

Thurs, Dec. 21 - 67
Anchorage, Alaska
American Tobacco, Plough

MELBOURNE

~~PRINCES~~ PRINCES, PRESIDENTS AND RANKING LEADERS FROM SEVENTEEN FREE WORLD NATIONS - ALL ASSEMBLED TONIGHT AT MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA; TO TAKE PART IN A SIMPLE, ALMOST SPARTAN MEMORIAL SERVICE - FOR THE LATE HAROLD HOPE ^{LT.} POSSIBLE PEACE TALKS THE CEREMONY - SET TO BEGIN AT NOON FRIDAY - AUSTRALIAN TIME; - NINE O'CLOCK TONIGHT - WASHINGTON TIME. WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON HEADING THE ~~MEMORIAL~~ ^{Farewell} SALUTE - TO THE MAN WHO WAS PERHAPS THE ^{no. one} ~~GREATEST~~ CHAMPION OF U.S. POLICY IN VIETNAM, ~~ALSO - A CHERISHED~~ ~~FRIEND~~ FRIENDS WHERE NEXT FOR THE PRESIDENT - STILL A & CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET FOR SECURITY REASONS. WHITE HOUSE SOURCES INDICATING, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE AT LEAST ONE OVERNIGHT STOP - ON HIS WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON. BEST BET ROME. RUMORS PERSISTING AT THE VATICAN - THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING WITH THE POPE.

VIETNAM - FOLLOW CANBERRA

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CANBERRA FOLLOW MELBOURNE

EARLIER - AT CANBERRA - A JOINT STATEMENT TODAY FROM
PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT THIEU; --
APPARENTLY AIMED AT SETTLING ONCE AND FOR ALL A REPORTED
CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO ON THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE PEACE
TALKS BETWEEN THIEU'S SAIGON GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL ARM
OF THE VIET CONG.

THE STATEMENT SAYING, IN PART: "PRESIDENT THIEU HAS
REAFFIRMED A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS RELEVANT MATTERS - WITH
ANY INDIVIDUALS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH THE SO-CALLED NATIONAL
LIBERATION FRONT; WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
COULD NOT REGARD THE FRONT - AS AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION
IN ANY SENSE.?"

SUMMING UP - WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE CHRISTIAN
ASSERTING - THERE WAS NO CONFLICT _ NOW OR EVER.

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MOSCOW

FROM MOSCOW - A STORY TODAY OF COMPASSION IN THE ~~KREMLIN~~
KREMLIN; ON THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH ^{anniversary} ~~BIRTHDAY~~ - OF THE BIRTHDAY OF
THE LATE RUSSIAN DICTATOR, JOSEF STALIN.

AS YOU KNOW - STALIN OFFICIALLY ^{was demoted} ~~CONFIRMED~~ TO THE RANKS
OF THE FORGOTTEN, YEARS AGO. HIS BODY REMOVED FROM THE LENIN
MAUSOLEUM - AND PLACED IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE BESIDE THE KREMLIN
WALL.

^{- there were bouquets}
BE THAT AS IT MAY - ~~THREE SMALL BUNCHES~~ OF PURPLE
CHRYSANTHEMUMS - ~~APPEARING~~ TODAY ON THE STALIN GRAVE. NO CARD -
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~~to~~ ^{feel any affection for} CARRY THE MEMORY ^{of} OF THE TYRANT THEY CALLED "GRANPS".

JENNINGS SPRINGS
CAPETOWN

AT CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA - A FINAL POST MORTEM TODAY ON HEART TRANSPLANT PATIENT LOUIS WASHKANSKY. DR. CHRISTIAN BARNARD LATER REPORTING THAT HIS PATIENT HAD DIED \neq BECAUSE OF A RESPIRATORY FAILURE CAUSED BY PNEUMONIA; AND NOT - BECAUSE HIS BODY HAD REJECTED THE ALIEN ORGAN.

THIS - ACCORDING TO SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL SPECIALISTS - *Seems to*
~~A COMPLETE~~ ^{be a} VINDICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF HEART TRANSPLANTS.
DR. BARNARD HIMSELF PLEDGING TO PERFORM HIS NEXT HEART TRANSPLANT -
"AS SOON AS THE OCCASION ARISES."

IN NEW YORK - ~~THE~~ AMERICAN HEART SPECIALIST DR. ADRIAN KANTROWITZ - ADDING THAT "THIS IS THE WAY PROGRESS IS MADE."
"MAN TAKES ONE STEP FORWARD - AND THEN MAY STUMBLE"- SAID HE;
"BUT WE KNOW THAT EVENTUALLY - THIS PROCEDURE WILL PROVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL."

JENNINGS SPRINGS

TRAGEDY IN FLORIDA. THE STORY - FROM ~~DEADLY~~ JENNINGS
SPRINGS; WHERE FOUR YOUNG SCUBA DIVERS HAVE DROWNED - WHILE
EXPLORING AN UNDERWATER MAZE OF CAVES.

THE FOUR - ALL UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA STUDENTS - ON A
CHRISTMAS VACATION CAMPING TRIP, APPARENTLY STIRRING UP A
LOT OF SILT - LOSING THEIR SENSE OF DIRECTION - ~~AND~~ THREE OF
THEM ~~also~~ ^{also} GETTING TANGLED UP IN THEIR SAFETY LINES. WHEN
FOUND BY RESCUERS - THEIR AIR TANKS EMPTY. THE TRAGEDY
RAISING TOXIN FOURTEEN - THE NUMBER OF SCUBA WHO HAVE DIED AT
JENNINGS SPRINGS IN RECENT YEARS.

AT THAT - IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE. FOUR OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE CAMPING PARTY - FAILING TO MAKE THE PLUNGE, BECAUSE THEIR
GROUP OF EIGHT - HAD EQUIPMENT ONLY FOR FOUR. AS IT TURNED
OUT - THE FOUR WHO DREW WINNING LOTS - PAYING WITH THEIR LIVES.+

GORMAN FOLLOW SPRINGS

ANOTHER NEAR TRAGEDY - IS REPORTED FROM GORMAN, CALIFORNIA;
WHERE THE ~~RECKING~~ CEILING OF A GIANT TUNNEL COLLAPSED TODAY -
DURING ~~THE~~ WORK ON THE NEW MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR CALIFORNIA WATER
PROJECT.

THE CAVE-IN TRAPPING EIGHTEEN MEN - MORE THAN A MILE DEEP.
BUT FORTUNATELY ^{so far} - NO ONE HURT. RESCUERS QUICKLY CUTTING OPEN
A TWELVE INCH ~~XXXXXXXX~~ AIR LINE - PASSING COFFEE, CIGARETTES
AND FOOD TO THE TRAPPED MEN; WHILE A SECOND WORK CREW ^{is} ~~IS~~
TEARING AT THE TONS OF RUBBLE - BLOCKING THEIR ~~THE~~ PATH TO SAFETY.

WITH LUCK - THEY'LL BE OUT BY CHRISTMAS. ~~WITH PLENTY TO~~
~~BE GRATEFUL FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.~~

SIMON FRASER

NOW ABOUT THAT MIRACLE AT VANCOUVER:- WE STOPPED OFF AT BRITISH COLUMBIA'S GREAT SEAPORT, ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CITIES IN THE WORLD, *because where* I WANTED TO CHECK ~~UP~~ ON SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY ABOUT WHICH I HAD HEARD. IT ALL TURNED OUT TO BE TRUE.

THERE WAS A FAST APPROACHING CRISIS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WHERE THE STUDENT BODY WAS NEARING THE 20,000 MARK:--- MORE THAN THEY COULD HANDLE. THERE WAS URGENT NEED FOR ANOTHER ~~SEPARATE~~ UNIVERSITY - NOT IN TEN YEARS, BUT RIGHT AWAY.

THE PREMIER CALLED IN ONE OF CANADA'S TOP PHYSICISTS, WHO HAD GONE INTO INDUSTRY, AND APPOINTED HIM CHANCELLOR. JUST AS IN BRITAIN THIS IS AN HONORARY POST. THE CHANCELLOR SENT FOR ONE OF HIS FORMER STAR PUPILS, WHO DURING THE WAR HAD DAILY, *contact--* -- HOURLY IN FACT -- WITH THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN AS WELL AS CANADIAN AIRMEN WHO WERE FLYING THE NORTH ATLANTIC. HIS HEADQUARTERS WERE AT GANDER, NEWFOUNDLAND.. HIS TOP METEOROLOGICAL EXECUTIVE POSITION WAS ONE OF ~~AN~~ IMMENSE IMPORTANCE.

SO THEY MADE HIM ~~PRESIDENT~~ PRESIDENT OF A NON-EXISTENT UNIVERSITY.

Whereupon
HIS NAME PATRICK MC TAGGART-COWAN. HE AND THE MEN HE SELECTED CREATED A GREAT NEW UNIVERSITY ALMOST OVERNIGHT, *— on a mountain top, in the wilderness.* IN VANCOUVER THEY CALL IT "THE

INSTANT UNIVERSITY." ACTUALLY IT'S NAMED FOR SIMON FRASER, A SCOTTISH

CANADIAN EXPLORER, WHO WAS THE FIRST TO REACH THE MOUTH OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S

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GREAT RIVER, THE FRASER.

TOMORROW NIGHT, IF THERE IS TIME, ~~I WILL TELL YOU A LITTLE~~
At the moment
MORE ABOUT THIS MIRACLE. I'LL MERELY ADD ~~THE~~ THAT SIMON FRASER *is*
the ~~IS~~ *new* HANDSOME UNIVERSITY ON A SPECTACULAR MOUNTAIN TOP; ~~THE~~
and already with
ONLY TWO YEARS OLD ~~AND HAS~~ A STUDENT BODY OF OVER 5000.
WATCHING A SPACECRAFT ~~BEING~~ *being* LAUNCHED IN FLORIDA IS ~~THE~~
IMPRESSIVE, ~~SOME~~ BUT TO ME PATRICK McTAGGART-COMAN'S BRAND NEW
UNIVERSITY OVERLOOKING THE BOOMING CITY OF VANCOUVER IS EVEN
impressive.
MORE ~~SPECTACULAR~~

MEXICO CITY

THIS NEXT - FROM MEXICO CITY! PERHAPS DESERVING OF A NEW TITLE - AS THE "PARIS OF LATIN AMERICA."

WHY SO? WELL, YOU MAY RECALL - THE CITY'S NEW ADMINISTRATION ^{tion} ~~THE~~ RECENTLY BRAVED A STORM OF PROTEST; PERMITTING THE ~~ERUPTION~~ ^{ERECTION} OF A NUDE STATUE - OF DIANA, THE GODDESS OF THE HUNT. AND NOW ~~the~~ ^{the} CITY FATHER ^S DECIDING TO DO AWAY WITH A THREE-YEAR BAN - ON ~~THE~~ BURLESQUE SHOWS.

~~LEAST~~ THERE BE ANY MISTAKE~~S~~ THOUGH - CITY OFFICIALS SPECIALLY LIMITING THE NEW BURLESQUE - TO PERFORMANCES THAT ARE ^{-- Warren. we would} "SPICY BUT CLEAN," OR AS ~~THE~~ GRINGOS SAY; - "NAUGHTY BUT NICE."

WITH THE RESULT - WE ARE TOLD - THAT MINI SKIRTS WILL SOON BE AS DEAD AS A DOBBER.

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LONDON

HERE'S ONE - FROM LONDON; THAT BEGINS WITH A BRIEF
POEM - TO-WIT: "THE SADDEST WORDS OF TONGUE OR PEN - THE
NEWS THAT HEMLINES ARE COMING DOWN AGAIN ."

THIS THE DISMAL OUTLOOK - OF BRITISH DESIGNER JOHN HURST,
WHO CITES THE GROWING POPULARITY OF MAXI' SKIRTS / AMONG
TREND SETTERS SUCH AS BRIGITTE BARDOT - POP SINGER LULU -
AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF MODELS .

THE FIRST TO FOLLOW - SAYS JOHN HURST - WILL BE GIRLS -
"WITH FAT LEGS, SPAVINED KNEES, BULGING THIGHS; IN SHORT - THE
GIRLS FOR WHOM SHORT SKIRTS WERE A TRAGEDY IN THE FIRST PLACE.
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