

MONTREAL

Thurs, Dec. 3rd. '70.

*Up at Montreal - freedom at last today
for British diplomat James Cross; who was held
hostage for sixty days - by the Quebec liberation
front. Cross's captors finally turning him loose -
in return for a promise of safe passage to Cuba.
The Briton appearing tired - but otherwise unharmed.
In a later telephone conversation with Quebec Premier
Robert Bourassa - observing this is "the first time
I've seen the ^{sun} ~~☀~~ in weeks."*

*For Canada, too, a bright and happy moment;
ending, hopefully, the worst peace time crisis in all
Canadian history.*

SENATE

~~For~~ Administration plans to build a new
supersonic transport, ^{came to} a sudden screeching halt today;
with the Senate voting - 52 to 41 - to refuse any
additional development funds. This in spite of a
Senate vote last year - 58 to 22 - in favor of the
giant SST.

Only catch - the House has already approved
a new two hundred and ninety million appropriation.
Thus, it would seem, the final fate of the SST - ~~is~~ will
rest with an upcoming House-Senate Conference Committee.

NEW HOUSE FOLLOW SENATE

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill a long awaited report was finally approved today by a House Judiciary sub-committee, ~~Committee members~~ ^{saying it states} ~~say that~~ ~~sayinbz i~~ unequivocally there is no grounds for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. ~~And so - apparently -~~ Case closed.

At the peace table in Paris - an attempted flanking action today. David Bruce for the U.S. urging that both sides - agree to international inspection of all prisoner of war camps - also, all camps holding political prisoners.

However, the Communists - brushing aside ~~Bruce's proposal. Instead,~~ threatening possible retaliation - in the event of any future U.S. prison camp raids. ^{Said} ~~Whereupon~~ Bruce; ~~fired back~~ - we will do "everything in our power^r to free captive U.S. pilots."

DEFECTOR

badly beaten up

In the latest on ~~that~~^{the} case of the would-be
~~the~~ *Lithuanian sailor* -
Russian defector ~~ā~~ a special order today from
President Nixon to all federal agencies; ~~An~~ order
~~stax~~ stating that foreign nationals who request
political asylum from the U S. government - should be
given a full opportunity to ~~have~~ have their request
considered on its merits;" which means - he went on -
"under no circumstances should the person seeking
asylum - be arbitrarily or summarily returned to
foreign jurisdiction or control." The President's
order intended as "immediate remedial action" - we
are told, ~~To~~ insure that there will never be a
re-recurrency of a shocking incident of this kind.

WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House~~ again - President Nixon.

presided today at the presenting of ^{medals to} four young Americans;
~~and~~; praising the four ~~winners~~ as shining examples
of the ~~the~~ majority of young Americans ~~those~~ ~~said he~~
whose selfless service to country and ^{their} fellow man -
receives too little attention these days.

The group including: ^{Tom} ~~Thomas~~ Dvorscek -

age nineteen - of Oak Lawn, Illinois, for saving a
small girl from drowning; Maxine Lazovick - age
twenty - of Bridgeport, Massachusetts - for her work
with retarded children; ~~and~~ Deborah Sweet - age
Nineteen, of Madison, Wisconsin for ~~her~~ work in
race relations; ^{Also,} twelve year old John Caruso
Jr. of John's Island, South Carolina - who received
his award posthumously ^{for} having given his own life -
in saving a young friend from drowning.

BRUSSELS

A message from President Nixon - read today to that meeting of Nato Defense Ministers at Brussels. In it, the President pledging there will be no U S troop cut backs in Europe - unless the Russians ~~can~~ agree to reciprocal military reductions. On the contrary - said the President - the U S would actually "improve" its military commitment to Europe ^{that is} "given a similar approach by our allies."

JAKARTA

For Pope Paul, ~~the homeward journey begins.~~

~~The Pontiff travelling~~ today ^{flew} from Sydney Australia

to Jakarta in Indonesia. There meeting with Indonesia's

President ~~is~~ Suharto; - ^{also} ~~later~~ celebrating a mass for

fifty thousand, ~~at Jakarta's Sab Senajen Stadium.~~ The

Pope's reception ^{in Indonesia was rather} generally subdued; ~~thought his brief~~

~~visit~~ coming in the midst of ^{that not a major} ~~Indonesia's biggest~~

~~Mass~~ Moslem holiday. Next stop: Hong Kong.

LONDON

Over in London - Britain's new Conservative government today unveiled a tough new labor bill; one that would ban closed shops - as well as several alleged union abuses; one that would also authorize a fine up to a quarter of a million bucks - for anyone organizing a wildcat strike; ^{such as those that} ~~the like of which~~ have been playing havoc with British industry.

British Labor leaders promptly serving notice though ^{that} they'll fight it all the way. (A number of unions - including a major ~~the~~ British newspaper union - further pledging to dramatize their opposition - by means of a one-day wild-cat strike next Tuesday.

WALL STREET

On Wall Street - the stock market

continued to surge ahead today. Buoyed in part -
by its own momentum - also, ^{by} an easing of consumer
credit rates. With the ~~Dow~~ Dow Jones industrials
jumping nearly six points - on a volume of more than
twenty million shares. All of which is, well,
mildly interesting. But the really big news on Wall
Street this ~~week~~ week - girls, girls, girls. Ten
in all, who began working as pages - on the floor of
the ~~New York~~ Stock Exchange. The first feminine pages
- since the manpower shortage of World War Two.

~~Just~~ Indeed, the girls first appearance

or duty - drawing from traders a full two minute
standing ovation. I mean ^{haven't} ~~don't you agree that~~ after all, money isn't
everything!

NEW YORK

A blue blood British beauty often described as "the most elegant woman in the world" a visitor today to New York. The fabled Gloria Guinness - plugging a new magazine article; also, plugging ^{her} a recent book ~~she published~~ ^{just} ~~appropriately~~ "Gloria Guinness".

~~In the process~~ Mrs. Guinness ^{at} ~~holding~~ a ^{was asked:-} press conference, "Do you admit to being a grandmother Answer, "no, but my daughter has two children." Question:

"What kind of mail do you get in response to your magazine articles?" Answer: "How do you spell "mail?""

Question: "What do you think about womens liberation?"

Answer: "If we get equality with men, why, we'll be as stupid as they are."

When ^{one reporter} ~~it was~~ ~~was then~~ observed that the beauty ^{was} ~~was~~ also quite a wit - Gloria Guinness ^{replied} ~~saying~~ elegantly: "That's the only reason ~~that~~ my husband married me."