


Thurs. Dec. ~~4th~~ 3rd 69.

Defiance on Capitol Hill. The Senate refusing to yield today - to pressure from the White House. Instead voting to approve a double-barreled ~~increase~~ increase in the personal income tax exemption of each and every American. First to seven hundred dollars next year; then - eight hundred ~~and~~ in Nineteen Seventy One. 

~~This adding up to etc.~~

~~Compromise on Capitol Hill. The Senate yielding today pressure from the White House - laying aside a tax bill calling for a thousand dollars personal income tax exemption for each and every American. Instead, approving a double-barreled increase over the next two years. First - to seven hundred, then - eight hundred. This adding up to a potential increase of two hundred bucks over the present figure.~~

If and when it takes effect - an increase that would automatically cut ~~out~~ from the tax rolls an estimated five million low income tax payers. One that would also cut federal income - by an estimated eight point eight billion.

Final passage - ~~still a long way~~ still a long way off. Indeed, the ultimate choice between conflicting House and Senate plans - to rest finally with a conference committee of House and Senate members. And that decision - not till January, at least.

WHITE HOUSE

The drug problem ~~among~~ American youth, topic

A today at that White House conference ^{of} ~~at~~ Governors.

President Nixon setting the tenor of the meeting in a ten minute ~~sox~~ opening address, Calling for a nationwide campaign "of education and information" dealing with the dangers of drug abuse; a campaign said he - that must "reach all the people ~~ax~~ of all our states."

The President then went on to observe that

6 1/2 ^{people as well as civilizations} ~~civilizations~~ dependent on drugs & "inevitably lose their spirit." "They go down - they are destroyed" - said he. Adding: "When the spirit of a people is destroyed - it is almost impossible to restore that spirit."

AGNEW FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

A later speaker at the same conference -
Vice President Spiro Agnew; who presented a stirring
defense - of current U S policy in Southeast Asia.

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With the President sitting nearby - Spiro
Agnew asserting that the Nixon Administration refuses
to accept a Vietnam solution \neq tantamount to peace now
pay later. The Vice President adding: "If America were
to cut and run - we would be cutting the chances for
peace; and also, running out on ^{our} ~~the~~ children in ^{school} ~~school~~
today who would have to fight a war tomorrow.

PROTEST FOLLOW AGNEW

Before he was done - the Vice President also scored the tactics of certain anti-war protestors. This in the form of a list he called - the "Ten Commandments of Protest." Among them - the following:

"Thou shalt not allow thy opponent to ~~parade~~ speak - thou shalt not set forth a program of thine own - thou shalt not heed the lessons of history - thou shalt not revere any but totalitarian heroes." And finally this last: "Thou shalt not ask forgiveness for thy transgressions - rather thou shalt demand amnesty."

TUYEN BINH

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War news from Vietnam - marked today by a series of human wave assaults near the Cambodian border; with a horde of enemy soldiers - attempting to over-run a South Vietnamese outpost at Tuyen Binh an outpost whose garrison numbered a mere hundred ~~xxxxxxx~~ and sixty men. However, the attacking forces - said to be fresh troops many apparently getting their first taste of combat - and it showed. With the help of U S Air and artillery support - the South Vietnamese turning back charge after charge. In the end, the Viet Cong ~~■~~ breaking off, leaving behind more than a hundred dead; as against government losses - set at six.

Alsop - R.D. Edit.

As many of you no doubt know Joseph Alsop, reporter, ~~war~~ war correspondent, ^{and} magazine writer, has spent more time in Vietnam than any observer I can think of. I hope you have all read his piece in the December Reader's Digest ~~which is~~ preceded by an editorial the main point of which is that "time is running out against the enemy." With the need now being for "courage, unity, and above all, patience on the part of the American people."

We are reminded that four American Presidents committed us to the position we are in out there in Southeast Asia ^{- doing it} in the belief that the defense of South Vietnam is a defense not only of one country but of all of Asia, and "in fact of our own future here in the United States."

We are ~~asked~~ asked "why if the North Vietnamese are losing the war on the battlefield, why do they continue

to hold out? Where do they look for ~~po~~ hope of
victory?"

The Reader's Digest editorial and the
forthright Alsop article tell us that "the enemy's
greatest hope lies in the division that he has created
in public opinion ^{here at home - here} in the United States. This, ~~is~~ why
the enemy fights on. This, ~~is~~ why the Soviet Union
has continued to support ^{the Viet Cong and North} ~~the~~ Vietnam. This, ~~is~~ why
Hanoi holds out in Paris, ~~this is~~ why the enemy
refuses concession after concession offered him at the
conference table." ~~Simply~~ ^{all} because he "clings to the
belief that American patience will run out and sooner
or later the American people will persuade their
President to run up the white flag of ignominious
surrender."

Everyone interested in the subject -- and I
guess we ~~are~~ all are [^] should read this ~~Reader's Digest~~
editorial and ~~The Joseph~~ Alsop article.

JEBB EL RUS

In the Middle East - Israeli commandos

pulled a surprise raid ~~today~~ in Southern Lebanon. Their biggest attack there in nearly a year. According to Tel Aviv destroying an Arab guerrilla base at Jebbel Rus on the slopes of Mt. Hermon. In the process, ~~killing~~ killing at least twelve ~~we are told~~, and also capturing a large quantity of weapons. This seen as another effort to keep the ~~the~~ Arabs off balance - while Big Four peace talks continue in New York.

VATICAN

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At the Vatican - Rome, Pope Paul today designated Melbourne, Australia - as the site of the next international Eucharistic Congress; date - some time in Nineteen Seventy Three. This immediately raising speculation that the "travelling Pope" as he's called - will take advantage of the occasion to make his first trip "Down Under." The Pontiff, as you know - having previously attended the last two Congresses; the one at Bombay in Nineteen Sixty-Four - and also the one at Bogota last year.

NEW YORK

New York - again - the stock market ~~took~~

slid a bit,
~~another tumble today.~~ With the Dow Jones industrials

- dropping nearly eight points; in fact, dropping right

through the eight hundred ~~and~~ support level for the first

time since January Nineteen Sixty Seven. Ending up

at seven ninety three point three six - ~~and~~ ^{with} aspirin all

around. *Need any aspirin, Warren*

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BELTSVILLE

Found, at last: A practical use for stale beer - as reported today by Dr. Floyd Smith of Beltsville, Maryland; ^{this} In a special report prepared for the Entomological Society of America, - Dr. Smith asserting that stale beer is a great bait for slugs. When placed in shallow pans ^{it will} attract~~ing~~ the tiny pests up to thirty times better than previous chemical baits. And what happens to the slug when he finally reaches that beer? Why, naturally, he takes a slug of the stuff - and promptly drowns. At least one observer heard to remark though: "Ah, what a wonderful way to go."

Harren would you say so?