

Fri, Jan. 2nd, 1970.

When Vice President ~~Spive~~ Agnew arrived in
Taipei, ~~capital of~~ ^{Taiwan} Formosa -- ~~and~~ ^{he} assured Nationalist
~~Chair~~ Chinese President Chiang Kai Shek that the United
States ~~would~~ ^{will} defend his country against any attack.
Chiang and other Nationalist Chinese leaders are reported
concerned over recent American overtures toward Red
China - including relaxation of trade restrictions; - hence
^{the} Agnew's efforts to reassure them. [Ⓜ] Previously, while
chatting with news men on the plane from Saigon, the
Vice President had described American overtures toward
Peking as "just baby, crawling motions." [Ⓜ] Agnew also
told reporters he expects a new Communist ~~offensive~~ offensive
in Vietnam -- possibly to coincide with the TET New Year
holiday early next month; - or perhaps at a later date.
"My judgment" said he, "would be that they would strike
whenever they think it would be most effective in ~~swaying~~
swaying American public opinion against the war."

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In Vietnam, a rocket barrage struck an American camp near the demilitarized zone. Field reports indicate the ~~miss~~ missiles may have been fired from positions inside that supposedly neutral strip. The casualties were light; ~~with~~ no fatalities reported.

MID EAST

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Israeli planes ~~lost~~ launched two separate attacks against ~~the~~ Lebanon today -- the action coming after Israel had warned the Lebanese to prevent Arab guerrilla forays from their soil. A Lebanese spokesman says nine persons were wounded when Israeli planes shot up ^{the} main roads fifty miles ~~xx~~ southeast of Beirut. Also, two South Lebanese villages ^{were} reported hit by rockets fired from Israeli held territory.

"Flying Grandfather" Max Conrad had to turn

back today after taking off from Invercargill ~~xxxx~~

on the Antarctic-McMurdo leg of his
New Zealand, ~~in an~~ attempt to fly solo around the world

by way of both Poles. He had flown half the two thousand

mile distance from Invercargill to McMurdo Sound on the

Antarctic continent when he noticed that his ^(wings) ~~wings~~ were

~~xxx~~ icing up -- and his ⁱⁿ polar compass ~~was~~ acting up.

Turning his twin engine plane around Conrad ~~fixed~~ flew

back to New Zealand ^{this time} landing at Christchurch. ^{He'll try again.} ~~He ~~planned~~~~

~~to try again.~~ But he is not interested in attempting
any ocean landing in those wild "Roaring
40s" between New Zealand and the Antarctic
ice!

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WHARTON

Clifton R. Wharton Jr. today officially assumed command at Michigan State University - the first negro to serve as President of a major American university. Wharton - a forty-three year old agricultural economist -- is the fourteenth President of Michigan State ^{— a huge institution with} ~~which has~~ an enrollment of forty-one thousand students, ^{Power house} and usually a winning football team.

GEOLOGY

As the Bible tells us, ^{it's} only ^{the} foolish man ~~who~~ ^{who} build^s his house on sand. Saint Matthew has the case history of a house so built - when the rains, the floods and the winds came, the house crashed.

Even so, some human beings have continued to build their houses in "geologically difficult" places where the hazards of volcanic eruption, earthquakes, mud flows, landslides and floods are constantly present. Year after year we get reports - ^{— many of them} ~~for~~ many from Southern California - telling of costly homes sliding down hill in the mud - or being destroyed by ^{some} other environmental hazards.

So, the U S Geological Survey says it's time for ~~scient~~ scientists, builders and city planners to work ~~togeth~~ together in order to avoid these predictable disasters.

The first study - a three ~~xxx~~ million ~~pd~~ dollar project - will cover the San Francisco Bay area.

NEW YORK

The New York Stock ^{market} finished strong today -
the market indicator showing a gain of almost two per
cent. More than a thousand issues advanced - only
three hundred declined.

If the Stock Market news was good - there
was some news not so good -- for New Yorkers, ~~that~~
~~is~~ Nearly five million subway and bus riders will have
to pay a ~~lx~~ higher fare beginning Sunday. The cost for
a ride advancing from twenty to thirty ~~centx~~ cents. ^{Remember} ~~some~~

^{how} twenty years ago, the subway fare in New York was
five cents? Then it went to ten -- then to fifteen -
and three years ago ^{up} ~~it rose~~ to twenty cents. The new
thirty cent fare -- highest ever - is expected to finance
a new labor contract that will cost the city an extra
one ~~lx~~ hundred twenty million dollars.

SCARLETT

50 A musical production called "Scarlett" -- based on Margaret Mitchell's Civil War novel, *Gone With The Wind* - opened ~~today~~ to a full house at the Imperial Theater in downtown Tokyo. An All-Japanese cast performed the show entirely in Japanese - though the music was written by Americans. ¶ Most of the lead actors and actresses were skillfully made up to resemble ~~xxx~~ Caucasians -- but little ~~for~~ effort was made to hide the nationality of lesser members of the cast.

1/2 ¶ However, the star of the show is a horse - named Daiichi-- the horse that pulls the cart, carrying Scarlett from Atlanta in her flight from General Sherman's troops.

at the opening
Daiichi [^] we are told, managed to stand on the stage

~~xxxx~~ without twitching a muscle all through the bombardment of Atlanta. Quite a feat for a Japanese horse named Daiichi!

NAME

What used to be the coal mining community of Dog Walk, Illinois, now has a new name. Some residents there - longing for a more dignified place-name - have ~~been~~ succeeded in having the Dog Walk sign at either end of town replaced with one reading -- Cedar Grove. ^R How did Dog Walk get its name in the first place? Old settlers say, ^{Warren,} it was the brain child of a coal miner because ^{in that town dogs} ~~the dogs probably~~ outnumbered ~~the~~ people ~~there~~ around the turn of the ~~20~~ century.

POLICEMAN

In London, a twenty two year old Scottish

Peer - Lord Strathnaver - became just plain ~~pk~~ police
constable Alistair Sutherland today. ^{How come? Oh,} ~~For~~ Lord

Strathnaver - a graduate of both Elon and Oxford -

wanted to ~~finally~~ realize a boyhood ambition to ^{be a} ~~join the~~ policeman.

~~force~~ The rent on his home in London's fashionable

Edwardes Square is more than his salary which is

forty-eight dollars a week. Said one fellow officer

"he'll probably get ribbed a bit at first by the other ~~lads~~!"

~~lads - but that's only natural.~~

And that could be the understatement
of the New Year.