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INTERVIEW WITH THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Q: How do you feel about being the presidential nominee, Mr. NixonHumphreyWallace?

A: I am thrilled with anticipation at this opportunity to serve the country profitably. I've visited President Johnson on his ranch frequently, and am impressed with what the presidency can do for a man.

Q: Are you confident of being elected?

A: I have no doubts whatsoever. After all, there's no one running against me.

Q: Do you believe in the two-party system?

A: I decidedly do not! One party is all that can win, and one party is all that we really need.

Q: But aren't you running in more than one party?

A: Oh, you mean that Democratic-Republican-Independent stuff? I thought you meant an opposition party. The way I figure it, the more times I can get my name on the ballot, the better. But it's really all one party. No matter what label it uses, I'm still the candidate.

Q: In your opinion, what is the number one issue in this election?

A: Law and order is the most important thing. I have never equivocated on this issue. I have made my position on law and order completely clear in the streets of Saigon, Chicago, Selma, Miami, Newark, Hue, Detroit, Watts, and in every other American city. I'm sure that the voters have seen my efforts for law and order on television.

Q: What will your Vietnam policy be?

A: I plan no changes in President Johnson's Vietnam policy. America will continue to seek Peace With Surrender - theirs, of course.

Q: Do you plan to stop the bombing of North Vietnam?

A: Yes, as soon as our troops occupy it.

Q: What is your view of the Paris peace talks?

A: Considering the way that military activity in Vietnam has accelerated since the talks began, I'm all in favor of them. Of course, we must be continually vigilant lest they accomplish something.

Q: What will you do about street demonstrations?

A: Weren't you watching television during the nominating conventions? I cheerfully promise four more years of it.

Q: Are you in complete agreement with your running mate, Spiro Edmond who?

A: Sure. He does everything he's told. Besides, we need him to carry the Bulgarian vote or the Swedish vote or whatever the hell he is.

Q: Do you expect much opposition in Congress to your program?

A: Why should there be opposition? There hasn't been any under President Johnson. I want to go on record as deploring the spirit of criticism, dissent, and opposition which has been growing in this country in recent years. I would like to recall such landmarks of Congressional action as the 1959 bill to partition the Soviet Union, the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin resolution, and the regular quadrennial renewal of the draft. These votes, with scarcely any opposition, represent the finest traditions of American foreign and military policy.

Q: Do you favor more power for the police?

A: There's been altogether too many complaints about police brutality. I plan to give complete federal support to the local police - including, if necessary, tanks, aircraft, and tactical atomic weapons. I'd like to see anyone complain about "police brutality" then!

Q: What do you think about the Russian intervention in Czechoslovakia?

A: It constitutes an intolerable suppression of the liberties of a free people by the International Communist Conspiracy.

Q: How does this compare with your Vietnam policy?

A: We must maintain a permanent American military presence in Vietnam, despite any local opposition that may develop, as a base against the International Communist Conspiracy.

Q: Will you send any new civil rights programs to Congress?

A: Yes. There has been altogether too much interference with the rights of local communities to deal with their own problems as they see fit. My administration will restore civil rights to southern school boards, big-city police departments, draft boards, generals, and the H. B. I.

Q: Do you expect to carry every state?

A: I expect to run first, second, and third in all fifty states. Of course, this means I'll also have to run last, because my supporters are doing their best to get any opposition ruled off the ballot. (Pause.) That's a joke, son!

Q: One last question, Mr. NixonHumphreyWallace. What are your religious views?

A: I firmly believe in the Trinity - three Persons in One. After all, I'm also three persons in one.

PRESIDENT PIG, MEET QUEEN NANNY

In mockery of the present presidential campaign, the Yippies have nominated a pig named Pegasus J. Pig. Since the Democratic convention they have been parading this pig - or maybe several others of the same name - around the country and proclaiming his virtues. Like the other candidates, he is already bought and paid for. He is more attractive than his competitors, was born in a slum, and is both black and white. (Thus far the Yippies have not commented on rumors that Pegasus J. Pig worked as a seab during the garbage-men's strike.)

But this campaign, which mocks candidates who are already mocking the democratic process, is not as unprecedented as the Yippies seem to imagine. In 1838 Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey as Queen of Great Britain and Ireland. Certain Irish nationalists naturally resented her coronation as their country's ruler, and on the same day they held a rival ceremony. On that day, with full panoply and ceremony, on a hillside before a large crowd of onlookers, they anointed and crowned a Nanny goat.

There are plans to inaugurate Pegasus J. Pig next January 20, though the Yippies aren't saying where and when.

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Several of my correspondents have asked me where I got those brilliantly colored constellation postcards I've been using lately. Those picture postcards show the traditional outlines of the constellations, and also drawings of the animals or mythological characters which the constellations represent. Some of the illustrations are along traditional lines: Capricornus, for example, is represented in the style used for at least 3000 years, as a goat with a curled fish-tail. Others are quite modern in concept, including a very sexy Andromeda, a Disneyesque Cetus, and an Ursa Minor turned into a teddy bear.

These picture postcards are published by the Hansen Planetarium of Salt Lake City, are on sale at the Hayden Planetarium in New York. They are divided into four seasonal sets of 12 cards each, and sold at \$1.00 per set. The Spring and Fall sets are locally available, as well as a set of the 12 Zodiacal constellations. If anyone would like a set, I'll send them at \$1.10 each.

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