

LONDON

Tues. Jan. 16-61

For Britain -- for the entire world -- the end of an era today; an era marked by the greatest advance -- in the history of civilization; with a globe-girdling army of Britons -- showing the way.

By order of Prime Minister Harold Wilson -- hard-pressed Britain slashing nearly Two-and-a-Half Billion from her worldwide defense ~~commitments~~ ^{commitments.} Beginning with cancellation of a Billion-Dollar order -- ^g for American-made F-One-Eleven jet ^s. Also a sharp cutback -- in the British Royal Navy. This to ~~Lead~~ eventually to abandonment of all British bases -- East of Suez. [#] *All of which sounds like*

~~the~~ *greatest all empires.* ~~in which they need to~~ *Wilson asserting that Britain's future lies, henceforth --*

in Europe and the Mediterranean, Adding that "these changes involve risks -- but, risks that must be accepted in the present circumstances."

The British ~~is~~ searching for a ray of hope -- in a world where once it was said: "The sun never sets on the British flag."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW LONDON

Here on our own shores -- the White House quick to respond. Saying: "We are, of course, taking stock -- of the Prime Minister's statement." Beyond that, however, the White House adding only -- it was no surprise. The U.S. State Department -- for its part -- saying: "We have no plans to move in -- where the British forces pull out."

But, across town -- on Capital Hill -- Congressional reaction perhaps best summed up in the words of Congressman Hays of Ohio. Said he: "Somebody is going to fill the vacuum -- when the British leave; if we don't do it -- the Communists will."

GUATEMALA CITY

Three
~~Two~~ American military ~~personnel~~ ^{personnel} -- assigned to the
U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City -- shot and killed today;
in a machine gun attack -- from a speeding car. Victims
identified as Army Colonel John Webber -- ~~and~~ Navy Lieut.
Commander Ernest Munro. -- also Chief Petty Officer Harry Greue.
A fourth
~~Two more~~ American military men -- wounded in the same
incident. Authorities blaming the attack -- on Guatemalan
terrorist assassins ^{who are} believed responsible for a whole wave --
of recent shootings and killings.

SAIGON FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Half-a-world away -- in Saigon -- another casualty report today. Government officials setting enemy losses for the past week -- at two-thousand, two-hundred and sixteen men; pushing to more than five thousand -- the toll of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese for the first two weeks of Nineteen-~~Sixty-~~~~Sixty-~~ Eight.

South Vietnamese losses during the past week -- three hundred and fifty-seven men. The American count, ^{That will be} ~~out~~ given out on Thursday.

Meanwhile, at Phnom Penh in neighboring Cambodia -- discovery today of more than one thousand hand grenades and other weapons; hidden away in a secret cache -- near the ruins of famed Angkor Wat. This -- according to police -- part of ^a Peking plot to assassinate Cambodia's Prince Sihanouk; also -- visiting President ~~Tito~~^{Tito} of Yugoslavia.

GREENVILLE

One of America's most famous evangelists of all time -- dead today in Greenville, South Carolina. Bob Jones Senior -- a leading fundamentalist and founder of the university that bears his name; victim of a lengthy illness -- complicated by old age.

Bob Jones Senior -- an evangelist at age thir~~teen~~ -- in his native Dale County, Alabama. Traveling throughout the world over the next seventy years -- spreading the Gospel wherever he went. His followers claiming on the fiftieth anniversary of his ministry -- that he had preached to more people than any other man alive. Bob Jones also the only living man elected to "The Christian Hall of Fame" -- when it opened in Canton, Ohio, two years ago.

Along the way -- he founded his unique ^{Bob Jones} ~~University~~ University -- back in Nineteen-Twenty-Seven. "To dispel" -- as he put it -- "the idea that if you have old-time religion -- you have ~~a~~ to have a greasy nose, dirty fingernails, baggy pants and scuffed shoes."

Bob Jones Senior--a remarkable man. ~~He was~~ ^{Age} eighty-four.

IKE

From former President Eisenhower -- a striking plan today for enforcing peace throughout the world. General Ike urging that all nuclear weapons -- should be turned over to the United Nations. Further suggesting that U.N. peacekeeping forces should be granted the power to use these weapons -- whenever necessary -- to turn back an aggressor.

This in an article published in Vista -- bimonthly magazine of the U.N. Association. The former President quoted as saying, however, he felt sure -- "no nuclear bomb would ever need to be delivered." "The threat would be sufficient" -- he indicated -- "to roll back the opponents from disputed territory; indeed, all the way back -- to the International Court at the Hague."

So says -- General Ike.

WEST PALM BEACH

From West Palm Beach, Florida -- the story today of an astonishing law suit. Plaintiff -- one George Albrecht; who recently injured his back -- in the collapse of a ~~road~~ rain-weakened sidewalk near a construction site. Albrecht later suing the construction firm; -- but, he lost; a jury calling the mishap -- "an act of God." So now -- George Albrecht -- is suing God! -- That's right, he's suing God -- in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Bucks. His suit -- filed in County Court -- naming as co-defendants about thirty local churches; because these -- according to Albrecht -- are "the agents of God" here on earth.

Reaction from the local ministry. ^{Said} ~~was, at best~~

One pastor, ~~asserting~~. If the plaintiff "brings the principal defendant into court" -- meaning God -- "I'll be glad to testify for Him." Reverse side from a second minister - *who*

~~asserting~~ ^{said:} "We are not agents of God -- we are his children

-- and children cannot be held responsible for the actions of their Father." *What do you say that, Warren?*
Amen, brother, amen.

NEW YORK-ROME

The high and low of latest fashions -- in a tale of two cities today.

In New York -- famed designer Norman Norell dropping hemlines in his new spring collection -- to mid-calf and lower. The dean of American fashions explaining: "We've got to do something -- to break away from those extremely high hemlines." Why? -- He didn't say.

~~Meanwhile~~ ^{While} in Rome -- the female figure ^{was} staging a stunning

comeback -- in Italian spring fashion shows. All-covering

^{called} sacks and ^{tents} ~~tanks~~ of the past few years -- giving way to

figure-hugging outfits with deep, plunging necklines; not

just feminine -- but ^{called} ~~almost~~ sexy by fashion standards.

~~And s-l-u-t-mor-~~

~~Or as one male observer was heard to remark: "Golly --~~

~~it's all Elizabeth Taylor."~~