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THE NINETY-FIRST CONGRESS, <sup>to</sup> CONVENES AT NOON

FRIDAY; AND TOMORROW, PARTY CAUCUSES WILL BEGIN TO CHOOSE LEADERS FOR THREE TOP JOBS. AS OF NOW, SEVENTY-SEVEN YEAR OLD JOHN W.

MCCORMACK APPEARS TO BE CERTAIN OF RE-ELECTION AS HOUSE SPEAKER, <sup>this</sup>

DESPITE A STRONG CHALLENGE BY ~~MORRIS~~ UDALL OF ARIZONA. IN THE

SENATE, <sup>Ted</sup> ~~THE OUTCOME OF RACES FOR DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN WHIPS~~

~~AS ASSISTANT LEADERS ARE KNOWN, ARE RATED LOSS-UPS. SENATOR TED~~

<sup>^</sup> KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS IS TRYING TO UNSEAT THE CURRENT

DEMOCRATIC WHIP, RUSSELL LONG OF LOUISIANA, WHO HAS HELD THE

POST SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE. KENNEDY BACKERS CLAIM THEY HAVE

AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE VOTES LINED UP FOR THEIR MAN, <sup>with</sup> TWENTY-NINE

~~ARE~~ NEEDED TO WIN. ON THE REPUBLICAN SIDE, SENATORS ROMAN

HRUSKA OF NEBRASKA AND HUGH SCOTT OF PENNSYLVANIA ARE SEEKING

THE JOB OF PARTY WHIP VACATED BY THE <sup>^</sup> PRIMARY ELECTION DEFEAT OF

SENATOR ~~THOMAS~~ KUCHEL OF CALIFORNIA.

HOUSING

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE FEDERAL OPEN HOUSING  
LAW WENT INTO EFFECT TODAY, - ~~NAD IT~~ <sup>ing some</sup> BRING~~ING~~ ABOUT TWENTY MILLION  
MORE DWELLINGS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION. WHEN THE HOUSING LAW'S  
THIRD AND FINAL PHASE BEGINS NEXT NEW YEAR'S DAY, ABOUT EIGHTY  
PERCENT OF THE NATION'S HOUSING WILL BE INCLUDED. SAYS ATTORNEY  
GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK - "IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THE RIGHT TO BUY  
OR RENT A HOME WITHOUT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION BE ASSURED TO EVERY  
AMERICAN." PROMISING VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT, CLARK SAYS THE JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT <sup>will</sup> ~~WILL~~ KEEP A CLOSE CHECK ON HOUSING PRACTICES, AND  
TAKE HOME BUILDERS AND REAL ESTATE BROKERS TO COURT IF NECESSARY.

MID EAST (new)

Tensions continue in the uneasy Middle East tonight. Jordanian military sources say the Israelis attacked Jordanian troops twice today -- with a helicopter raid forty miles north of the Gulf of Akaba, and with machine gun fire near the Sea of Galilee. Killing one soldier and two Arab civilians. An Israeli spokesman in Jerusalem says three Israeli soldiers were killed when their vehicle ran over a road mine in the Sinai <sup>Desert</sup> ~~region~~. The ~~mine~~ mine, apparently planted there by Arab guerrillas.

## VIETNAM

*South Vietnamese negotiators in Paris came out with another blast against the Viet Cong today - charging the communists with trying to set up what they called a "mini-conference" with American military leaders in the battle area. They claimed this was the real reason for the Viet Cong releasing three American service men who had been held prisoner for more than a year. In the South Vietnamese view, any battlefield negotiations are just another trick, a way the Viet Cong hopes to gain full diplomatic recognition - the point which so far has stalled the Paris conference.*

*In a New Year's message broadcast from Hanoi, North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh called on his people to "fight on for greater victories in Nineteen Sixty-Nine". And Communist China urges Hanoi to "persist in protracted war", offering extended aid if the North Vietnamese continue their fight to a victorious conclusion.*

OLDRICH CERNIK TODAY WAS APPOINTED PREMIER  
OF THE NEW FEDERALIZED GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA - ONE THAT  
FORGES A NEW POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CZECH AND SLOVAK  
PEOPLE WHO <sup>inhabit</sup> ~~COMPRISE~~ THAT CENTRAL EUROPEAN NATION. CERNIK WAS  
PREMIER OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT <sup>that</sup> ~~WHICH~~ RESIGNED LAST WEEK TO MAKE  
WAY FOR THE CHANGE OVER. IN A NEW YEAR'S DAY ADDRESS, PRESIDENT  
SVOBODA WARNED THE NATION THAT NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE, "will not be  
easy - NOT WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES," <sup>said he.</sup>

BOMBS

BOMB EXPLOSIONS USHERED IN THE NEW YEAR AT CITY AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN MONTREAL AND OTTAWA IN CANADA, AND <sup>at</sup> JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY. THREE TIME BOMBS WENT OFF IN THE TWO CANADIAN CITIES, AND A FOURTH WAS DISMANTLED BY POLICE BEFORE IT HAD TIME TO EXPLODE UNDER MAYOR JEAN DRAPEAU'S OFFICE IN <sup>the</sup> MONTREAL ~~S~~ CITY HALL. DAMAGE ~~WAS~~ HEAVY, BUT ~~THERE WERE~~ NO INJURIES. <sup>R</sup> TERRORISTS PLANTED MORE THAN FIFTY BOMBS IN THE MONTREAL AREA DURING THE PAST YEAR. POLICE SPECULATE THEY WERE SECESSIONISTS, SEEKING ~~THE~~ SEPARATION OF QUEBEC FROM CANADA - — OR, DISGRUNTLED MEMBERS OF LABOR UNIONS.

IN JERSEY CITY, A HOME MADE BOMB EXPLODED IN A PRECINCT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AND TWO OFFICERS NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH ~~OR INJURY~~. THE SAME POLICE STATION WAS MACHINE-GUNNED A MONTH AGO, ~~AND~~ FOUR BLACK PANTHERS ~~WERE~~ ARRESTED. ~~IN THAT~~  
~~CONNECTION.~~

DEMONSTRATIONS

IT SEEMS THAT STUDENTS IN NORTHERN ITALY HAVE  
FOUND SOMETHING NEW TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST. AN UNRULY CROWD  
OF ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED CLASHED WITH POLICE AT VIAREGGIO  
(vyah-raid-jo)  
PROTESTING - OF ALL THINGS - "BOURGEOIS NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS."  
PARTY-GOERS WERE PELTED WITH EGGS AND APPLES AS THEY ENTERED A  
SEASIDE NIGHT CLUB; AND, WHEN POLICE ARRIVED THEY WERE SHOWERED  
WITH STICKS AND STONES. AT LEAST NINETEEN OFFICERS AND A NUMBER  
OF DEMONSTRATORS WERE INJURED, INCLUDING A TEEN-AGE BOY STRUCK  
BY A BULLET, *with* POLICE *denying they used* ~~THOUGH, DENY USING FIREARMS. IN THE CLASH.~~

## WEATHER

Two ~~thirds~~ thirds of the nation shivered in Arctic cold on New Year's Day - bitter, icy weather that spread misery from the Pacific Northwest to New York and southward to Florida. For three days now, a slow-moving snow storm has virtually shut down the State of Oregon. In Iowa, near Sibley, the frozen body of a farmer was found half a mile from where his truck stalled in a snow drift. In Chicago a man suffered frost bite while changing a flat ~~tire~~ tire. It was ten below in Chicago breaking a New Year's Day record. In Kirkland, Washington Robert Havlik delivered the first of his wife's triplets -then the fire department rushed his wife to a hospital for the birth of the other two. And in Philadelphia thirty =mile winds and twenty two degree cold forced postponement of the annual Mummers parade. And this ~~is~~ kind of weather continues. Travel warnings are ~~up~~ up for the North Atlantic States - six inches of snow expected, ~~with polar cold~~



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Gales and frigid cold, extending as far south as the  
Gulf of Mexico -- and freezing forecast <sup>every</sup> for northern  
Florida, Warren.

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## NIXON

*Moreso than any other President before him, Richard Nixon is fast becoming the nation's number one football fan. In conversations with reporters, he has already displayed an insiders knowledge of the game. Today, the President-elect put all other things aside so he and his wife Pat could attend the Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena. The President-Elect ~~amx~~ among the more than one hundred thousand spectators who viewed the gridiron classic. On the Ohio State side for the first half, then switching to the Southern Cal side for the second.*

*Although his wife stayed by his side, her sentiments were hardly neutral. She's a Southern Cal graduate.*

*The Nixons will remain in California 'till Friday. Tomorrow night a "welcome home" reception at the Anaheim Convention Center, arranged by friends and admirers - residents of his native Orange County.*