

JOHNSON

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*The Texas White House, breaking its silence on current moves to end the Vietnamese War, says that President Johnson is pushing a peace offensive to convince world leaders that "we are genuinely willing to cooperate with anyone who shares our desires for peace." White House News Secretary Bill Moyers says "I don't want to raise unjustified hopes, nor do I want to indicate anything except President Johnson is anxious to be reasonable on the problems in Southeast Asia. Government sources in Washington are quoted as saying that the United States will settle for a "non-aligned" South Vietnam or Communist China. This basic American position is being conveyed to various governments in the current diplomatic missions, ordered by President Johnson. Ambassador Averell Harriman is now in Belgrade, conferring with ■ Yugoslavian President Tito. Harriman called on Polish officials in Warsaw yesterday. U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg also talked with Pope Paul at the Vatican yesterday and then headed for Paris*

for discussions with French officials. And Presidential adviser McGeorge Bundy went to see Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson. Canada and Poland are members of the International Control Commission which was set up in Nineteen-Fifty-Four to oversee the Indochinese peace. Officials in Washington say that a high-level contact may also be made with India, the Commission's third member. But, what all this is accomplishing remains unknown. A State Department spokesman says there has been NO peaceful response from North Vietnam in the past twenty-four hours.

HANOI

To be sure, the only response from the North Vietnamese is a belligerent one. The Hanoi Radio warned that if American troops carried the war into North Vietnam, they would be annihilated on the spot. The broadcast gave a year-end analysis of the situation in North Vietnam, claiming that more than eight hundred American planes have been shot down over the country since the bombing raids began last February. It also claimed that the past year has been continued military, economic and political progress in North Vietnam, despite the increased pace of the war and the air raids. It said that NO matter how many American troops are thrown into the fighting in South Vietnam, the Viet Cong forces would finally win. NO mention was made of peace negotiations.

## CASUALTIES

*The Defense Department says that one-thousand Five-Hundred-Ninty-Seven American military personnel have been killed or wounded in the Vietnamese War as of last Monday. More than seven thousand have been wounded, one-hundred-forty-nine are missing, and at least twenty-five are known to have been captured by the enemy.*

## GUNPOWDER

Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz predicts that a gunpowder strike, which threatens to impede the war effort in Vietnam, will be ended in a few days. The strike is against the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation at Alton, Illinois.

## BROOKE

*Massachusetts State Attorney-General Edward Brooke, a Negro Republican, announced today that he will run for the U.S. to succeed the retiring Leverett Saltonstall. Brooke told a news conference in Boston that Republican Governor John Volpe intends to run for another term as governor, even though he has been mentioned as a possible successor to Saltonstall. If nominated and elected in November, Brooke would become the third Negro U.S. Senator in history. Two Negroes were elected to the Senate from Mississippi in the Eighteen-Seventies.*

## SCHOOLS

*Welfare Secretary John Gardner says he will send a team of Federal analysts to Chicago to investigate charges of racial discrimination in the city's public school system. Last September, the government asked Illinois state school officials to freeze thirty-one MILLION dollars in Federal funds to Chicago's schools, pending assurances that the money would not be used in racially segregated schools. The freeze was lifted, however, when the Chicago Board of Education agreed to investigate the discrimination charges. Board President Frank Whiston says that Secretary Gardner is acting prematurely in ordering the government-sponsored investigation. He suggests that more Federal funds be provided to finance the investigation which the Chicago Board is undertaking.*

## BOMBAY

*Eight workers were killed and seventy others were injured in India when police opened fire on rioting workers at the country's first atomic power station, located at Tarapur. An official report says the shooting came after striking workers tried to burn the power station, now under construction with American assistance some sixty miles north of Bombay.*



## RHODESIA

*Episcopal Bishop James Pike of California says that Rhodesia has become the same kind of police state as East Germany. He predicts that the white supremacy regime of Premier Ian Smith will soon be overthrown in a bloodless coup. He conceded, however, that the vast majority of white church-goers in Rhodesia and some of the clergy are supporting Smith's views. Bishop Pike made the comments in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, where he arrived after being ordered to leave Rhodesia. No reason was given for his expulsion.*

## ZAMBIA

*The United States next week will begin airlifting about six thousand tons to the African country of Zambia - the operation to continue through January and February. The airlift is being undertaken to minimize the effect of the current oil embargo on Rhodesia, which has cut off much of the petroleum supply which went to Zambia. A commercial airline has been awarded the contract for the airlift, to be financed with funds from the Agency for International Development.*

## **CIGARETTES**

*Cigarette smoking in the United States reached record proportions during Nineteen-Sixty-Five. The Agriculture Department reports that cigarette consumption would reach Five-Hundred-Thirty-Two-BILLION this year - up eight-BILLION from the previous high year of Nineteen-Sixty-Three. During Nineteen-Sixty-Four, however, cigarette smoking took a noticeable downturn following a Federal report linking smoking with cancer.*

## CABARETS

For the first time since Nineteen-Seventeen, there will be no cabaret tax on New Year's Eve - but that doesn't mean an evening on the town will cost less. Most of the nation's leading night spots will charge the same as last year, when the tab included the tax. Some of the more expensive evenings will be in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Miami. At Maxim's in Chicago's post Tower, one hundred dollars buys a dinner for two - including caviar, turbot, beef tenderloin with truffle sauce, artichokes, champagne at midnight, and dancing till dawn. After all that, there's a luxury suite upstairs in the hotel where you can sober up before having breakfast in bed. Perhaps the most unusual entertainment on New Year's Eve will be witnessed by patrons at the "Interlude" in San Francisco. The featured act is "Joy, the Living Brush," who paints pictures on a giant canvas, using her own body as the brush.

## HOLIDAY

*The weather Man says that unseasonably warm weather will prevail over most of the nation on New Year's Eve. But a cold band of air is expected to stretch from the Northern Plains as far south as Texas. The balmy temperatures will be felt in the Ohio Valley, the South and even New England. Rain or snow is predicted for some parts of the Rockies and WEst Coast as we pull the last page from the calendar and usher in Nineteen-Sixty-Six.*