

BEIRUT

Thurs. Jan. 22 - '76.

In Lebanon - again, a cease fire, ~~today~~ <sup>their</sup>  
the twenty-sixth in more than nine months of <sup>taking</sup> bloody  
civil war. ~~But~~ this time <sup>it</sup> appears to be holding ~~its~~  
Police reporting in the early hours of the new truce -  
only "scattered and minor" clashes; <sup>The truce</sup> apparently due  
in part to the direct supervision of Syrian mediators -  
who <sup>this time have been</sup> ~~were~~ instrumental in ~~be~~ bringing the two  
sides together.

~~As the fighting thus draws to a close, hopefully,~~  
= Moslem militiamen and Palestine guerrillas <sup>are now in</sup> controlling  
at least two-thirds of the country; <sup>with</sup> Lebanese Christians  
mainly hemmed up in mountainous coastal regions -  
and especially in Beirut. Christian leaders denying  
a report they have ~~now~~ <sup>the</sup> agreed to political reforms "  
~~such as long~~ sought by Lebanon's Moslem majority.  
A Christian spokesman adding, however, <sup>that</sup> "if the other  
side proves its good will and abides by the cease - fire  
- then the demands for reform will not be a problem."  
And now -

KREMLIN

At the Kremlin <sup>there is</sup> ~~an~~ agreement ~~today~~ between ~~Sax~~ Secretary of State Kissinger and Russia's Brezhnev - on what constitutes a "heavy missile." The new definition to be written into the nineteen-seventy-two Salt agreement - thereby ~~eliminating~~ eliminating at least one source of recent dispute.

Brezhnev is also said to have presented "ideas of considerable interest" - on restraining the development of U S and Soviet cruise missiles and the Russian backfire bomber. Dr. Kissinger admitting, <sup>he so far has</sup> ~~however he~~ failed to score a breakthrough, ~~and~~ as hoped, on a new Salt agreement, Nor ~~was there~~ any ~~immediate~~ resolution ~~said he~~ of the U S - ~~and~~ Russian confrontation over Angola.

## USERY

As predicted earlier in the week, the head of the Federal Mediation Service was nominated today - to be the new Secretary of Labor. W J.

Usery to succeed John Dunlop. - ~~who resigned earlier in protest over the President's veto of the so-called "common situs picketing" bill.~~

The President ~~in announcing Usery's appointment~~ citing his "long experience and tremendous record" in dealing with controversial labor disputes. ~~Adding this has "qualified him superbly" for what will be a "very tough job."~~



# VEEP FOLLOW USERY

In an interview with New Hampshire reporters  
the President <sup>today</sup> ~~has~~ named <sup>five</sup> ~~today four men~~ - whom he  
is considering as potential running mates; ~~this year.~~

~~The four including~~ Senator Brook of Massachusetts -  
a black - Senators Baker and Brock both from Tennessee  
- ~~and~~ soon to be Commerce Secretary, Elliott  
Richardson, <sup>and Sen. Percy of Illinois</sup> ~~who's firing helped to precipitate the~~  
~~downfall of Richard Nixon.~~

<sup>does say</sup>  
The President ~~insisting, however, that~~ these  
are only a few of the <sup>1</sup> ~~persons he has~~ under con-  
sideration. Adding further it was "unfortunate and  
tragic" that he had to eliminate George Bush from  
consideration - in order to speed his confirmation  
as director of the C I A.



SENATE

Former Secretary of State Dean Rusk =

~~a witness~~ today before the Senate government operations  
committee, ~~there~~ <sup>ed</sup> praising the C I A - for its  
intelligence gathering operations; ~~also, saying it should~~  
~~not be blamed~~ for failing to predict the Soviet  
invasion of Czechoslovakia in Nineteen Sixty-eight.  
The Soviets apparently "made that decision only about  
three days before" - said he. Adding: "There was  
no way the C I A could have <sup>known,</sup> ~~foreseen~~ that."

~~Dean Rusk also criticizing those who~~  
~~should not be blamed~~  
~~criticize the C I A~~ for failure to deliver perfect  
predictions. Saying "at best - the intelligence  
community can only be estimators."

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**MILWAUKEE**

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**Milwaukee** - an explosion ~~happened~~ today in  
a towering grain elevator - showering broken concrete  
over a square block area. First reports indicating  
at least four dead - another ten injured.

## SEYCHELLES ISLANDS

~~At a ceremony in London,~~ <sup>Britain</sup> ~~Britain~~ today  
agreed<sup>3</sup> to grant full independence - to one of its last  
remaining colonial possessions - the ~~small but~~ strategic  
Seychelles islands in the Indian Ocean. The new  
Seychelles Republic to consist of eighty islands - in  
all. ~~The British stressing however, that final~~ <sup>MP</sup> Details  
~~are to~~ be worked out - at a tripartite conference with  
the U S. ~~This~~ because three of the Seychelles ~~islands~~  
- Aldabra, Farquhar and ~~Despoche~~ Despoches - ~~were~~  
<sup>under</sup> ~~earlier~~ leased to the U S for sixty years; ~~the~~ same  
as nearby Diego Garcia - where the U S is currently  
building a naval base.



NEW DELHI

At a meeting of physicians in New Delhi  
India's Madame Gandhi was calling today for a step  
up in birth control measures in the nation's second  
most populous country. The lady prime minister  
saying: "We should not hesitate to take <sup>drastic</sup> steps." - which  
~~might be described as drastic~~

~~What steps she didn't say.~~ Officials  
~~earlier heading~~ hinting <sup>it may mean</sup> ~~though they may seek~~  
compulsory sterilization - for ~~many~~ couples with  
more than two children.

and now this m -

## WASHACKIE BASIN

~~If you've~~ Ever dreamed of being an explorer?

~~or taking part in a scientific expedition this next~~

<sup>Here</sup> may be the answer to your dreams. The University of California at Berkeley <sup>is urging non-students</sup> ~~inviting members of the~~

~~public~~ to join some of its research parties. No

experience necessary. ~~Officials saying~~ Applicants should

be "interested in - but not necessarily educated in

a particular discipline."

The cost, <sup>ok</sup> ~~by the way~~, ranging from about

five hundred bucks, <sup>le</sup> to join a paleontological study

of the Washackie Basin in Wyoming, - <sup>or up to</sup> ~~all the way up~~

to sixteen hundred to join a search for rare plants.

in the tropical ~~rain~~ forests of ~~Cameroon~~ in West

Africa. <sup>as a</sup> ~~A spokesman adding what's more,~~ <sup>as a</sup> ~~his~~ contribution

to scientific research - ~~it's~~ all tax deductible."

And now for CTS