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VIET NAM

AMERICAN JET BOMBERS BLASTED COMMUNIST SUPPLY ROUTES IN NORTH VIETNAM AGAIN TODAY -- AFTER DAMAGING OR DESTROYING CONVOYS OF MORE THAN 130 ENEMY TRUCKS ON CHRISTMAS DAY. THE OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT UNDER A 3000 FOOT OVERCAST-- FORCING AMERICAN PILOTS TO USE THEIR HEADLIGHTS TO PINPOINT THE TARGETS.

PREMIERE PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA OF LAOS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE TODAY, CHARGING THAT COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE LAUNCHED A GENERAL OFFENSIVE INTO THE SOUTHERN PART OF LAOS. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES CONFIRM THAT AT LEAST ONE BATTLE WAS IN PROGRESS NEAR MUONG PHALANE, BUT THEY HESITATED TO USE THE TERM "GENERAL OFFENSIVE" IN DESCRIBING THE ATTACKS.

IN WASHINGTON, A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ASSURED THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA THAT AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES DO NOT PLAN TO MOVE INTO CAMBODIAN TERRITORY TO ROOT OUT ~~VIET~~ VIET CONG ELEMENTS ~~WHICH~~ TAKE REFUGE THERE. THE STATEMENT WAS ISSUED SHORTLY AFTER CAMBODIA DECLARED IT ~~WILL~~ WOULD OFFER "DESPERATE RESISTANCE" TO ANY AMERICAN FORCES ENTERING THE COUNTRY.

BUT IN PARIS, SOUTH VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER TRAN VAN DO SAYS HIS NATION'S TROOPS ~~WILL~~ ^{will} PURSUE COMMUNIST FORCES INTO CAMBODIA FOR "SELF DEFENSE" IF NECESSARY.

MAO MAO

CHINESE RED LEADER MAO TSE TUNG IS 74 YEARS OLD TODAY BUT HIS REGIME IS MAINTAINING A TIGHT SILENCE ABOUT THE RECENT CHINESE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION WHICH MANY WESTERN OBSERVERS BELIEVE WAS INTENDED TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY. POSTERS AND HANDBILLS, PLASTERED THROUGHOUT PEKING -- WISHING THE COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN A LONG LIFE -- BUT IT WAS A MORE RESTRAINED BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE THAN LAST YEAR.

AT LEAST A DOZEN CHINESE COMMUNISTS DIDN'T JOIN IN MAO'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE. THESE TWELVE CHINESE BOARDED A JUNK AND FLED TO THE PORTUGUESE COLONY OF MACAO -- VOWING THAT THEY PREFER DEATH TO GOING BACK TO THEIR HOMELAND. BUT THE TWELVE REFUGEES FACED THE LIKELIHOOD OF BEING SENT BACK -- SINCE MACAO HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH PEKING TO RETURN ESCAPEES

JOHNSON

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, AS EXPECTED, FLEW HOME TO TEXAS TODAY TO SPEND THE REMAINDER OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE LBJ RANCH. THERE IS NO OFFICIAL WORD ON HOW LONG HE WILL ~~REM~~^{be} ~~REMAIN~~ THERE -- ~~BUT HE MAY~~^{maybe he'll} NOT RETURN TO WASHINGTON UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE CONGRESS CONVENES ON JANUARY 15TH. THE PRESIDENT FEELS THAT HE CAN GET MORE WORK DONE AT THE RANCH -- IN ADDITION TO MORE RELAXATION -- THAN HE CAN AT THE WHITE HOUSE. HIS MAJOR CHORES BETWEEN NOW AND HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON WILL BE THE PREPARATION OF HIS BUDGET AND STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE.

GARRISON

IN NEW ORLEANS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON SAYS THAT IN NOVEMBER, 1963, THE FBI ISSUED A MESSAGE -- WARNING THAT AN ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE UPON PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S LIFE DURING HIS VISIT TO DALLAS. GARRISON SAYS THE MESSAGE WENT OUT TO AGENTS AS HIGH UP AS FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER -- AND SPECIFIED THE DATE ~~OF~~ THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WOULD BE *Made World* BE NOVEMBER 22ND . GARRISON CHARGES THAT, IN SPITE OF THIS, THE PRESIDENT WAS ALLOWED TO RIDE IN AN OPEN CAR DURING HIS DALLAS VISIT. *Louisiana* THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MADE THESE STATEMENTS AT A NEW ORLEANS NEWS CONFERENCE -- ALTHOUGH HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON HOW HE COULD CONFIRM THE ALLEGED FBI MESSAGE.

SPACE

THE SOVIET UNION LAUNCHED ANOTHER UNMANNED COSMOS SPUTNIK INTO ORBIT TODAY. -- THE 197TH OF THE COSMOS SERIES. ~~THE~~ LAUNCHING ROUNDS OUT A BUSY YEAR OF SPACE EXPLORATION FOR THE RUSSIANS -- INCLUDING THE FIRST SOFT LANDING ~~ON THE PLANET.~~ AND THE FIRST AUTOMATIC LINKING OF SATELITES IN ORBIT.

~~THE FIRST AMERICAN APPOLO SPACE CRAFT -- DESIGNED TO LAND MEN ON THE MOON -- WILL ORBIT THE EARTH IN AN UNMANNED TEST FLIGHT ON JANUARY 17TH. THE SPACE AGENCY SAYS THE ~~THE~~ FOUR LEGGED MOON CRAFT WILL BE FIRED INTO AN ORBIT, RANGING AS HIGH AS 132 MILES.~~

SEA OTTER

WHO WOULD YOU SAY HAS THE MOST INTERESTING JOB IN THE WORLD?
I/VE JUST BEEN TALKING TO A MAN WHO SURELY RATES HIGH ON
THAT TOTEM POLE. HE'S THE EXPERT ON SEA MAMMALS FOR THE FISH
AND GAME DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA.

HIS NAME IS JOHN VANIA, AND HE HAS SOME RATHER EXCITING NEWS
FOR YOU -- IF YOU ARE AN ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR AND WANT A
NEW FUR COAT -- A SUPERB ONE. -- ~~AND UNLIKE WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORS~~
~~WEAR.~~

WHEN THE RUSSIANS FOUND THEIR WAY TO ALASKA LONG YEARS AGO,
THEY WERE HERE AS FUR TRADERS AND HUNTERS, AND THE NUMBER ONE
PRIZE WAS THE SEA OTTER. THAT WAS THE PELT THE CZARS WANTED, *also*
~~AND~~ THE RUSSIAN GRAND DUKES AND DUCHESSES IN ST. PETERSBURG,
all AND THE WAR LORDS IN CHINA.

RESULT, THE RUSSIANS, AND OUR OWN TRADERS AND HUNTERS, ^{*too,*} ~~LATER ON,~~
SLAUGHTERED THE SEA OTTER IN THESE WATERS OF THE NORTH PACIFIC
UNTIL THE SPECIES WAS THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION; -- ~~AND~~ *until*
FINALLY BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, IN 1911, ~~XXXX~~ THE SEA OTTER
WAS SAVED, JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME, FOR THERE WERE ONLY A FEW *left.*
~~SEA OTTER LEFT.~~

THANKS TO JOHN VANIA AND HIS PREDECESSORS, THE SEA OTTER
ONCE AGAIN HAS MULTIPLIED TO WHERE, IN A FEW WEEKS IT WILL
BE POSSIBLE TO BUY THIS GORGEOUS FUR AGAIN.

FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY ONLY THE ESKIMO HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO
HUNT THEM. EVEN SO THEY WERE SO RARE AND SO SELDOM CAME ON
THE MARKET THAT A SINGLE PELT WOULD SELL FOR FROM \$2500 TO
\$3000, AND IT TAKES THREE TO MAKE A COAT!

NOW, ON JANUARY 30TH, 1000 ~~AM~~ SEA OTTER PELTS WILL BE SOLD AT
THE FUR AUCTION IN SEATTLE. WITH ~~1000 OR MORE~~ ^{all these} SUDDENLY AVAILABLE
-- I WONDER WHAT THEY WILL SELL FOR? WHAT ABOUT THE DUKES AND
DUCHESS^{es} TODAY? ARE THERE ANY CHINESE WAR LORDS? HOW ABOUT
ORCHESTRA LEADERS NOW? DO YOU WANT TO LOOK LIKE A RUSSIAN
GRAND DUCHESS IN THE DAYS OF THE CZARS? IF SO THE PLACE TO GET
YOUR SEA OTTER WILL BE THE SEATTLE FUR EXCHANGE, *on Jan. 30th -
one month from today.*

~~THANKS TO A FEW MEN LIKE JOHN VANIA, THE SEA OTTER AGAIN IS~~ *range*
~~FOUND ON THE ALASKAN COAST, FROM THE DATE ONE MONTH FROM NOW --~~
~~JANUARY 30TH --~~ ALL THE WAY FROM SITKA, ACROSS PRINCE WILLIAM
SOUND AND FOR 1000 MILES ~~ALL THE~~ WAY OUT THE ALEUTIANS TO
AMCHITKA, AND ATTU.

~~RE~~ SWORD

AUTHORITIES IN SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA, SAY THAT A NINETEEN YEAR OLD BOY -- WHO RAN NAKED THROUGH THE STREETS SWINGING A CEREMONIAL SWORD HIGH ABOVE HIS HEAD -- MAY HAVE BEEN CRAZED BY THE DRUG LSD. THE YOUTH -- DANIEL BROWN -- WAS KILLED BY A FUSALADE OF BULLETS YESTERDAY AS HE CHARGED TOWARD A POLICEMAN -- THE SWORD AIMED SQUARELY AT THE OFFICER'S STOMACH. ABOUT FIFTY PEDESTRIANS DUCKED FOR COVER WHEN THEY SAW ^{young} BROWN STROLLING DOWN A STREET IN SUNNYVALE, UNCLOTHED AND WILDLY SWINGING THE ~~RE~~ SWORD OVER HIS HEAD. HE WAS KILLED BY POLICE WHO FIRST FIRED SEVERAL WARNING SHOTS OVER HIS HEAD -- WARNINGS ~~WHICH~~ HE IGNORED.

HIPPIES

ARE THE HIPPIES, THE SO-CALLED "FLOWER CHILDREN," PASSING INTO THE REALM OF THINGS THAT WERE? AS 1967 DRAWS TO A CLOSE? THE HIPPIES SEEM TO BE FADING -- BUT THE QUESTION IS -- ARE THEY FADING AWAY, OR SIMPLY FADING INTO THE LANDSCAPE?

THE HIPPIES FIRST ^{appeared} ~~BURST UPON~~ THE NATIONAL SCENE LAST JANUARY WHEN THEY STAGED A "HAPPENING" IN SAN FRANCISCO'S GOLDEN GATE PARK -- AN EVENT THAT DREW A CROWD OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND. AND FROM THERE THE MOVEMENT SPREAD TO CHICAGO, NEW YORK AND OTHER LARGE CITIES. SINCE THAT TIME, THE PUBLIC OPINION ~~RXX~~ POLLS HAVE FAILED TO TELL US HOW MANY OF THE NATION'S YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE GONE HIPPIE -- OR HOW MANY ARE STILL ~~RE~~ INTRIGUED BY THE IMAGE. AND WHEN YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT, NOBODY HAS EVER REALLY DEFINED THE WORD "HIPPIE" -- EXCEPT TO DESCRIBE A PERSON WHO DRESSES ^{crazy disheveled,} ~~OUTLANDISH~~ SMOKES MARIJUANA, AND HAS UNPOPULAR OPINIONS ABOUT THE VIET NAM WAR, ^{about} LOVE, and about ~~AND~~ WORK.

JACKPOT

SANTA CLAUS WORKS HIS WONDERS IN MANY STRANGE WAYS -- SOMETIMES *Even*
~~HE~~ DISPENSING HIS FAVORS THROUGH A ~~████████████████████~~
GAMBLING MACHINE KNOWN AS A "ONE ARMED BANDIT". A CANADIAN
WOMAN -- ANN CLARKE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA -- PLAYED TWO ~~██~~X MACHINES
IN RENO, NEVADA, AND TEN HOURS AFTER SHE STARTED SHE HAD
COLLECTED JACKPOTS THAT TOTALLED \$13,750. NOW, SHE ~~LL PROBABLY~~ *says she'd*
~~NEED~~ *like* A BRINK'S TRUCK TO ~~CARRY~~ *help her get* IT ALL BACK TO CANADA.

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