know, the government of Pakistan - similarly ratifying the Simla Agreement more than two weeks ago; and so the final denouement - to the fierce fourteen-day war last year between India and Pakistan, when the Indian Army overwhelmed the Pakistanis, and a new nation emerged in Bengal.

TOKYO

From Tokyo - an announcement today that Japan will launch next year - an attempt to build the world's first nuclear-powered steel mill. This by means of an initial allocation of twenty-five million - for research and development; with test operations - expected to begin in about three years.

The main attraction of such a mill - said a Japanese spokesman - that it will be perfectly "clean;" bypassing the use of coal and oil as fuels - also, eliminating the use of blast furnaces and open hearths. Pittsburgh will be taking note of this. Sometimes it pays to lose a war.

PARIS

At Paris - Henry Kissinger tries again. The President's top foreign policy adviser - meeting in secret today with North Vietnamese peace negotiators. So announced - by the White House. Another attempt - we are told - to get the peace talks off dead-center.

The results of the Kissinger quest are not disclosed. The White House saying only: "We expect Doctor Kissinger - to return to Washington tonight."

SAIGON

In Saigon - South Vietnam's Thieu was warning today - against the possibility of a cease-fire between the U.S. and North Vietnam alone. Saying that such an event - would pose a "great danger for South Vietnam."

Thieu also saying: "There is only one way to force the North Vietnamese to talk seriously - and that is to destroy North Vietnam;" a job that will take - "six or seven more months" - said he; thereby paving the way for a cease fire - "for all of Indo-China."

BIEN HOA FOLLOW SAIGON

Meanwhile, the big allied Bien Hoa Air Base outside Saigon - was receiving today its heaviest Communist shelling of the war; a seventy round rocket barrage - killing at least two and wounding about forty.

In the air war to the north - U.S. Navy jets were hitting a major Communist shipyard at Haiphong; the first time - we're told - that such a facility has ever been hit.

BATON ROUGE

Baton Rouge - Governor Edwards of Louisiana keeps it "all in the family." The Governor today appointing his wife, Elaine - to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Ellender. Edwards calling said appointment - "a meaningful but symbolic gesture;" one "that would indicate" said he - "my feeling that women are too little involved in public affairs."

The Governor however also saying he wanted to appoint someone - who would not use the job for personal or political gain; someone who would be willing to resign - following the election of a new Senator next fall. His wife - said he - agreeing to do just that.

CHICAGO

Offered "for sale" today by the University of Chicago - nearly four-thousand tons of reinforced concrete blocks loaded with steel pellets. These originally used for shields against radioactivity at the University's Enrico Fermi Institute. But now - no longer needed.

Officials stressing, however - it has to be a "cash and carry" deal. Each of the blocks - weighing about eighty tons. But just the thing - we are told for building perhaps a breakwater; or maybe for archaeologists - "so they can practice building pyramids." If you bought an 80 ton block how would you move it away? Warren?

Don?

BERKELEY

From the University of California at Berkeley comes a study today - thirty-seven years in the making; a study starting out with a group of seemingly typical teen-agers - and following them on into adulthood; all - in the hope of better understanding what excessive drinking will do to you.

And now - the results: Professor Emeritus Mary Cover Jones reporting that potential alcoholics - can be identified as early as junior high school age. How so? By their personality traits - says Mrs. Jones. Observing that boys who tend to become problem drinkers - are those who place too ~~much~~^{much} emphasis on masculinity; while girls with the same tendency - are likely to be "depressed, self-negating and distrustful."

Mrs. Jones adding that her marathon studies - may point the way to new mental health approaches; and thus hopefully, earlier treatment of potential alcoholics - before it's too late.