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At the top of the news tonight -- it's all heart.

In Brooklyn -- Dr. Adrian Kantrowitz performing his second human heart transplant. Replacing the diseased heart of a New York City fireman -- with the healthy heart of a newly-deceased donor. While across the country -- at the Stanford Medical Center -- a slight improvement today in the condition of Mike Kasperak; in his own life-or-death struggle -- against severe complications following a similar heart transplant.

More on the same -- from Cape Town, South Africa.

Hospital authorities there today reporting continued steady progress -- in the recovery of pioneer heart transplant patient Philip Blaiberg. His condition so good, in fact -- with the hospital dispensing, henceforth, its regular a mid-afternoon medical bulletins. A case where no news -- is the best news of all.

War In Vietnam -- marked today by at least ten new

Viet Cong attacks. Enemy guerillas smashing in force -
at American and South Vietnamese installations alike.

but costly

Pressing on with a furious New Year's offensive -- that has already cost them around three thousand men.

One of today's main assaults -- practically in Saigon's back yard. A sneak attack killing some twenty Americans -- at headquarters of the U.S. Twenty-Fifth Division just south of the capital. The enemy -- also shooting down three U.S. helicopters; before slipping through a ring of American reinforcements -- and vanishing into the mangrove jungle.

bag of supprises - mostly bad. Including snow and bitter

cold -- in the frigid Northeast. With the mercury hitting

forty-one below at Ray Brook, New York -- coldest spot in

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the "Lower Forty-Eight." At the same time -- an ice and

snow spilling across the south -- stalling traffic

and closing schools.

By contrast -- the winter-weary Midwest receiving a

brief respite today -- from bone-chilling cold of the past

few days. But even there -- a new Arctic cold front edging

its way into the Northern Plains; with a promise of more

sub-zero cold -- seen to come.

A former World War Two fighter pilot -- who has held
Cabinet rank for only a year -- selected today as the new
Prime Minister of Australia. Fifty-Six-year-old John Gorton
succeeding the late Harold Holt -- who was lost in swimming
accident last month. Gorton beating out External Affairs
Minister Paul Hasluck -- on the second ballot of a Liberal
Party caucus at Canberra.

Later -- in his first act as Prime Minister-designate

-- Gorton saying he plans to visit the United States as soon
as possible; to keep alive -- said he -- "the same kind of
unique relationship" -- that his predecessor had previously
established with President Johnson.

By the way -- Gorton's wife's Bettina -- the new

First Lady of Australia -- a native of Bangor, Maine.

Although she w has lived in Australia some thirty years -
still an American citizen. You might say -- a smasking

success -- in her own people-to-people campaign.

Excitement in Moscow. Reports from the Red capital -telling today of the arrest and brief detention of a former
Soviet Army General; also an unidentified young woman. Leaders
of a loud protest -- against the secrecy surrounding a current
subversion trial of four young Russians.

Ex-Major General Pyotr Grigorenko-- who was stripped of his rank during the Khrushchev era -- picked up by Russian plainchothes police; when he passed along to an American newsman -> a petition protesting the secrecy arrangements.

He and the girl -- who was taken into custody at the same time -- held for about an hour; before they were able to convince Soviet authorities -- that what they did was perfectly legal and aboveboard.

Meanwhile, defendant Yuri Galanskov was admitted today

-- that he had maintained some contact with a German-based

anti-Soviet emigre organization. Galanskov insisting,

however, that his own acts were not anti-Soviet -- and, therefore, did not constitute a crime.

Those four young American sailors who defected to the Soviet Union -- now bona fide residents of neutral Sweden.

That country's Aliens' Commission voting today at Stockholm -- to grant the four seamen their requested political asylum. The ruling in line with an earlier recommendation from an advisory group -- urging compassion for the sailors for "humanitarian reasons." Specifying, however -- no political activity.

This apparently okay -- with the four young Americans.

Friends reporting -- they have already moved in with Swedish families; they are learning Swedish -- and they say they intend to remain in Sweden permanently.

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A later report: The U.S. State Department today offering to assist any parents of the four deserters--who wish to visit their sons in Sweden; or even to assist the four in returning home--should they so desire.

At the Vatican in Rome -- youth continues to have its day. With Pope Paul today accepting the resignations -- of two more aged Cardinals; making three Princes of the Church who have left the Roman Curia -- in just the past two days.

The new vacancies -- both to be filled by Benno Cardinal Gut of W Switzerland. A comparative youngster --

The city of Tunis -- capital of Tunisia -- last today for Vice President Hubert Humphrey; in the home stretch -- of his current goodwill tour of Africa.

At Tunis's Carthage Airport -- the Vice President receiving a warm welcome from Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba; one of the few leaders in Africa -- who firmly supports U.S. policy in Vietnam.

Earlier -- in a farewell address at Nairobi, Kenya -Hubert Humphrey saying one day Americans will be glad they
fought in Vietnam; instead of a fall ing victim to the
same kind of weakness and appeasement -- that led to World
War Two.

Found, at last -- a cure for the common cold; maybe just in time -- for some of us.

Finder -- according to this next from London -
Dr. Stanley Banks; who writes in the current issue of a

British medical journal -- about his experiments with more
than a thousand cold sufferers.

Dr. Banks claiming that early treatment with an antibiotic drug -- rovamycin, by name -- will halt a cold dead in its tracks "in most cases." The key to the cure -- supposedly in the phrase "early treatment." Dr. Banks saying the drug -- to be effective -- must be taken within six to twelve hours of the first sniffle. Adding, in short, an ounce of prevention-is worth a point of handershiefs.

Speaking of weather -- as more a moments ago -- a couple of cold-related items just in. The first -- from Northampton, Massachusetts; where a local man by the name of &i Victor Fortier -- is in the habit of taking an annual January dip in the Mill River; except that this year -- he has been forced to call it off. Not that he's afriad of the cold. It's just that the ice is too thick -- he can't chop a big enough hole in it.

Second item -- from nearby Reading, Mass.; where the local school board has ruled that teen-age girls may attend classes wearing slacks -- for as long as the current cold wave holds out. Reason: A sudden epidemic of frostbite -- on the knees of girls wearing these short, mini-skirts.