

ATHENS

L.T - Friday, Dec. 15, 1967 Kennedy  
American Tobacco, Plough airport

*Latest from Greece: A story-book twist -- that may yet write a new ending to King Constantine's abortive revolt.*

*According to informed sources in Athens - the ruling Greek military junta today deciding to let by-gones be by-gones. Reportedly asking Greek Archbishop Ieronymos - to negotiate the terms by which Constantine might regain his throne.*

*Reason for the ~~no~~ switch - nobody saying. However, the Greek military regime - minus the King - apparently fearful of losing western support; support - without which - they would be hard put to stay in business.*

## VIETNAM

War in Vietnam marked today by a sudden spill-over into ~~xxx~~ neutral Laos. That country today officially accusing North Vietnamese troops for the first time - of using Laotian territory as a privileged sanctuary.

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A Vientiane<sup>^</sup> ~~communique~~ specifically citing three North Vietnamese regiments - badly mauled by American forces last month at Dak To. These now said to be regrouping in southern Laos - apparently in preparation for another major offensive. A major reason - we are told - for the one-day truce limit allied forces have decided to set - for both Christmas and New Years.

*Pope Paul's New Year's message to the world - a call today to global prayer for peace on earth. The Pontiff asserting that only in peace can man achieve 'the highest and most universal values of life - truth, justice, freedom, love.'*

*He also deplored ~~nation~~ nationalism - arms build-ups - racism - revenge.*

*At the same time - the Pope strongly rebuking those he called cowards - for refusing to fight for justice and liberty. "Peace is not pacifism" said the Papal statement. Adding that great risks "are necessarily involved - in the accomplishment of great duties and generous exploits.;" great risks - which no man may shirk - said the Pope.*

CHRIS TMAS

*Here at home - a second prayer for peace - from President Johnson, as he lighted the National Christmas tree tonight - on the ellipse ~~to~~ between the White House and the Washington Monument. Said the President: "What sustains us - as we turn on the lights of this tree - is the belief that the spirit of life will triumph over death. The conviction that peace will come - and permit us to give our lives completely to building - ~~to~~ instead of destroying." That from the President.*

OMAHA FOLLOW BONN

More on the war from Richard Nixon - out of Omaha - Nebraska; where the ~~former~~ former Vice President ~~he~~ said today that the United States should retaliate directly against Red China, in the event of Chinese planes attack South Vietnam - ~~but~~ or even if Chinese airfields are made available to North Vietnamese planes for such attacks.

Said Nixon: "The Red Chinese should be put on notice that if they intervene as they did in Korea - we will retaliate - and not on the ground."

Nixon adding that he does not favor mass escalation of the War at this time, ~~but~~ <sup>but he does</sup> refusing to rule out the possible use of nuclear weapons.

Another war-related item -- comes today from Bonn - Germany - in the wake of the overseas campaign ~~trail~~ <sup>trail</sup> -- ~~aux~~ of Michigan's Governor Romney. Forces close to the Republican Presidential hopeful - saying he is trying out a new Vietnam policy on various world leaders; ~~a~~ plan calling for ~~aux~~ neutral invasion of Vietnam -- by mutual East-West agreement.

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So far - Romney supposedly discussing this idea -- with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson - also German Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger - and French Foreign Minister Couve-de-Murville. Of the three, however, only the latter - de Murville <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ suspected of encouraging the Romney plan. ~~French President~~ DeGaulle - himself having long urged neutralization.

## CONGRESS

*Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill - the ninetieth Congress was speeding today toward a fast finish.*

*The Senate - first up; completing final congressional action - on that new Social Security Bill, providing for a record three-point-six-billion increase in old age benefits., as of March. To meet the cost - another record increase - in pay roll taxes -- effective January One.*

*The House - and then the Senate - also adding final approval to that controversial Foreign Aid Bill.*

*Now on its way to the White House - the measure providing for a Foreign Aid appropriation of two point three billion. Lowest figure - in the twenty year history of the program.*



ADD CONGRESS

*Later - a new anti-poverty bill - also slipping  
under the wire.*



Elsewhere on the Congressional front -- a new life for President Johnson's requested tax increase. Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee - calling a meeting of his panel for next month; to take up as its first order of business - a reconsideration of the proposed tax hike. Purpose - said Mills - to assure the integrity of the dollar - at home and abroad.

~~The move following~~ a new attack on the dollar today - in the Paris gold market, Amid reports that the United States and its economic allies - might be planning to clamp down on gold speculators.

DETROIT

*In Detroit - success at last. General Motors Corporation and the United Auto workers - agreeing today to a new labor pact. Ending the threat of another major auto strike - for another three years, at least.*

*Money terms of the contract - about the same as those set earlier at Ford and Chrysler. The agreement providing also - "enormous progress" in non-economic matters., said U A W Chieftain Walter Reuther. Final settlement - following twenty nine hours of non-stop negotiations.*

## ALGIERS

*Revolt in Algeria - the story - from Algiers, where President Houari Boumedienne today seized supreme control of the Algerian Army - sealing off all major cities; later announcing he had crushed the attempted coup - launched by dissident Army officers.*

*Boumedienne's victory claimed - in a nationwide radio and television broadcast. He further credited the victory - to "the vigilance of the Algerian people -- supported by the intransigent determination of the leaders; with an assist - said he - from "destiny".*

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - a specially appetizing bill signing ceremony today. With President Johnson putting the final touch - to a new meat inspection law; one that will force dirty meat packing plants - to "clean up or close down" said he.

Approving on-lookers including - eighty-nine year old famed author Upton Sinclair, <sup>1/2</sup> The man who first launched the clean meat crusade ~~60~~ <sup>20</sup> sixty years ago, said the President. This through his famed novel - "the Jungle" all about "packing town" - Chicago.

One uninvited ~~quest~~ guest - the President's little dog Yuki; who almost disrupted the entire affair ~~4~~ by jumping into I B J's lap, Just as he was signing the bill,

~~bill.~~

Warren, with all that talk about good, clean meat <sup>it</sup> ~~-~~ seems <sub>1</sub> that Yuki, was drawn like a magnet.

## REPUBLICANS

Turning to politics - top Republican Congressional  
*leaders*  
struck back today at ~~Executive~~ President Johnson, for his  
Monday speech at Miami Beach, where he called the  
Republicans - among other things - "wooden soldiers of  
the status quo."

House ~~Minority~~ Minority Leader, Gerald Ford,  
urging Americans to vote Republican next year,  
to give the G O P enough power in Congress - to get  
rid of another kind of status quo; The "status quo"  
said he - of steady increases in the cost of living -  
interest rates - and crime.

Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen further  
noting - that those "wooden Republican soldiers" were  
~~standing~~ standing behind the President on Vietnam;  
"while his own troops" meaning the Democrats - "were  
pummeling and pelting him" at every opportunity.

And from the United Air Terminal at  
JFK as we take off for Alaska -  
a-l-u-man

*To be inserted in the tape --  
(came in after the show was done)*

*Tragedy tonight during the rush hour when a major highway  
bridge between Ohio and West Virginia collapsed. The  
bridge known as the Silver bridge is between Knauga,  
Ohio, and Pleasant, West Virginia. Police in Gallipolis  
Ohio say the whole span is in the river and it was carrying  
traffic when it went down.*