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Sirhan Bishara Sirhan pleads not guilty in the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Richard M. Nixon clings to his position as the strong favorite to win the Republican presidential nomination this week. It is reported that he is working his nomination speech.

In Miami, Republican leaders line-up in support of a new party platform - a platform that pledges to pursue peace negotiations and will not accept a "camouflaged surrender," and will build up the South Vietnamese forces so there can be a "de-Americanization" of the conflict.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower suffers his sixth heart attack - and doctors describe his condition as serious, but stable.

Republican Convention - Miami Beach - Richard M. Nixon is nominated for President by the Republicans on their first ballot, despite an earlier try to prevent the nomination by runners-up Nelson Rockefeller and Ronald Reagan. At his acceptance speech, Nixon pledges the end of the Vietnam War and promised a tough approach to crime and lawlessness. The voting tally: Nixon - 692 ... Nelson Rockefeller - 277 ... Ronald Reagan - 182. 667 votes were needed for victory. It's an amazing comeback for Nixon, who was defeated for President in 1960 and for the governorship of California in 1962. After that defeat, he was considered by most to be washed-up in politics.



Nixon astounds the political world and raises all sorts of questions about Republican campaign strategy by picking Maryland's Gov. Spiro T. Agnew as his running mate. In his acceptance speech, Nixon pledged an all-out war on crime, lawlessness and disorder.

Strange story - A North Central airliner with 11 persons aboard collides with a private plane over southeastern Wisconsin, then flies 20 miles to a safe landing with the smaller plane and its three dead passengers embedded in the airliner's forward compartment. There was one minor injury on the airliner. Passengers on

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the plane did not panic.



The **average Miss or Mrs. America** 1968 is 5 feet 4 1/2 tall, weighs 126 pounds and measures 35 1/4-26-36 1/2. Compare that with her turn-of-the-century counterpart at 5 foot 2, 114 pounds with measurements of 33 3/10-24-36.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission announces tighter rules on job advertisements in newspapers, banning male and female classified column headings after Dec 1. The Commission held that listing jobs in columns under separate male and female headings violates the 1964 Civil Rights Act because it discriminates on the basis of sex. Help wanted advertisements in the future must be listed under occupational categories.

Greenwich Village happenings -

Jerry Jeff Walker, David Steinberg - at the Bitter End Cafe
Mort Sahl, Arthur Prysock - Village Gate

Movie news - "**Rosemary's Baby**" is banned in Rutland, Vermont. Mayor Harold Nichols says pressure from two unnamed persons was brought on theater manager Edwin Morgan, who responded by banning the film unless another movie house within 25 miles shows it. Nichols said the anonymous protesters called him last week and objected to the film because of a nude scene in which witches meet.



Beatles news - The Rank Organization, which controls more than 300 movie theaters throughout Britain, cuts plans to further screen "Yellow Submarine," saying its box office take, has fallen below expectations.



Music news - **Lalo Schifrin**, best known as the composer of "Mission: Impossible." has another album out - "There's A Whole Lalo Schifrin Goin' On." Schifrin was born in Argentina, the son of the concertmaster of the Buenos Aires philharmonic. He began studying classical music at an early age and switched interest to jazz when he was 17. In 1956, he was discovered by Dizzy Gillespie who was on a South American tour. In 1963, he scored his first film, Ivan Tors' production of "Rhino." Since then, he has scored films such as "Cool Hand Luke," "The Fox" along

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with TV shows "Mannix" and "Mission: Impossible" - which also became a hit single.



Television news -

Merv Griffin is signed by CBS to host a new late-night conversation-variety program. His current syndicated show for Westinghouse began in syndication in May, 1965 on 19 stations. It is now carried on some 142 stations.

Diana Ross and the Supremes along with the Temptations will headline their first television special. The musical program will tape late this month at NBC Burbank and will air December 9. Title of the show is T.C.B. (Taking Care of

Business).

Harry Von Zell, a pioneer broadcasting personality, is substituting for Ed McMahon on NBC's Tonight show this week.



Lance Garver, older brother of **Kathy Garver** of Family Affair (she plays Cissy), is cast as a reporter in an episode of the series for fall airing on CBS. Every member of the cast has now had a member of the family on the show. They include star Brian Keith's wife Judith. Sebastian Cabot's two daughters Annette and Yvonne; Anissa Jones younger brother Paul and Johnny Whitaker's baby sister Coralie.

Thursday Night Television -

CBS - CBS Evening News With Walter Cronkite, Cimarron Strip, CBS Thursday Night Movie

NBC - Huntley-Brinkley Report, Daniel Boone, **Ironsides**, Dragnet-1968, Dean Martin Presents The Golddiggers.

ABC - ABC News with Frank Reynolds, Second Hundred Years, Flying Nun, Bewitched, That Girl, Peyton Place, Suspense Theater."



Daniel Boone - A traveling magician and thief has designs on Boonesborough's winter fur catch. Guest stars Hans Conried.

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Second Hundred Years - Luke brushes up on poker to help a woman recoup gambling losses and then is out-slickered by Black Bart in their first meeting. Stars Monte Markham, Arthur O'Connell.

Flying Nun - Sisters Bertrille and Jacqueline find a stowaway in their station wagon when they return to the convent after buying fish on the waterfront.

Bewitched - Endora calls in a handsome warlock in an attempt to break up Samantha's mortal marriage.

Dragnet-1968 - Friday and Gannon go undercover to tackle a gang whose members pose as vice officers.

Peyton Place - Emergency surgery is performed on Rodney.



At the movies -

Where Were You When The Lights Went Out? - Doris Day, Robert Morse, Terry-Thomas, Patrick O'Neal, Lola Albright, Steve Allen, Jim Backus, Ben Blue, Pat Paulsen

The Big Gundown - Lee Van Cleef, Tomas Milian

Revolution - Today Malone

Planet of the Apes - Charlton Heston, Roddy McDowall, Maurice Evans, Kim Hunter

Blue - Terence Stamp, Joanna Pettet, Karl Malden, Ricardo Montalban

The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter - Alan Arkin, Sondra Locke

5 Card Stud - Dean Martin, Robert Mitchum, Inger Stevens, Roddy McDowall

The Strange Affair - Michael York, Jeremy Kemp, Susan George

The Detective - Frank Sinatra

Rosemary's Baby - Mia Farrow, John Cassevetes

The Graduate - Anne Bancroft, Dustin Hoffman, Katharine Ross

The Thomas Crown Affair - Steve McQueen, Faye Dunaway, Paul Burke, Jack Weston

The Odd Couple - Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau

2001: A Apace Odyssey

The Fox - Keir Dullea, Sandy Dennis, Anne Heywood

How Sweet It Is - Debbie Reynolds, James Garner

Yours, Mind and Ours - Lucille Ball, Henry Fonda, Van Johnson

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Thoroughly Modern Millie - Julie Andrews, Mary Tyler Moore