

CHINA

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The Nixon administration has partially lifted the strict ban on trade with Communist China - a ban imposed Nineteen years ago shortly after ~~the~~ <sup>Ma's</sup> Communist ~~take~~ <sup>take</sup>-over on the mainland. This is an effort to open the door to improve relations with Peking. Under the new policy - announced by the State Department <sup>with</sup> direct trade between U S and China is still prohibited, ~~but~~ restrictions on private industry are eased in two ways:- First, foreign subsidiaries of American firms can trade non-strategic goods with China. This means, for example, Red China can buy American trucks ~~manufactured~~ manufactured abroad. And second, American firms - particularly those with branches overseas - are now allowed to trade with Red China in third country markets:- Hong Kong for instance.

MID EAST

Leaders from fourteen Arab/nations and  
the Palestine Liberation Organization <sup>are</sup> ready for a  
summit conference tomorrow at Rabat, ~~to~~ Morocco.

Among other things, they plan to discuss the best ways  
to marshal their resources for what they consider an  
inevitable showdown with Israel. American policy  
in the mid-east also <sup>will be</sup> ~~stated for~~ <sup>ed</sup> discussion at the three  
day conference at Rabat's Hilton Hotel.

General Moshe Dayan says Israel's latest  
commando raid into Egyptian territory was in retaliation  
for increased military action by Egyptian forces along  
the Suez Canal. The Israeli commandos crossed the  
canal and penetrated eighteen miles - launching a rocket  
attack against an Egyptian camp West of El Balah.

## FLEET

Five U S warships of the Sixth Fleet dropped anchor in the harbor at Izmir, Turkey today -- and within hours there was trouble. The first party of sailors to come ashore was attacked by a hundred or more anti-American demonstrators -- driving the sailors back to their ships under a shower of stones. For the next fifteen minutes police battled ~~xx~~ several hundred demonstrators on the Quay - right in front of Izmir's Nato headquarters. None of the American sailors were reported seriously injured. ~~Rxx~~ Police rounded up ~~at~~ at least one hundred demonstrators.

VIETNAM

A Viet Cong radio broadcast claims that Communist troops have made "deals" with the elements of three South Vietnamese army divisions -- the deal being to avoid combat with each other. However, the Saigon military command dismissed the broadcast report as "completely false". "A very beautiful imaginary" story said one spokesman. <sup>π</sup> American sources in Saigon say the heavy Communist casualties and progress in the Vietnamizing program ~~are~~ are forcing Hanoi to "rethink" its war strategy. A power struggle over this ~~question~~ is reported in the North Vietnamese capital. ~~This~~ word of <sup>this</sup> came as American and South Vietnamese forces braced for possible attacks by enemy troops over the weekend; <sup>this along with</sup> ~~to mark~~ two important anniversaries on the Communist calendar.

## TAXES

A tax bill, carefully <sup>worked out</sup> ~~tailored~~ in the hope of avoiding a presidential veto - was approved today by House and Senate negotiators. By stages, it would raise the income tax personal exemption from six hundred dollars to seven-hundred-fifty by Nineteen-Seveny-Three. The measure also incorporates many other changes and revisions in the tax structure, including Social Security increases, tax reductions and reforms affecting millions of Americans. The compromise bill is expected to go before both House and Senate on Monday - and sent to President Nixon before Christmas.

STOCKS

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It looks as though <sup>for</sup> ~~to~~ this Christmas

Wall Street has found a Santa Claus. <sup>His name -</sup> Arthur Burns,

the <sup>new</sup> ~~incoming~~ Federal Reserve Chairman. <sup>That</sup> ~~report~~ report he

made yesterday before a Senate Committee on possible

tight money relaxation, sparked <sup>an impressive</sup> ~~long needed rally~~

<sup>rally -</sup> ~~on the~~ stock market, - and, the upsurge continued today

with the Dow Jones average gaining more than six points.

# AIR RACE

A fleet of light racing planes are competing in  
~~another~~ <sup>Australia,</sup> London-to-Sydney air race -- and one - an  
Australian plane is reported ~~lost over~~ <sup>down in</sup> the Rhone Valley,  
in France. A search for the ~~is~~ missing craft and its  
two pilots <sup>today was</sup> hampered by fog and <sup>a</sup> snowstorms. <sup>TP</sup> The  
Rhone Valley region is ~~also~~ known for treacherous  
air ~~holes~~ <sup>currents - there alongside</sup> ~~caused by the proximity of~~ the Alps.  
Forty-two of the planes <sup>in the race</sup> have checked through to Athens  
- the first of seven compulsory stops on the twelve  
-  $\frac{1}{2}$  way round the world -  
thousand mile <sup>route</sup>. Bad weather and some mechanical  
problems are delaying <sup>some of the planes. TP</sup> ~~other competitors~~. One hundred  
twenty thousand dollars in prize money will be distributed  
among the planes clocking the fastest times in the race  
which commemorate <sup>S</sup> the fiftieth anniversary of the first  
flight ~~was~~ from England to Australia, the race won  
by Capt. Sir Ross Smith and 3 companions,  
in 1919. Lowell Jr. and I tell the story  
of that flight in our latest book, "Famous  
1st Flights That Changed History."

## HI JACKS

*For the sixty-first time this year - an  
airliner was hi-jacked -- this time a Chilean ~~jet~~  
jet with eighty-four persons aboard. A young man -  
armed with a pistol and a knife - and wearing a stick  
of dynamite in his belt - forced the pilot to fly the  
plane to Havana where it landed safely after three  
refueling stops on a flight from Santiago, Chile.*



## KISS IN

*The San Francisco financial district has seen all kinds of demonstrations in recent weeks - and now it has the "Kiss-In". A local avant garde art group, sponsored the Kiss In, hoping it would create as they put it, "a ripple of public osculation and generally good vibrations." At one minute past noon, ten young couples were seen embracing in long, lingering kisses on ten different street corners. One couple, paused long enough to wish a passerby -- "Merry*

*Kissmas."* Your reaction to that, Warren?  
Your vibrations?

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## TREE

Perhaps Saint Boniface - in Germany back in the Eighth Century didn't fully grasp the long range commercial possibilities of his action when he dedicated the fir tree to the Christ Child. Not only did Boniface establish the ~~fir~~<sup>evergreen tree</sup> as the standard Christmas ~~tree~~<sup>symbol</sup> for Christian nations around the world, he also set the stage for what has become a multi-million dollar business with a sales year that lasts only a couple of weeks. Even though artificial trees - which can be stored and used again - have made some inroads into the business, the sale of real ~~fir~~ trees is booming this Christmas. Forty-five million<sup>are</sup> expected to be sold in Yule Sixty-Nine - at retail profit of one hundred sixty million dollars.