

Launch Draft For 'Rocky'

Maryland's Gov. Spiro T. Agnew has launched a drive in his state to draft Nelson A. Rockefeller for the Republican presidential nomination. Agnew is the first Republican governor to become publicly involved in a campaign to draft the New York Governor. There was no direct quote from Rockefeller who maintains that he isn't a candidate and doesn't intend to become one.

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EMPLOYMENT in the U.S. reached an all-time high of 74.4 million workers in 1967, reported the Labor Department. The work force showed an increase of 1.5 million over 1966. There were 2.7 million jobs in December, about the same as a year earlier, but 100,000 fewer than in November and 450,000 fewer than in October.

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DR. J.C. CALLAHAN, a Canadian heart surgeon who pioneered some of the techniques used in human heart transplants, criticized the doctors who have performed transplant heart operations and described the operations as premature and unjustified on the basis of available research. Callahan called Dr. Christian Barnard, who performed the first transplant Dec. 3 in Capetown, South Africa, "an actor" and said he should have released information on the operation to the medical world, rather than let it be sensationalized in the world press.

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THE WORLD'S FIFTH heart transplant patient, Louis Block, died Wednesday. Doctors said the heart of a woman donor could not pump blood fast enough to run his vital organs. Block, 57, rallied briefly but then failed and faltered.

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AN AGREEMENT between Fruehauf Corp. and Fischbach and Moore, Inc., of New York, has been made to join forces. The new company will be known as Fruehauf-Fischbach Automation, Inc., and will design, develop and install complete materials handling systems.

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TEXAS, A FORMER SEVENTH ranker in defense contracts awards, has overtaken New York for second place according to Pentagon figures. California is still first. Texas, President Johnson's home state, got 9.5 per cent and New York 8.7 per cent. Texas firms received \$1.2 billion worth of contracts in the past fiscal year.

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AN EXPLOSION, Tuesday night, shattered two houses killing nine persons in Reading, Pa. The source of the explosion is not known but is suspected to have been caused by a two-man city water crew who were digging in front of the house at the time of the blast. They may have struck a gas main.

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RICHARD M. NIXON, former vice-president under Dwight Eisenhower, said that he was still evaluating the possibilities of becoming a Republican presidential candidate but would make known his decision early next month.

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Measures announced by President Johnson to preserve the value of the dollar by restoring the U.S. balance of payments have brought gloom to short-term world economic hopes, some foreign observers indicated this week. Measures proposed by the President include curbs on U.S. investments overseas and an appeal for Americans to defer pleasure trips outside the Western Hemisphere for at least two years. For most Europeans and many Asian countries, this means fewer American dollars from tourists and foreign-based U.S. companies, and therefore a slow down in economic growth.

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THE RESULTS of a 1966 London census indicate that the city has more women than men, but there is a surplus of bachelors. There are nearly 100,000 more unmarried men than single girls. Total London population was found to be 7,671,220.

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THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT has announced that more than 22,000 Indians died of smallpox during 1967. This was the highest toll in that nation for the last three years.

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IN CANBERRA, Australia, Liberal Party Sen. John Grey Foster, who was sworn in as prime minister Wednesday, succeeding Harold Holt, who drowned while swimming last month.

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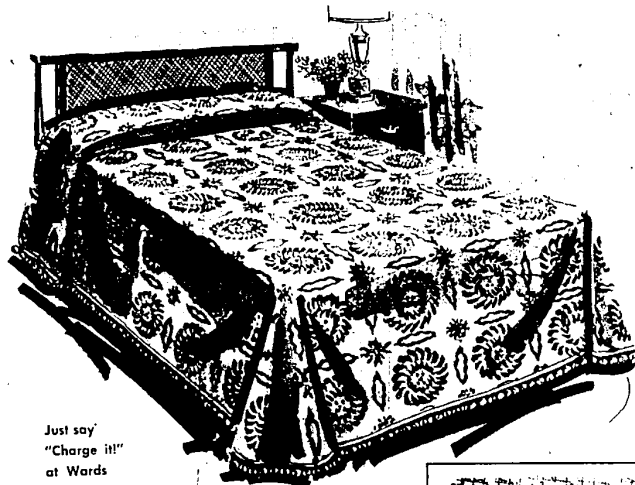
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