

CHRISTMAS

Thurs. Dec. 25-69.

Christmas at the White House. -- ~~celebrated~~
~~for the first time today by~~ President Nixon, his wife, Pat,
and daughter Tricia, Exchanging gifts and partaking of
roast turkey, in the quiet ~~surroundings~~ of their family
quarters. ~~Only~~ The only guest of the day, ~~was~~ Mamie
Eisenhower, an old ~~and dear~~ friend who dropped by
to visit for two hours. The President's other daughter
and son-in-law - Julie and David Eisenhower - spent
the day in Brussels with David's parents. ^P Mrs. Nixon
recalled one war-time Christmas that lives in her
memory - when her husband was a Navy lieutenant ~~in~~ in
the South Pacific and she was alone on the holiday.
"I hadn't heard from him in nearly a month," she says,
"I wa^s terribly distressed -- then, on Christmas Day
the postman brought me thirty letters, all at once!" ^{That}
^{she said}
"It was marvelous!"

In Vatican City, Pope Paul pleaded for an

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extention of the Yuletide truce in Vietnam and for an
end to ~~the~~ conflict in the Middle East -- ~~it~~ ^{pleading} in vain.

On this Christmas Day in Bethlehem, war ^{was} ~~is~~ more in
eviden^{ce} than peace. -- ~~and rock and roll~~ ~~known~~ ~~songs~~

~~are known~~. Israeli bombing planes ^{today were} ~~are~~ ~~known~~ ~~to~~ pound Egyptian
missile emplacements along the Sūza Canal, ^{with} ~~at~~ Cairo

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claim^{ing} four planes were shot down. -- ~~but~~ The Israelis

deny this. ¶ In Vietnam, the holiday truce ^{was} ~~is~~ broken

with both sides charging violations. ~~The~~ Hanoi Radio did

broadcast what it claimed to be ^{the voices of} ~~the~~ American war prisoners,

singing Christmas Carols. ¶ ~~and~~ In Paris, families of

American service men ~~is~~ missing in action were told

by Hanoi officials, ~~that~~ that all wives would eventually

hear about their husbands. That was the promise

reported by three American women who met for more

^{North Vietnam}
than an hour with the ^{Communist} ~~Communist~~ representative.

In LaCrosse, Wisconsin, a two year old boy

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received a toy soldier -- a very special present from his father -- a soldier in Vietnam. Though little Jeffrey Anderson thinks Santa Claus brought him the toy it was really from his father. Jeffrey was overjoyed with his present knowing that his father was a soldier and the toy was just like his father. But, what little Jeffrey had ~~n't~~ been told ~~is this~~ -- sad to relate - ^{is that} ~~his~~

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~~his~~ ^{his daddy,} ~~father,~~ twenty year old Thomas Anderson was killed in Vietnam on Sunday when an Army vehicle he was riding struck a booby-trap. Mrs. Doreen Anderson ^{hasn't} ~~says she~~ ^{told} ~~can't tell~~ her son, ~~yet because he's too young to under~~ stand.

In Los Angeles, Mexican American demonstrators interrupted a morning ~~church~~ service at St. Basil's Catholic Church. A spokesman for the protest, ~~saying~~ claiming ~~that~~ the " millions of dollars used to built St. Basil's could ~~be~~ have been better spent within the

Mexican-American community."

There were ~~also~~ ^{some} notes of joy ^{this} ~~on~~ Christmas

Day. ~~Again~~ In Los Angeles, police treated Preston Tingle -- a fifty year old hobo - to a dinner. Tingle -- who lives under a bridge -- had tipped off the police on where to find a thousand dollars worth of ^{stolen} goods.

⁴⁸ In Chicago, Judge Robert Hunter released all seventeen

inmates of "Alimony row" ^{at the Cook} ~~in the country~~ county jail,

telling them - "I hope you'll have ^{the true} ~~some~~ Christmas spirit

and ^{will} take care of your families." ^{TP} ~~and~~ In Pittsburgh,

Holly - Miss Holly Skodol that is, and Noel - Mr. Noel

Wilson, ^{are with all set to be} ~~planned to get~~ married on Saturday. Holly and

Noel - ^{why didn't get} ~~shouldn't they have~~ ^{today} married ~~on~~ Christmas Day, -

~~instead?~~ Noel - with his arms full of Holly!

ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

~~Professor Ted Bank~~, [†] an anthropologist and explorer on the faculty at Western Michigan University, believes he has located an historic Russian ship, just ^{PR} ~~near~~ one of the islands in the Aleutian chain. The name of the vessel, ~~was~~ The Three Saints. In Seventeen Ninety when she went down off the island of Unalaska, the ~~Captain's~~ ^{What then was Russia's} governor of Alaska, Alexander Baranof, was on board. ^{They went over the side and managed to} ~~He and others were saved~~, continued their voyage in a ^{native} ~~heavy~~ skin boat, a big oonyak.

Prof. Ted Bank tells me there were probably twenty thousand Aleuts living on the Aleutian Islands when the Russians first arrived. Today there are less than eight hundred. He ^{says} ~~tells me~~ sheep ranching in the Aleutian ^S ~~islands~~ is on the increase.

In ~~the~~ Aleut ~~language~~ they have a special phrase for government people who drop in ~~on them~~ from time to time. They describe ^{such a} ~~the~~ bureaucrat as "the

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man who comes every year, writes things down in a book and then never does anything about them."

ELLIS ISLAND (don't use unless necessary)

For fifty years and more - the world's gateway to freedom was a ~~tiny~~ speck of land in New York harbor. More than sixteen million in all - passing through the U S immigration center on Ellis Island.

Among them, David Sarnoff, of R.C.A., Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter - Admiral Hyman Rickover, the legendary Knute Rockne - and Father Flannigan

of Boys Town^{n.}. The question, ~~now~~ What next for Ellis Island, ~~itself?~~ Un-used since Nineteen Fifty Four -- its buildings are crumbling -- its ground in disrepair.

A plan for developing the island ^{as a} ~~for a kind of~~ museum -- still awaiting^s final approval, ~~and~~ the six million dollars Congress originally ~~was~~ appropriated for the job, ^{no longer} ~~hardly~~ enough, ~~at today's prices.~~

COLLEGES

The U S Office of Education ^{took over the role of} ~~playing~~ Santa

Claus ~~on~~ this Christmas Day -- announced ^{ing} more than
sixty-six million dollars in ~~New~~ new federal grants

to the nation's colleges and universities. The funds ^{mainly}
to be used to finance jobs for students, ^e working their
way through college. The grants in the new year will
assist more than two hundred thousand students -- the
^{in any one state --}
largest number ₁ -- fourteen thousand -- in California.

FESTIVAL

Police in Hollywood, Florida - are bracing
 for the expected arrival of about fifty thousand young
 people to attend a rock festival this weekend. Although
 smaller in scope than the one at Woodstock, New York
 earlier this year, the Florida festival will have an
 added attraction - Evangelist Billy Graham -- who will
 address the crowd Sunday morning. "The most challenging
 and exciting generation in history - these young people
 are really great" -- says Billy Graham. ~~But his~~

~~enthusiasm~~ ^{doesn't seem to be} ~~evidently not shared by~~ Florida police officials
~~who~~ ^{by legal means,} sought, unsuccessfully, to block the festival. ~~by legal~~
~~means.~~ ^{so,} ~~so,~~ ^{They don't seem to} share Billy
 Graham's enthusiasm, Warren.

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TORNADO

Mrs. Ophey Trahan -- who lives in Kaplan, Louisiana -- got up early this morning to cook her Christmas ~~tree~~ turkey. She lives near the railroad tracks -- still, she thought there was something funny about the sound she heard - like a train coming. *Strange!* because no train was scheduled to pass so early. As it ~~was~~ turned out, *it wasn't the* ~~that~~ sound ~~was~~ *of a* train. It was a tornado *and it* -- ~~that~~ *right off of* tore the roof ~~from~~ her house; - ~~slightly~~ injuring Mr. Trahan and making a shambles of ~~for~~ *all the* furniture, -- ~~including~~ *including* the Christmas tree. *only* For thirty seconds *it lasted.* But in that short time the twister brought havoc to Kaplan -- a small farming town about ^a~~one~~ hundred miles West of New Orleans -- demolishing several homes, killing one resident, injuring eight others.

Here is a cheerier note: -



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~~Before Holly of Pittsburgh~~

In Montreal two ~~men~~ convicts assigned to the kitchen to help cook the Christmas goose - took advantage of the opportunity ~~to~~ to fly the coop, ^{and A-L-U-T-M.}