

Monday, January 25, 1971

LOS ANGELES

*Los Angeles - the jury returns; and a verdict at last - in the Tate-LaBianca murder trial. Hippy cult leader Charles Manson and his three co-defendants - Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Leslie Van Houten - all found guilty of murder - in the first degree.*

*The jury that so decided - now set to meet again this Thursday. Purpose - to determine punishment; either life in prisonment - or death in the gas chamber.*

## WHITE HOUSE

*The White House - an attempt today at legislative jaw-boning. President Nixon meeting with Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee. Also, Congressman Byrnes of Wisconsin, the committee's ranking Republican member. For two hours, the President attempting to impress on them - the merits of his new Federal State revenue sharing proposal. The White House later reporting that Mills had agreed he would give the measure "expeditious hearings."*

*This was also confirmed by Chairman Mills - when he returned to Capitol Hill. He added, that hearings would be held - "not for the purpose of promoting but for the purpose of killing" the President's proposal. Mills stating flatly: "There's no revenue to share."*

## CAPITOL HILL

*Capitol Hill again - the President's new Interior Secretary Designate testifying before the Senate Interior Committee stated that conservation - "must be ever on-going" something that "we carry out in our daily lives - within our commerce and industry - at every level of government." But he added that conservation must also be balanced - against the needs of the nation's economy and its military defenses. "Otherwise" said he - "at some point in time - how far in the future we do not know - there will be no economy to enjoy and practically no reason for defense."*

## CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - the count-down begins. Space officials giving the final go-ahead -- at nine o'clock this morning, Eastern time. And so the start of a hundred and two hours of scheduled tasks - plus rest periods total<sup>ing</sup>~~ly~~ an additional forty-eight hours. All of which will lead, hopefully, to blast-off for the moon-bound Apollo fourteen - as of next Sunday. At the outset anyway - a space spokesman saying: "We're in good shape."

**ADD CAPE KENNEDY**

*Meanwhile, the men of Apollo Fourteen - Astronauts Alan Shepard, Stuart Roosa and Ed Mitchell - getting their final pre-launch physicals. Doctor Charles Berry, the astronauts chief physician, later reporting: "They are certified and ready to fly - there are no problems." ~~And away we go.~~*

PARIS

In the "city of lights" - Paris - a meeting of some of the world's top foreign correspondents; who heard today - from North Vietnam's chief peace negotiator. (Zwan Twee) who says Xuan Thuy ~~saying~~ that Hanoi is ready to agree to peace - right now - if the U S will only accept "a logical and reasonable settlement." But he also made it plain that Hanoi considers <sup>own</sup> its present ~~demands~~ demands logical and reasonable. And so it would seem - no change.

## **INDO CHINA**

*Over in Vietnam - peace or no - the guns of war began to fall silent today. The Viet Cong starting a four day lay-off in observance of the Vietnamese lunar New Year. With U.S. and Allied forces - scheduled to join in tomorrow morning.*

*Both sides marking the advent of the year Four Thousand Six Hundred - according to the Chinese calendar! This - incidentally - to be known as the "year of the Pig." A portent - we are told - of better days ahead. That to them is what the word for pig implies. Allied sources predicting the quietest such holiday, in more than five years.*

## NEEDHAM

Here at home - the State of Massachusetts is observing - "write a letter to Hanoi week" ; an attempt to impress on ~~the~~ North Vietnam - America's concern for its young men still held prisoner of war in South East Asia. The first day of the drive - bringing forth a flood of letters; including some three thousand - from the Boston suburb of Needham alone. The American Red Cross is also making form letters available - to help spur the campaign. The Boston post office - even ~~is~~ urging its own fourteen thousand employees to join in ~~it~~ designating this Wednesday - as the postal ~~workers~~ workers own personal "write a letter to Hanoi Day".



## **KAMPALA**

*In Central Africa - heavy fighting reported in and around Kampala, the capital of Uganda. This following in the wake of a government take over - by Uganda's British-trained army commander, General Idi Amin. The General laying plans for his coup - while Uganda's President - Milton Obote - was attending a British Commonwealth meeting in Singapore. The President is now stranded at Nairobi in nearby Kenya. So, for the moment, he's a man without a country.*

**AMMAN**

*In the Middle East - the government of Jordan today leveled its strongest personal attack against Arab guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat; accusing the commando chief of creating inter-Arab divisions for his own personal aggrandisement - adding that Arafat was thereby harming - rather than helping - the Arab war effort against Israel. This in response to Arafat's call for an Arab peace-keeping force to protect the Palestinian guerrillas from the Jordanian army.*

## **KANSAS CITY**

***From Kansas City - better news regarding former President Truman - from fair to good. Especially his appetite. Indeed, Mr. Truman is said to be complaining about his liquid diet telling doctors he's hungry. A hospital spokesman adding: His recovery is anticipated. But, first a few more tests.***

## PORTLAND

*From Portland, Oregon comes a story that perhaps falls under the heading - "my, how time flies". Mrs. Lee Breitling of Portland - announcing that her daughter Beth is expecting a baby late this summer. The young mother-to-be - an eighteen year old blond beauty who was married last fall - you may recall - to Elizabeth Taylor's eldest son - Michael Wilding.*

*The story adds that Mrs. Breitling and Miss Taylor - are both delighted at the news. Warren, how about Richard Burton , who will find himself married to a grandmother?*

## **MANCHESTER**

*This next - from Manchester, New Hampshire;  
a newspaper interview with the mother of Senator Edmund  
Muskie - who is quoted as saying: "Sometimes I wish I  
didn't have a son in politics." Mrs. Muskie, age eighty, also  
adding: "I still hope Ed will not run for President."*

*Why? Oh, because - she goes on - "the world is too  
bad today - there's too much turmoil - too many changes -  
you can never tell what will happen next."*

*Mrs. Muskie adds - she has told her son all this -  
but he only smiles and replies: "We will see, Momma -  
we will see."*