

**NATO**

**Monday, Dec. 16, 1963**

*In Paris tonight the Foreign Ministers of Britain and West Germany, at the opening session of the NATO Council; warned the West once more - not to be taken in by Soviet sweet talk; not to imagine that Khrushchev has changed his mind about burying the West.*

*Secretary of State Dean Rusk promised the NATO meeting in a message from President Johnson, that the U.S. would keep the equivalent of six Army divisions in Europe - as long as they are needed. And, says the Johnson message, "under present circumstances there is no doubt that they will continue to be needed."*

*The allies in agreement - about how to deal with Nikita.*

**RUSK FOLLOW NATO**

*Secretary Rusk himself was in a prophetic mood.*

*He believes the Communists may be on the brink of -  
important changes; which could present us - and our allies  
- both with great dangers, and with great opportunity.*

*The Chinese-Russian quarrel is fundamental - he  
told the delegates; then he ticked off - the reasons why:  
ideology, relationships between states, influence around the  
world, border disputes, and very possibly - personal  
enmity between the leaders of the two countries.*

*So it is important, says the Secretary of State, that  
the West get its signals straight - about what is going on  
inside the Iron Curtain. Obviously we should back Moscow  
- Khrushchev's policy of peaceful co-existence - against  
Red China's belligerance.*

*Secretary Rusk - laying it on the line for the NATC  
delegates.*

The new Soviet defense budget, as always, looks more peaceful than it is. The reason - rockets fall under a special heading. Not under defense - as in the case of the American budget. And we even include - foreign aid. Which the Soviets don't.

Hence, the smaller figures - mentioned by Moscow A slash of - six-hundred millions rubles, allowing Khrushchev to claim - that he is spending a lot less on arms than those "aggressive Americans." He is - if you except rockets and foreign aid. A rather big - exception.

In any case, Khrushchev is ear marking more money - for consumer goods : cars, refrigerators, television sets - and so on. The boss of the Kremlin, trying to satisfy the desire of the Soviet people - for a higher standard of living.

**BOLIVIA**

*Bolivian Vice President Juan Lechin, the leader of the rebellious miners - is a bitter man tonight. He surrendered, and agreed to release the twenty-one hostages, including four Americans, who have been held since last week - by the tin miners of Catavi.*

*Lechin won the miners' support for his move - at a mess rally in Catavi. He told them they must give in - and accept defeat; because they could not hope to face up to the army. But he warned the Bolivian government that the workers would, in his words - "adopt other forms of struggle in the future." Or, as he has said before - "follow the path of Castro." The Vice President, who is also a leftist agitator, savoring the bitterness of defeat tonight.*

DAM

*In the wake of the Los Angeles dam disaster investigation and clean-ups.*

*State and city groups appointed to inspect the area - appalled at what they saw. Unable to believe that just a few days ago the vast stretch of wasteland before their eyes - was a prosperous suburb. The damage estimated at ten-million dollars.*

*So far no one has been able to decide for sure - , what caused this disaster. The engineers - are puzzled. One theory is that the land may have subsided - because of the number of small oil pumps in the area. Another - that maybe it was an earthquake. This afternoon another section of the dam collapsed.*

*Meanwhile the Los Angeles Department of Public Works - is mopping. With an army of trucks, skip-loaders and graders - and two hundred men - it has moved in. An operation expected to take - at least ten days.*

## WEATHER

*The weather over most of the United States tonight, is - you'd call it seasonal.*

*Arctic air moving across the plains and Midwest, with sub-freezing temperatures as far south as - the Gulf States. Farther North in Minnesota, thirty-six degrees below at Bemidji; and thirty below - at International Falls.*

*Farther East - blizzards blowing off the Great Lakes. Six inches of snow in six hours today -at Muskegon, Michigan, which now has fifteen inches all told.*

*In the Northwest both rain and snow. Half an inch of rain in six hours - at Astoria, Oregon, and nine inches of snow at Spokane.*

*But if you think of getting away from it all by boat to Europe - the S.S. United States, with two-hundred and seventy-three passengers and seven-thousand bags of Christmas mail - has been delayed by gales in the North Atlantic.*

*U-N*

*The United Nations has two new members tonight.*

*And all one-hundred and eleven countries who are already  
members - were in rare agreement.*

*The admission of the Spice Sultanate of Zanzibar,  
and Kenya, land of coffee and big game - approved by the  
General Assembly - by acclamation.*

*Two nations - born last week. This week full-  
fledged members - of the U.N. From Mau Mau to U.N.  
in less than ten years!*

## *GRAVITY*

*The next source of energy to be tapped by man - will be gravity itself. So say the scientists now conferring - at the University of Texas. Referring to the basic ~~principle~~ principle - discovered - as you may remember - by Sir Isaac Newton in the Seventeenth Century.*

*Newton pointed out that every particle of matter in the Universe - attracts every other particle. Which is the reason for what modern scientists call - "gravitational collapse." The sudden shrinkage of a star - when its atoms gravitate together. This "gravitational collapse" releases energy on a scale - that makes the hydrogen bomb look like a mere Fourth of July firecracker.*

*So all the scientists have to do - is learn how to control "gravitational collapse" here on earth. They'll tap a reservoir of energy - far greater than any other. After all, as Sir Isaac Newton discovered - "gravity is everywhere!"*

**BURTON**

*Another episode tonight in the saga of - the modern Antony and Cleopatra. But this time not on the wide screen.*

*Mrs. Sybil Burton, has divorced her husband. One of her complaints is that he is - "in the constant company of another woman."*

*How's that for British understatement?*

*And now Dick Noel who is adept at understatement.*

**BROWN'S**

*The Cleveland Browns didn't win a championship yesterday - but two of the team had quite a day, today.*

*Big fullback Jim Brown ended the season - with an incredible record. Carrying the ball for more than a mile - in fourteen games. Frank Ryan helped beat Washington - with three touchdown passes.*

*But Jim Brown and Frank Ryan today were guests at the White House - where they chatted with President Lyndon Johnson, about football - not politics. A pleasant visit to Washington: victory over the Redskins; and a visit with the President of the United States.*