

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1971

UNITED NATIONS

By an overwhelming vote of the U N General Assembly there was a decision today to hold a World Environment Conference next summer in Stockholm. This following Soviet objections - that East Germany, which is not a U N member, would not be allowed to participate. Sweden prevailed with its argument that any further delay - for any reason - would "deal a severe blow to the cause of international cooperation for the protection and development of environment."

BERMUDA

President Nixon - in Bermuda - ~~the~~ ^{— but not exactly on a}
vacation. The President ^{of course is there for} ~~holding~~ another "little
summit" - with Britain's Prime Minister Heath.
~~And, he~~ ^{And, he} ~~later~~ ^{ed} announcing the ~~signing~~ signing of a
proclamation -- lifting that ten percent U S surcharge
on foreign goods.)

The President saying: "I have today made
the first decision ^{and} implementing the agreement that
was reached over the weekend by the Group of Ten
meeting in Washington." ^{This was} ~~An~~ agreement, ^{as you know,}
- calling for a de-valuation of the U S Dollar. The
President adding that it will now be possible to move
on to other trade agreements - involving a revision
of the entire international monetary system.

And then ^{followed} ~~the~~ the start of another series of
meetings with Heath. These - said the President -
to consist of "more extended" talks.

PARIS SAIGON

From the Communist side in Paris -
a claim today that four U S air force pilots were
captured this past weekend - after ~~being~~ being shot
down during raids near Hanoi. A short time later -
the U S command in Saigon admitting^{ed} the loss of five
planes, in all; ~~but~~ four of ~~these were~~ shot down over
Laos - we are told - and only one over ~~the~~ Communist
North Vietnam. Officials adding that the fifth plane
was part of a strike against an enemy radar ~~site~~^{site}
only ninety miles from Hanoi.

Another development: The U S command
announcing today - the withdrawal of more than nine
thousand U S ~~fight~~ fighting men last week; the biggest
weekly pull out - in nearly two years, with another
thirty-five hundred - scheduled for departure this
week. Meanwhile, South Vietnam's President Thieu
announcing one day cease fires each - for Christmas,

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New ~~Year~~ Years and Tet. The Communists had wanted
~~longer~~ longer cease fires - but only to help rebuild
their fighting potential - said he.

KARACHI

Elsewhere in Southeast Asia - Yahya Khan
officially resigned today as President of Pakistan;
turning over the reins of government - to Leftist
Political leader Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. The latter -
Pakistan's long-time Foreign Minister; also, Pakistan's
number one man at the U N, ^{who made} ~~you will recall - that~~
his dramatic walkout of last week.

Ali Bhutto thus becoming the first civilian
to head the Pakistani government - since Nineteen
Fifty Eight. But his new ~~is~~ title, ~~that of~~ President
and Marshal Law Administrator, ^{is} a "strong indication"
-- we are told - that Pakistan's ruling military
clique is still in control.

ALI BHUTTO

A few hours later
~~In any event~~, Ali Bhutto, ⁱⁿ ~~later~~ making his

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first nationwide address, ~~The new President~~ pledg^{ed}
that Pakistan "will take revenge - so ~~as~~ as to undo
the temporary humiliation" of its defeat at the hands
of India. Ali Bhutto adding that "Muslim Bengal -
meaning East Pakistan - will always be a part of
Pakistan;" and any permanent solution to the present
crisis - said he - "must be within the concept of
one Pakistan."

BELFAST

The British Soldiers relief fund - enriched today by ~~an~~ a contribution of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; from the citizens of Belfast in Northern Ireland - as presented by ~~the~~ their Lord Mayor ^{at a special} ~~in appropriate~~ ceremonies. ~~But~~ The I R A - also taking note of today's contribution, ^{y,} at about the same time ~~the Lord Mayor was handing over his check,~~ setting off a series of thirteen rapid fire ~~in~~ explosions in down-town ~~East~~ Belfast. Blowing ~~up~~ up a number of stores and offices - and causing a stampede of Christmas shoppers. ~~The~~ Almost miraculously - only seven injured. A British Army spokesman explaining that "warning was ~~given~~ given in each of the explosions - giving people time to get out of the way.

A later report; I R A machine gunners - today fatally wounding a twenty year old girl.

SENATE

From Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine a blast today at, "the chronic absenteeism" of some of her colleagues; those she called "the moonlighters" and "junketeers" who are crippling legislative business. Mrs Smith adding that she plans to introduce a constitutional amendment at the next session of Congress; an amendment specifying that any ~~member~~ member of Congress who fails to vote at least sixty percent of the time - shall be automatically expelled.

NEWCOMERSTOWN

At Newcomerstown, Ohio tonight - the ~~the~~
swearing in of America's first teen-age mayor.

Nineteen year old Ron Hooker ^{becoming} something of an "instant
celebrity". ^{One of his} ~~Observing~~ ^{statements was} that newsmen, business
men and politicians ^{are, as he put it,} ~~"are"~~ "always asking my opinion
on issues." And this said he - "because my answers
represent a clear ~~opinion~~ opinion with no political
strings."

But the young Mayor-elect ^{then added:-} ~~also saying:-~~
"after a period of time in politics - everyone is
dragged into the system." And, he ^{went on:-} ~~said,~~ "Realistically,
I have to say that four years from now - I don't think
I'll have the same clear mind that I do now." In the
same vein, nineteen year old Ron admitting he has
also "thought about the presidency." ^{But not right} ~~but not just yet -~~

~~thanks~~ away. Ron must be quite a lad!

UTAPAO follow ~~Paris-Saigon~~

At the U S Utapao air base in ~~neighboring~~
Thailand - a visit today from Bob Hope and his
annual Christmas show; including this year - T V
personality Jim Nabors and Baseball pitcher Vida
Blue. But best of all - the new Miss World, blonde
singer Jan Daley, and the so-called Hollywood deb-
stars.

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At one point, Bob Hope taking note of a sign
held aloft by a young airman - a sign saying, "Karen,
I love you. Dayton, Ohio." The famed comedian
remarking: "What's the matter - can't you write a
letter?" At another point, Jim Nabors identifying
his home town - as Sylacauga, Alabama; and that -
- Warren -
said he ~~is~~ a town "sadder than a houn' dawg tip-toin'
through a box full of thumb tacks."

~~When it was all over - the roar of applause~~
~~quickly replaced by the roar of big bombers taking off~~
~~again, back to war.~~

BATHROOM

Bermuda again - a report today tells of a thorough safety check by the U S Secret Service; with an agent charged with protecting President Nixon, even inspecting the rafters atop the local government house: But in so doing he stepped on a weak spot - plunging through the ceiling of Prime Minister Heath's bathroom. Luckily though - unoccupied.