

CAIRO

Fort Pierce  
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*From Cairo - by way of Beirut - comes a report telling of a massive Soviet airlift to Egypt. The Russians said to be landing giant transports at Egyptian air fields - at a rate of about one every thirty minutes, right around the clock. This - as you know - following hard on the heels of a Kremlin warning - that it cannot stand idly by in the Middle East.*

*From London - a later report. British sources saying the Russians are apparently supplying Egypt - with a complete new air defense system. This - we are told - to block the raids that Israeli warplanes have been making deep into Egypt, flying over Egypt almost without opposition.*

PARIS

At the peace table in Paris - the U.S. was accused today of resuming air strikes over North Vietnam. The Communist side threatening "serious consequences" - if these are not stopped forthwith. Whereupon Philip Habib of the U.S. - accused the North Vietnamese of murdering two American prisoners of war. An act - said he - "unacceptable when measured against any standards of civilized behavior." And so around and around we go.

## VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

*That Tet cease-fire in Vietnam - was also proving something less than perfect today. With enemy gunners downing a U.S. helicopter - also, shelling at least two American outposts. However, the U.S. Command does report that overall - it was "relatively quiet."*

*In Saigon - South Vietnamese President Thieu today issued ~~message~~ - his annual Tet new year's message. Urging their country's many splinter groups to "unify" their thoughts - "and coalesce into bigger and stronger nationalist movements." In an earlier visit with South Vietnamese troops - Thieu was saying: "We have to fight for a peace with which we can live - and with which our children can live."*

WASHINGTON

*Turning to the domestic front - the annual Presidential prayer breakfast was held today in Washington. President Nixon there discussing what he called - "the fundamental, unifying strength" of our nation; namely, a background "of religious values - that all Presidents have recognized" - said he. And thus - he added - the U.S. can give the world "spiritual leadership and idealism; something that material strength or military power alone - cannot provide."*

*The President further quoting from St. Augustine - who said: "Work! as if everything depended on you; pray! - as if everything depended on God!"*

## INDIANAPOLIS

Next stop - Indianapolis; where the President today launched a Midwest tour / aimed at finding out "what the people in the heartland think." <sup>His</sup> ~~A process~~ he began by meeting with the mayors of a number of middle-sized cities; later flying on to Chicago - <sup>to</sup> ~~for a meeting~~ with Midwest governors.

Along the way - the President stressing time and again - that too long power has been flowing "from Washington." "It's time to return it to the states - to the cities and people where it belongs" - said he. Adding: "The people know best."

LOS ANGELES

*Ahead of the President - at Los Angeles - Vice President Spiro Agnew today addressed - a meeting of the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Chief topic - Vietnam.*

*Said Vice President Agnew: "After so many years of hopes that were raised and dashed - there can be expected a certain skepticism" on the part of Administration critics. "But even the most skeptical are becoming convinced" - he went on - "that the process of shifting the burden of fighting" - Vietnamization, if you will - "is working."*

## JACKSONVILLE

Tragedy in the "Big Top" The place - Jacksonville, Florida; where the <sup>"Daring"</sup>~~Guy~~ Zacchinis - Linda and Emanuel - were performing their death-defying act; both husband and wife being shot from a cannon - same as we saw on TV a couple of weeks ago. Except that this time - something went wrong.

Linda - who was fired first - hitting the net and bouncing high into the air; just as Emanuel - who was fired second - came hurtling through space - at a speed of about a hundred miles an hour. In the resulting tangle of bodies - Linda Zacchini suffering a broken neck and broken leg; Emanuel ending up - with a back fracture. Landing both in the hospital for indefinite stays - and perhaps ending their act once and for all.

**BANK**

*From the First National City Bank of New York -  
an appraisal today of the current state of the U.S. economy  
- and none too pleasant either. City Bank asserting there  
can be "no doubt - that the economy is slumping." Adding,  
what's more, if the slide continues on through April or May  
- it will probably be termed a full-blown recession.*

*Does that mean then - that inflation has finally  
been licked? Maybe - and then again maybe not - says  
City Bank. Warning that inflation will be checked - "only  
if the Federal Reserve avoids excessive monetary expansion  
- in the painful months ahead." Another way of saying -  
"we'll just have to sweat it out."*



## WARSAW

*At Warsaw, Poland - an historic moment today.*

*With West German and Polish officials holding their first political talks - since the end of World War Two. This in the Polish Foreign Ministry - in a room directly adjacent to the one-time Polish headquarters of the Nazi Gestapo.*

*Both sides said earlier that they expect a long series of tough negotiations. After today's first session - West Germany's chief delegate said the atmosphere was "normal".*

LONDON

This next - the story of a brief letter to the editor  
- that appeared in The Times of London. Its author - the  
Dean of Canterbury, Ian H. White-Thomson - who wrote  
as follows:

"Sir: A few days ago I received a communication  
addressed to T. A. Becket, Esquire, care of the Dean of  
Canterbury." The Dean then adding: "This surely must  
be a record in postal delays."

And, indeed, it must. The great Thomas <sup>A.</sup> Becket  
~~having~~ died, <sup>you</sup> you'll recall - back in the year Ten-Seventy <sup>A.D.</sup>

And with that, "Gung Ho Fat Choy" - a prosperous  
New Year - to all our Chinese friends. And a "Gung Ho  
Fat Choy" to you, Warren.

NEW YORK-SAN FRANCISCO

*Here at home again - the cymbals will clang and the dragons will dance tonight at the Chinese New Year celebrations in New York, San Francisco and so on.*

*Thousands upon thousands Chinese-Americans - ushering in the year Four Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-Eight; otherwise known - as "The Year of the Dog."*

*This - according to Chinese legend - is also a so-called "blind year" - which led to a rush of year-end marriages today. Accountable because of the theory that marriages contracted in the months ahead - will be "blind marriages" based on "blind choice." In other words - you're liable to end up with a - well, anyway, it's the "year of the dog."*

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HUNTSVILLE

Huntsville, Alabama. Rocket expert Dr. Wernher

Von Braun - reports that he grew a beard and a moustache on a recent vacation, because - said he - "I had an urge to look like a real scientist."

Only trouble - he has since shaved off said beard.

Von Braun explaining - it wasn't quite enough. Further quoting his friends as saying what he "also needed" to look like a real scientist - "was a pipe, tennis shoes and a pair of blue jeans - preferably dirty." And so long.