

L. T. OLDS, FISHER. MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

The 88th congress finally managed to adjourn today - after the senate approved and sent to President Johnson the three-billion dollar foreign aid bill - that has caused congress so much trouble.

Even the most controversial part of the bill - the wheat amendment - which gives the President limited authority to underwrite the sale of U.S. wheat to Russia went through.

The proceedings today were relatively quiet - in comparison to the angry debates in the house last week over the same bill.

In fact, the only real criticism came from - Senator Wayne Morse. Now, even the senior senator from Oregon is on his way home.

PRESIDENT

President Johnson is now directing much of his attention on the 1965 budget.

The president conferring till after midnight last night with his economic advisers, and again at breakfast this morning.

Defense secretary McNamara and the joint chiefs of staff at the LBJ ranch - to confer about the budget.

The chiefs of staff urging that the military budget should not be cut below this year's level.

Intensive - activity, as usual at the LBJ ranch, with the Secretary McNamara saying later that defense spending for the fiscal year 1965 will be about a billion dollars less than this year.

KHRUSHCHEV

Premier Khrushchev sent the American people a New Year's Greeting card tonight. A message of good wishes for peace and, of course, peaceful co-operation between the two nations. "Peaceful co-operation" being Premier Khrushchev's favorite theme - these days.

The boss of the Kremlin going out of his way to emphasize his belief that neither America nor Russia - wants war. That East-West understanding on a wide range of issues - could ease the cold war and make nineteen sixty-four a year of change for the better - in international affairs. All this loving kindness on Nikita's part was not of course without a double meaning.

He was also making use of the occasion to reject completely the Red Chinese theory that no co-operation is possible - between Communists and the

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unbelieving rest of the world. He doesn't want - as do
the Chinese - to build a better world on the smoking
ruins of this one.

So says the Boss of the Kremlin in his New
Year's Greeting. I'm sure most of us hope these
wishes - are firm New Year's resolutions too.

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WEST GERMANY

Chancellor Ludwig Erhard was in high good humor - at that News Conference in Bonn today. The West German Chancellor just back from his Texan-style Christmas - at the LBJ Ranch. Chancellor Erhard is delighted at the way it turned out - both socially (as he remarked with a grin) and politically. Telling his Cabinet that the United States will lock to its guns in Europe - despite the change in Presidents.

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has asked the Western Allies to approve his policy of conducting direct negotiations with the East Berlin government. Negotiations that is - over traffic through the Berlin Wall. Until the Christmas breakthrough, when West Berliners were allowed to visit their relatives in the East, negotiations had always been conducted - with the U.S.S.R. The allies, not recognizing the East Berlin's government's right - to control the boundary.

Now Mayor Brandt wants to negotiate - further visits for West Berliners and he wants - allied approval.

CYPRUS

The Union Jack was hoisted again today in Cyprus for the first time since that island became independent in 1960.

British troops are now occupying both sides of a no-man's land at Nicosia - capital of Cyprus.

The zone - agreed upon by the Greek and Turkish Cypriots - whose clashes have taken an estimated 200 lives in the last few days. The British troops - there to keep order.

Both sides accepting the neutral zone, proposed by Commonwealth relations secretary Duncan Sandys.

The Moroccan National Tea Office.

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CASABLANCA

Casablanca, long known to almost everybody because it's Casba has so often appeared in the movies - is in the news again tonight, and to the casual onlooker in that city it might have seemed that - a movie was being filmed today - all about some affair of intrigue - and secrecy. Twelve black limousines, with curtains drawn, surrounded by motorcycles and police on foot - arriving in the center of Casablanca.

But what was really happening - Chou en Lai, Premier of Red China, presently visiting Morocco, was on his way to inspect - a petroleum refinery. And the Moroccan National Tea Office.

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HOPE

Here's a hopeful story in the news tonight -- from the always hopeful Bob Hope. With, needless to say -- a touch of that Hope humour. Many Americans have wondered aloud, at ~~the~~ one time or another, whether all that foreign aid -- and all these troops in Europe -- are really necessary. Well Bob Hope -- just back from his annual ten-day Christmas swing, entertaining troops in Europe -- has the answer. "I saw where all our money is going", he says. "It seems like going to a lot of trouble to keep Khrushchev out of Disneyland -- but it's worth it".

Amd now Hal Sims - for Dick Noell, to tell us about something I hope you all have for the New Year -- something that is really worth it.

GEESE

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**Russians are invading Sacramento California --
but there's no alarm.**

**Big Russian snow-geese are flying in to the
California Capital -- apparently preferring Sacramento to
Siberia. Wise geese?**

**The birds, with metal leg bands carrying
their identity in the Russian language, evidently didn't
know they were arriving at just the wrong time -- during
the peak of the goose-hunting season. Sad to say --
the Russians were shot down.**

**However -- the metal markers will be sent
back to Moscow, with best wishes of the season, and a
suggestion that they goose more geese and send them to
Sacramento --- And so long until tomorrow!**