

Thurs. Dec. 21-72.

SAIGON HANOI

For the fourth day in a row - the full weight of U S aerial might in Southeast Asia - was directed ~~today~~ against Communist North Vietnam.

About a hundred B-52s and some five hundred additional fighter bombers ^{again} hammering away at Hanoi and

~~Hanoi~~ Haiphong. This in the face of enemy air defenses - now said to be ^{the most extensive ever -} ~~"the heaviest"~~ in the history of the world ^{as the dispatch puts it.}

Hanoi was also fighting back ~~today~~ with a massive propaganda campaign. Charging, among other things that American bombs had hit a prison camp - in Hanoi - of all places - allegedly "injuring" several U S prisoners. Hanoi further appealing to the Soviet Union, Red China and other nations - as well as ^{to} the American people. Urging one and all, ~~to~~ quote - to pressure the Nixon administration into

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*suspending at once - its war of aggression against
Vietnam; to pressure the Nixon administration to
sign immediately - a cease fire agreement.*

TALKS

~~More of the same - from~~ ^{at} Paris, ~~where~~ the
Communist side ~~was~~ walked out today - at ^{the} ~~one of these~~
regularly scheduled weekly peace sessions. The
North Vietnamese protesting what they called - the
"demented" ~~resumption~~ resumption of all-out bombing.

In spite of this - the Communist side also
proposed another meeting for next week. ^{with} ~~but here~~
the U S replying, in effect: "Let's wait and see."
A U S official adding that walk-out or no - meeting or
no - "channels remain very much open."

GENEVA

At Geneva - the culmination of round one
in phase two Salt talks ^{was signaled} ~~marked~~ today - by the
signing of an agreement between the U S and Russia;
an agreement setting up a commission - to police
that earlier limitation on intercontinental ballistic
sites.

Before he left for home - U S Ambassador
Gerard Smith also met with reporters. Both sides
have found the meetings useful - said he. Adding
that results up to now - "should lead to progress
on the resumption of negotiations" - in February.

KANSAS CITY

~~Mr.~~ ^{Mr.} Truman was being fed intravenously today, ^{by} means of a new technique; ^{This} an attempt to provide him with nourishment - while by-passing his weakened kidneys. Doctors at Kansas City explaining that this will supply the former President - "with essential amino acids but without the waste by-products". Adding that the new technique is not "experimental - ~~it~~ has been used before" ^{- but not often.} ~~but it is~~ ~~rare.~~

~~Apart from that - we are told - "no change" in Mr. Truman's condition which remains - "very serious."~~

~~And now~~ The latest: ~~From~~ Doctor Wallace Graham, ^{the} ~~Mr.~~ Truman's personal ~~physician~~ physician, is a report that the former President - "is showing remarkable strength and tenacious psychological reactions." Doctor Greham adding that he and his

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associates - were greatly "encouraged". "We believe"

- said he - "we have begun a favorable trend."

Again at the Florida White House - an announcement today telling of a change of command at the Central Intelligence Agency. James R. Schlesinger who currently heads the Atomic Energy Commission - to succeed Richard Helms. ^{The latter now} ~~who~~ becomes the new U S Ambassador to Iran.

A spokesman saying: "The President ~~of~~ ~~course~~, has the ~~greatest respect and~~ deepest appreciation for the able and ~~devoted~~ devoted service Mr. Helms has given this country." Adding: "He is also pleased that a man of James Schlesinger's background and ability - is able to succeed Mr. Helms."

HOUSTON

Bearing gifts from the Moon, the three men of Apollo Seventeen returned home today for Christmas, Astronauts Gene Cernan, Ron Evans and Jack Schmidt - arriving back in Houston before dawn; but nothing - not even a chill, wet wind - could dime the warmth of the occasion. Director ~~Christ~~ Chris Craft of the Manned Spacecraft center - starting out by saying: "We'd like to thank God - for bringing these men back to the planet earth." Gene Cernan observing. There's no place like home. Adding for himself and his crew: "We stood on the shoulder of giants - and we thank you for those shoulders."

~~Finally - a brief summation from beaming Barbara Cernan. As she embraced her husband - saying: "This is the best part of all - right now."~~

A WORLD TO CARE FOR

Throughout the world - millions of people are physically disabled. For some - it may be the result of a birth defect. For others - perhaps an accident, disease or trauma. For millions often a tragic experience.

It was Dr. Howard Rusk who during World War Two first pioneered rehabilitation medicine; working with rare skill at helping thousands ~~to~~ overcome their handicaps. In fact, he made rehabilitation an accepted and fundamental aspect of medicine. And since the War he has been helping handicapped people right around the globe. In his new book, "A World To Care For," he tells all about it.

Dr. Rusk's therapeutic philosophy - is simply to treat the whole man; to solve not only his physical problems - but also his emotional, social

and psychological problems. His success at this is presented in deeply moving case histories; the true-life stories of seemingly helpless people - struggling and ~~unsucessful~~ succeeding in regaining their self-sufficiency and human dignity; and doing it - says Dr. Rusk - with a "depth of spirit you and I know little about." His book, "A World TO Care For."

~~Chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at New York University, Dr. Rusk also founded the World Rehabilitation Fund - which has since trained more than a thousand rehabilitation specialists from eighty-five countries.~~

~~As he so eloquently puts it, "to believe in rehabilitation is to believe in humanity."~~

DETROIT

General Motors unveiled today at Detroit -
its
~~its~~ latest device aimed at thwarting drunken drivers.
And The way it works - reminiscent of a penny arcade
driving test. The would-be driver - in turning on
his ignition - automatically activating a so-called
critical tracking task system. This consisting of
a lighted dial - with a needle that ^{wav}~~sways~~ back and
forth. The would-be driver required to keep this
needle within prescribed limits - by turning his
steering wheel right and left as necessary. If he
doesn't ^{do it} or can't ^{do it} the first time - he gets two more
tries but three strikes and out - the car is
immobilized. ^{TF} ~~What about an emergency -- or maybe~~
~~a mal-function? Well, there is an over-ride switch~~
~~officials admit. And they add: "The test could be~~
~~performed by someone other than the driver - but~~
~~how can you guard against that? A good question.~~

LOS ANGELES

From Los Angeles, the story of Bob Porter, a blind man; who annually collects surplus Christmas trees along with canned goods, clothing whatever he can get his hands on - with the help of friends and volunteers - then distributes it free to needy persons, young and old.

This year, for example, Bob Porter is passing out - more than ten thousand Christmas trees. His biggest year yet.

Bill, he says : "It helps my ego. For two weeks out of the year I'm able to come out of the corner and be more than just a blind man."

PARIS

From Paris ^{COMED} the story of French Rock

Singer Michael Polnareff; who plastered the City of
Light with six thousand posters advertising an

~~an~~ up-coming concert. Each of the posters carrying
a rear view ~~photo~~ photo of young Michael - clad

in sunglasses and a feathered head-dress. Nothing
else. Even ^{for} ~~in~~ Paris though - this was too much.

Michael Polnareff - ending up in court, where he

was fined the equivalent of twenty thousand dollars in all.

- or two bucks a poster, ^{- a total} ~~And, if he were an~~

~~And a-l-u-t-m.~~
~~American college boy, Bill, - the Judge might have~~

~~added: "Gotcha."~~