

Fri, Nov. 15 - '68.

The White House - President Johnson confirms <sup>that</sup> today Richard Nixon will be consulted <sup>on</sup> every major U S foreign policy decision - between now and January Twentieth. The President telling an impromptu news conference that Robert Murphy - Nixon's liaison man on foreign affairs - will be constantly at his side. L B J explaining it is "desirable" if not essential - to have the ~~nation~~ nation united on foreign affairs, regardless of political affiliation.

However, the President <sup>went on to</sup> emphasize <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~

"decisions to be made ~~now~~ between now and January twenty - <sup>— meaning himself —</sup> will be made by this President - this Secretary of State - and this Secretary of Defense." In effect, echoing Richard Nixon's earlier statement - that "there can be only one President at a time."

BRUSSELS FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Next stop - Brussels - a meeting of Nato Foreign Ministers; where Secretary of State Dean Rusk spelled out today - the latest turn in U S foreign policy.

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Although no direct text - Dean Rusk reportedly telling our allies <sup>that</sup> the United States cannot remain indifferent in the event of any new Soviet attack in Eastern Europe; especially if it involves - either Austria or Yugoslavia. This - he is quoted as saying - because the fate of those two neutrals - is closely linked with Nato's own security interests.

As for the possibility of a Soviet invasion of Communist Romania - a somewhat different story, of course. However, Dean Rusk supposedly warning that an attack even there - would lead to a graver <sup>crisis</sup> ~~crisis~~ than that which followed the invasion of Czechoslovakia.

THANKSGIVING

The White House again - President Johnson

today officially proclaimed Thursday, November Twenty-Eighth - as Thanksgiving Day, Nineteen Sixty-Eight.

Calling the past year - one we can be truly thankful for; a year that has seen - said he - "the endurance and stability of our democracy - a renewed determination to bridge our divisions - the beginning of talks with our adversaries - the ~~xxx~~ increasing prosperity of our people - the achievement of new breakthroughs in medical science and new victories over disease."

Accordingly - said the President - "Let us offer ~~xxx~~ more than words of Thanksgiving to God; let us resolve to offer him the best that is within us - tolerance, respect for life - faith in the destiny of all men to live in peace."

most of us will want to  
To which ~~I can only~~ add - amen!



PARIS

Paris report - all quiet on the peace ~~front~~ front.

Washington- likewise. Saigon - more of the same. Leaving

it up to Hanoi - to launch the latest peace rumor. North

Vietnamese peace observer Le Duc Tho departing ~~ing~~ today

for Paris - ~~reportedly~~ <sup>we hear</sup> armed with "new instructions."

~~Raising~~ ~~again~~ the hope of a break at last that will

lead eventually to expanded peace talks. ~~For the moment~~

~~though no change.~~



NEW YORK

*Here*  
~~Back~~ in New York - Richard Nixon was ~~"all over"~~ *busy*  
~~the 1st~~ *today* Conferring with Chairman Frederick  
Kappel of A T & T - President George Meany of the A F L -  
C I O - Director Whitney Young of the Urban League -  
also, C I A Director Richard Helms. The President-Elect  
trying to wrap up a few loose ends - before heading South  
for another brief ~~visit~~ rest.

Along the way - Nixon receiving a friendly message  
from Soviet President Podgorny; calling for "mutual  
— *in order*  
respect" *^* that the "friendship" between our two countries  
*And most unusual,*  
might "be preserved and strengthened." *^* ~~the message~~  
the message was also displayed prominently today - in the  
Soviet Press.

BIRTH

After five days of often bitter dispute <sup>in Washington</sup> - ~~America's~~

Catholic Bishops have finally spoken; ~~In Washington~~  
approving ~~today~~ by near-unanimous vote - a new pastoral  
letter on birth control, ~~Confirming the Pope's ban on~~  
contraception - as "an authoritative statement" - one  
that must be ~~can~~ accepted - as "the authentic teaching  
of the Church." Adding though - that "circumstances may  
reduce moral guilt;" ~~Which means that couples who decide~~  
~~in good conscience to practice contraception - need not~~  
~~feel cut off from the Church or its sacraments.~~

MAX CONRAD II

Tonight ~~there's~~ a bit of a mystery. ~~What has~~

~~Where is~~  
~~happened to~~ Max Conrad, the man who holds so many  
~~records for~~ long distance flying, <sup>records?</sup> Max as I mentioned  
on the air ~~several~~ several nights ago, is attempting to  
what is no doubt the most difficult flight of his long and  
remarkable career. After leaving the west coast, and  
flying to Alaska, I told him <sup>W</sup> he had taken off from Point  
Barrow, flying into the <sup>black</sup> Arctic <sup>night,</sup> heading for the North <sup>and beyond,</sup> Pole,  
alone.

Some hours ago I succeeded in talking to him  
by short wave. He had already stopped at T-3, our ice  
island in the Arctic Ocean, where ~~a group of~~ scientists  
are ~~at work,~~ studying Arctic problems. ~~He stayed over~~  
~~night with the~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~scientists and~~ When I talked to him, he  
was in his small plane, an Aztec, nearing the North  
Pole, and hoping to make an eleven hour non-stop flight  
all the way to Tromsø, Norway. At the time we talked  
he said the scientists at T-3 had fed him handsomely,  
that the temperature was thirty four ~~degrees~~ below, ~~zero~~



as ~~which is~~ <sup>not</sup> cold for up there, <sup>and</sup> that he was flying at five thousand feet over the Arctic Ocean ice packs.

~~Our conversation was fairly brief. He also mentioned visiting Lowell Jr. and family at Anchorage, a few days before ~~heading~~ <sup>flying</sup> on into the Arctic.~~ But,

But where is ~~Max Conrad~~ <sup>he</sup> now? One shortwave report <sup>has it</sup> that ~~that~~ <sup>after passing the Pole</sup> he ran into a wide storm front, and decided to come down at Nord, in Greenland. ~~That much we know, and no~~ <sup>Beyond that no word.</sup>

~~more.~~

~~As I mentioned a few nights ago, He is trying to make the first solo flight around the world by way of both Poles, a thing ~~impossible~~ <sup>no one could do</sup> up to now because our Navy controls the Antarctic and no airman had been given ~~per~~ <sup>solo</sup> permission to attempt the dangerous crossing from South America over the South Pole and on to Australasia.~~

~~The next report from~~ <sup>Meanwhile at</sup> Tromsøe, Norway ~~is that~~ they are anxiously ~~awaiting~~ <sup>awaiting</sup> word, ~~from him.~~

If he should be in trouble in Greenland, ~~Warren~~, maybe we'd better  
get in touch with General Dick Lassiter, or ~~the famous~~  
explorer Bernt Balchen, who made some ~~famous~~ <sup>dramatic</sup> Greenland  
rescues during the War. How about you and  
your plane, Warren.

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TORONTO

From Toronto, Canada - the story today of a would-be bank robber, attempting to emulate the movie exploits - of Clyde Barrow of "Bonnie and Clyde" fame. While his gunman partner was standing guard - the counterfeit Clyde cleaning out several cash drawers; whereupon he tried to vault a four-foot counter to make good his escape - except that he didn't quite make it; ~~as~~ falling - figuratively and literally - flat on his face.

Although his partner got away - the "leaper" himself was quickly smothered by bank employees. Later identified - as <sup>one</sup> Edward Kotaposki, of Montreal. ~~The closest~~ ~~he came to achieving his goal~~ in newspaper headlines; ~~promptly~~ dubbing the bandit ~~tax~~ duo - "Bonnie and Thud."