

MADRID

Thurs. Dec. 17-70.

For Generalissimo Franco of Spain - a rare public appearance today at a rally held in Madrid. This <sup>a</sup> part of an effort to mobilize Spain's <sup>so-called</sup> "silent majority," ~~so-called~~ - against Basques and other ethnic groups who are now challenging the Franco regime.

~~At any rate,~~ <sup>today</sup> Franco saluting the crowd - from a balcony of his Royal Palace, <sup>with</sup> Prince Juan Carlos - the man he has already chosen as his successor - standing at his side. The crowd then roaring, in effect: "Franco, si - Basques, no."

## PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - an American challenge to the Communist side - to stop the fighting "now." David Bruce for the U.S. urging an immediate cease-fire in Indochina - without tying it in to conditions which the U.S. has already rejected.

However, Hanoi's Xuan Thuy <sup>responding</sup> ~~thereupon~~ ~~urging~~ that the U.S. <sup>must</sup> first set its own timetable for unilateral troop withdrawals. <sup>So-o</sup> ~~And~~ Bruce <sup>they</sup> ~~later~~ <sup>ed</sup> observing - "no progress."

~~Half-a-world away~~ - The U.S. Command in Saigon was issuing a warning today to American GI's; a warning against the possibility of a Viet Cong terrorist offensive - aimed at killing and maiming Americans.

General Michael Greene saying the Viet Cong - "always take advantage of any situation that comes their way." And he added: "If they are not succeeding in the battle area - this is one way to keep attention on themselves".

The U.S. Command also issuing another casualty report <sup>saying</sup> ~~today~~ <sup>we've</sup> ~~showing~~ twenty-nine killed in action during the past week. This marking the second week in a row - when U.S. combat deaths were less even than non-combat deaths.

GDYNIA

Diplomatic reports from Communist Poland - tell  
of additional "disturbances" today in the Polish Baltic  
seaport of Gdynia; with the sound of <sup>repeated</sup> gunfire, - ~~again echoing~~  
~~through the air.~~ They also ~~tell of~~ <sup>of</sup> reported strike actions  
in the textile city of Lodz and the coal regions of Silesia.  
~~At the same time though~~ <sup>And, we hear</sup> the Polish government has  
<sup>rushed</sup> ~~sending~~ police reinforcements into a number of potential  
trouble spots. Warsaw pledging to mete out "just  
punishment" - to those it called murderers, arsonists and  
robbers.

WARSAW

Now this: Polish Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz -  
appearing tonight on national television; reporting that  
more than a dozen persons have been killed so far - and  
several hundred wounded; blaming the <sup>recent</sup> violence - on  
"anarchists, hooligans and enemies of socialism." He  
also ordered police, henceforth - to shoot to kill.  
<sup>no nonsense</sup>  
That's the way they do it behind the Iron Curtain.

ADD WARSAW

And still later tonight--a reported bomb blast in  
the back yard of the Soviet Embassy in ~~Moscow~~ <sup>Warsaw</sup>.

## WHITE HOUSE

*At the White House - a call today from Britain's Edward Heath; his first official visit to the U.S. - as British Prime Minister; drawing forth a warm welcome - from President Nixon; who said that relations between the U.S. and Britain are "special" - because of common language, common law, similar institutions and, above all, a dedication to general political principles.*

*Heath, in turn, saying he expected his talks with U.S. officials - to cover a broad range of matters. He also said that Britain's hoped-for entry into the Common Market - "will be to the benefit" of Europe, Great Britain, the United States and the Free World.*

## YUCCA FLATS

At Yucca Flats, Nevada - another underground nuclear test blast today; the third <sup>in</sup> ~~over the past~~ two days; code name - "Carpet Bag." A spokesman for the Atomic Energy Commission - later reporting that everything was "normal." He also <sup>told of</sup> ~~said that~~ a small amount of seepage from one of the previous tests - had "quickly dispersed." ~~This was~~ "a minimum spill" - <sup>said he</sup> ~~he added~~, "probably caused by a leak from a natural fissure - or gases that escaped up through the sand and gravel fill."

~~Incidentally~~, <sup>we hear also</sup> ~~the Russians said to have~~ triggered an underground nuclear test of their own today - in the Soviet Semipalatinsk area.



## ZAGREB

A ~~rather~~ strange story <sup>comes</sup> ~~is reported today~~ from Zagreb, Yugoslavia; where a young American girl was arrested this week - for scattering leaflets from the window of a tall building.

Julia Schultz - age twenty-two - of Portland, Oregon - later telling police - she had been given the leaflets by an acquaintance in Vienna. They were written in Serbo-Croat - so she couldn't read them - she said; but her friend told her - they were advertisements for a new book; and would she please - try to circulate them.

Only trouble - the leaflets allegedly containing propaganda ~~that was~~ "hostile" to the Yugoslav government.

Miss Schultz now facing trial - on a charge that could get her anywhere from three-to-twelve years in <sup>prison.</sup> ~~a Communist~~

~~just.~~

# PENTAGON

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~~From the~~ Pentagon - ~~a report today compiled by a~~

special Defense Department task force ~~coming~~ to the  
conclusion that "black frustration and anger" among U.S.  
troops in Europe - has now reached a dangerous level.

*however, this*

~~The~~ - accompanied by a directive ~~from~~ Defense Secretary

*who ordered*

~~Melvin~~ Laird ~~ordering~~ U.S. military commanders to set

immediate "numerical goals and timetables - for ending

discriminatory treatment, both on and off ~~the~~ base."

# ANSBACH FOLLOW PENTAGON

*And in*  
~~A somewhat related item - from~~ Ansbach, West

Germany, ~~where~~ a German court today granted asylum - to a Negro U.S. Army deserter. James Grant - age thirty-two - of Meridian, Mississippi - testifying that he had been persecuted by U.S. military authorities - for trying to marry a white girl, a West German. The court ruling - he was, therefore, entitled to protection under the German Constitution; which does not permit political asylum - but does permit asylum in cases of racial persecution.

NEW YORK

Here in New York - a meeting of the American Trial Lawyers Association; hearing today from a prominent attorney - who said that cases of medical malpractice have increased by the thousands in recent years. Herman Glaser saying the great majority - involve "the leaving of surgical scissors, clamps, hemostats, sponges, needles and towels in the abdomen." But they also <sup>said he</sup> include such bizarre incidents ~~said he - as a nurse cleaning out a wound with hydrochloric acid - and~~ <sup>as the</sup> doctor who actually amputated the wrong leg.

<sup>He added</sup> ~~Glaser adding, however,~~ that many <sup>such</sup> ~~of these~~ cases - never reach court; ~~in part - said he~~ because the medical profession is "waging an ~~insidious~~ campaign, ~~of~~ attacking lawyers who handle such cases." ~~Glaser declaring this "is only a smoke screen - that obscures the real reason for malpractice legislation," namely - "careless medical treatment."~~

## WASHINGTON

*The scene - a fashionable Washington boutique;*

~~where~~ a chic lady shopper ~~is~~ looking for a bed jacket trimmed  
in maribou feathers. - <sup>This</sup> the height of femininity; when a  
saleswoman tells her - "you know, you look just like Pat  
Nixon." The shopper smiles appreciatively - the incident  
is soon forgotten.

Except - the White House disclosing today that First  
Lady Pat Nixon - has been doing her own Christmas shopping  
this year; accompanied only by a close friend - while the  
Secret Service remains at a discreet distance. ~~And that~~  
chic lady shopper who looked like Pat Nixon? <sup>You've</sup> ~~why, that~~  
~~was Pat Nixon~~ guessed it. It was.

## GOROKA

~~This next - from the town of~~ Goroka <sup>is a town</sup> ~~λ~~ in the

primitive eastern highlands of New Guinea, where a local businessman introduced this week - the first store window mannequin ever seen in that part of the world. Whereupon the Stone Age natives from surrounding tribes - began arriving by the hundreds; gathering outside the store's display window - chanting and dancing their chants and dances in honor of the dead; convinced in their own minds - that the store window dummy was really a corpse.

In an effort to prove otherwise - a store clerk, at one point, removing the mannequin's wig; only to be chased off by a native woman - who thought he was desecrating the dead.

In Stone Age New Guinea - another good idea gone

sour.  
~~bad. And~~ Maybe they ought to just bury ~~the~~ the mannequin, Warren. Or roast it and ~~display~~ <sup>then put</sup> the skeleton on display. That's the pleasant New Guinea way.

# SPRINGFIELD

From Springfield, Oregon <sup>comes</sup> - the story ~~today~~ of a

Hollywood film crew - assigned to film a scene in the

nearby <sup>tall</sup> ~~high~~ timber country. The script calling for "wisps  
of fog" - drifting through the <sup>giant Douglas firs</sup> ~~background~~. Accordingly,

the film crew lugging along <sup>for</sup> nearly a thousand miles - a  
big artificial fog machine.

At last report ~~though~~ the shooting ~~was~~ still held

up. ~~And the~~ Reason - too much fog - the real thing,

same as always - this time of year.