

Wed. Feb. 5-69.

Richard Nixon - ~~a man~~ on the move today;
In a flurry of activity reminiscent of ^{the} ~~the~~ early Lyndon
Johnson - the President juggling crises ^{formulating} ~~making~~
policy - making ~~decisive~~ decisions; Setting in motion
a chain of events -- expected to affect the lives
of countless millions both at home and abroad.

Topic A - for the moment at least - the
middle East. With the President accepting a French
call -- for a "Big Four" peace initiative, ~~at~~ ^{aimed}
hopefully, at ^{achieving} through the U N -- a solution
at last to that Arab Israeli impasse. The President
also firmed-up plans - for his coming trip to Europe,
saying he expects to confer with bi-partisan
congressional leaders before leaving. Announcing
scheduled stops "over there" at Paris, London,
Brussels, Bonn and Berlin.

On the domestic front - the President urging: One - speedy Senate approval of that pending nuclear ~~non-proliferation~~ non-proliferation treaty -- on the grounds ^{that} it has waited long enough; two, a continuation of the Electoral College System - though with certain reforms; and three - a complete and historic reorganization of the postal system; to determine promotions on the basis ~~is~~ of competitive exams -- rather than political patronage.

Along the way - the President also met with March of Dimes poster boy - Tracy Green of Velma, Oklahoma; who added just the right ~~tough-tough~~ touch to offset an otherwise overpowering day. Little Tracy noting the President's dog Tim ~~is~~ was proving unruly. ^{and} Advising the President: "He may be a nice dog - "but he doesn't mind you." Proving again - even Presidents are human.

BAGHDAD

Baghdad -- an American oil expert held on spy charges since December - finally set free today. Paul Bail cleared and ~~also~~ released - by order of the ~~Iraqi~~ Iraqi Cultural ~~Ministry~~ Ministry. This - according to Radio Baghdad - because - "the Arabs are noble people who believe in tolerance." Another reason - according to U S sources - because the Iraqis had found that ~~the~~ ^{the} Bails short wave radio -- the basis for his arrest - could only receive ~~to~~ messages; not send them - as charged.

From the Federal Communications Commission

- a proposed ban today on all cigarette advertising on

both radio and television. ^{Reason} ~~This~~ said the F C C -

because smoking is "a most serious, unique danger

to public health." Commission Chairman Rosel Hyde

asserting ~~this~~ that one third of all ~~ma~~ male deaths


^{ages} between [^]thirty-five and sixty - are related to

cigarettes.

CAPITOL HILL

Fidel Castro versus airline hi-jackers. The story - from Capitol Hill; where Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Frank Loy told a House Committee today - that "the Cuban government neither encourages nor condones hi-jacking. " Adding that Cuba considers the problem - in fact, so serious - that it "may adopt measures of its own" to discourage the Air piracy.

Next question: Why so many ~~hi-jackings~~ hi-jackings -- seemingly all of a sudden? In ~~recess~~ reply - Loy asserting: "This is a communicable disease, a troubled person reads about a hi-jacking," said he - "the way some other fellow has solved his problem by getting out of the U S - in a somewhat splashy manor, and bingo! - the disease has claimed another victim. Also, another plane.



BOGOTA FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

As if ~~they~~ to prove the point - one more
~~hijacking~~ a few hours later - thirteenth this year.
The craft - a Colombian airliner - with forty-~~ss~~
seven a board.

Washington again - Congress approves its own payboost. This - by virtue of a vote today - in the House Rules Committee. ~~Cost~~ Confirming the proposed wage hike - by a margin of ~~twen~~ twelve to three. The committee further deciding - it will not be necessary to submit the matter to the full House. All of which means an automatic twelve-thousand-five-hundred-dollar congressional salary ~~inxxxx~~ increase come Valentine's Day.

ZURICH

From Zurich, Switzerland comes the ~~big~~ ~~horrible~~ story - of a religious sect called "the international ~~community~~ community for the ~~prop~~ promotion of peace." Six of whose elders - began serving prison sentences ranging up to ten years today. Convicted of taking part in the beating of a young member of the congregation - seventeen year old Bernadette Hasler.

~~According~~ According to court testimony the ^{were} six convinced that Bernadette has been invaded by Satan. Something on the order of "Rose Mary's Baby." And they were trying - literally - to "beat the devil out of her." Indeed, the beater^s ^{were} convinced their operation would have been a success - except ^{the} _^ patient died.

DUNDEE

This next - from Dundee, Michigan; where Mrs. Francis Barnier has just given birth to her fourth set of twins - for a grand ~~total~~ total of thirteen children. Mrs. Barnier reporting - "we've run out of double names" for this latest set. "But personally" said she - "I'm considering calling them - Enos and ~~Warren~~ Enough." On the theory, apparently, ^{*} that enough ~~he's~~ number thirteen - he's more than enough. For a middle name, Warren, she'll call him one to Many!

CORONADO

The engineering officer of the U S S Pueblo -
a key witness today at Coronado, California. Chief
Warrant Officer Gene Lacey confirming his skipper's
testimony - that the intelligence ship "could not be
scuttled quickly." Adding there had been some doubt
-- whether the vessel could have been scuttled at all.
Reason said Chief Lacey - the fact that the Pueblo
had just been converted to Navy use. "Our concern,"
up to then - said he - "was not whether we could
scuttle the ship - but whether we could keep her
afloat."