

Wed. Jan. 24-68.

PUEBLO

THE FATE OF THE U.S.S. PUEBLO -- FAST BUILDING TODAY INTO A CRISIS OF WORLD PROPORTIONS. U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK, FOR ONE -- LAYING IT RIGHT ON THE LINE. WARNING NORTH KOREA THAT CAPTURE OF THE PUEBLO AND HER CREW -- COULD WELL BE CONSIDERED "AN ACT OF WAR." DEAN RUSK FURTHER TELLING THE NORTH KOREANS -- THEY WOULD BE WELL ADVISED, IN HIS OWN WORDS, "TO COOL IT; TO PULL BACK -- AND START LIVING AT PEACE."

+ MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT JOHNSON CALLING A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL -- TO DISCUSS OUR NEXT MOVE. FOLLOWING A REPORT THAT RUSSIA -- HAS REFUSED TO INTERVENE IN THE CRISIS. AT THE SAME TIME -- AMBASSADOR ARTHUR GOLDBERG WAS BRIEFING U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT -- ON "ALL AVAILABLE CURRENT INFORMATION."

PANMUNJOM - FOLO PUEBLO

THROUGH IT ALL -- NORTH KOREA STOUTLY REFUSED TODAY TO GIVE UP THE PUEBLO. AT A MEETING OF THE MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION AT PANMUNJOM -- NORTH KOREAN GENERAL PAK CHUNG KUK DECLARING "THE SHIP WILL REMAIN IN OUR HANDS."

IN SUPPORT OF THAT STAND -- NORTH KOREAN RADIO TODAY BROADCASTING WHAT IT CALLED -- A "CONFESSION" FROM THE SKIPPER OF THE PUEBLO. COMMANDER LLOYD BUCHER SUPPOSEDLY ADMITTING ⇨ HE WAS ON A SECRET SPY MISSION FOR THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. HOWEVER, THE WORDING OF THE STATEMENT SO OBVIOUSLY CONTRIVED -- THAT A FRIEND OF THE COMMANDER SUMMED UP THE GENERAL REACTION IN A SINGLE WORD. SAID HE; "BULL."

VIETNAM

THAT LONG AND BLOODY WAR IN VIETNAM -- TEMPORARILY
OVERSHADOWED BY THE ^{seizure} ~~SEIZURE~~ OF THE PUEBLO. BUT FOR ~~HOW~~ **HOW**
LONG? -- THAT'S THE QUESTION. BATTLE REPORTS FROM THE
DMZ TELLING TODAY OF AN AWESOME ENEMY BARRAGE -- DIRECTED
AGAINST THE AMERICAN BORDER OUTPOST AT KHE SANH. THE
NORTH VIETNAMESE SAID TO BE USING HEAVY ARTILLERY --
FOR THE FIRST TIME. WHILE ACROSS THE NO MAN'S LAND --
HANOI IS REPORTEDLY MASSING SOME 40,000 TROOPS.

PURPOSE OF THE ENEMY TROOP CONCENTRATION -- AS
YET UNKNOWN. HOWEVER, A CLUE PERHAPS -- FROM A CAPTURED
NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICER, QUOTED AS TELLING U.S.
INTELLIGENCE OF SECRET PLANS -- FOR A MASS ATTACK ACROSS
THE BORDER. THIS TO BE DIRECTED -- SUPPOSEDLY -- BY
NORTH VIETNAMESE DEFENSE MINISTER VO NGUYEN GAP -- THE
COMMUNIST'S ERSTWHILE HERO OF DIEN BIEN PHU.

VIETNAM - 2

GAP'S GOAL -- WE ARE TOLD -- TO WIN A STUNNING
PROPAGANDA VICTORY; IN ^{the} HOPE~~S~~ THAT HANOI CAN THEN DICTATE
PEACE TERMS -- JUST AS SHE DID WITH FRANCE.

MOSCOW

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON'S LATEST MISSION TO MOSCOW -- APPARENTLY ANOTHER EXERCISE IN FUTILITY. RUSSIAN OFFICIALS CHARACTERIZING HIS TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS -- AS "FRANK" AND "OUTSPOKEN" -- TERMS OFTEN USED AT THE KREMLIN -- TO SIGNIFY DISAGREEMENT. INDEED, WILSON AND SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN SPENDING THEIR LAST FIVE HOURS TOGETHER -- DEBATING THE WORDING OF A FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER -- WILSON ASSERTING THERE WOULD NEVER BE A MILITARY SOLUTION IN VIETNAM. ADDING THOUGH, THAT "JOINTLY OR SEPARATELY" -- BRITAIN AND RUSSIA "MUST GET THE PROBLEM ON THE POLITICAL RAILS" -- AS HE PUT IT. ⁱⁿ THIS -- THE KREMLIN CONCURRING.

RIGHTS

TURNING TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS -- A SECOND SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS TODAY -- SECOND IN TWO DAYS. PRESIDENT JOHNSON URGING SPEEDY ENACTMENT OF FOUR CIVIL RIGHTS MEASURES -- ALL FOUR OF WHICH HAVE BEEN STALLED IN CONGRESS FOR MONTHS NOW.

BY FAR THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL -- A PROPOSED THREE-STAGE OPEN HOUSING LAW; WHOSE CHANCES OF PASSAGE THIS SESSION -- ARE SEEN AS PRACTICALLY NIL. NEXT IN LINE -- A BILL TO BAR VIOLENCE -- INTERFERENCE WITH THE EXERCISE OF CIVIL RIGHTS; THIS ONE -- ALREADY THE OBJECT OF A SEMI-FILIBUSTER IN THE SENATE.

THE TWO OTHERS -- FOR WHICH THE OUTLOOK IS A LITTLE BRIGHTER -- INCLUDING A BILL TO EXPAND THE AUTHORITY OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION; ALSO, A BILL DESIGNED TO END DISCRIMINATION -- IN THE SELECTION OF FEDERAL AND STATE JURIES.

DORCHESTER

DIETS AND DIET PILLS -- MUCH IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK. BEGINNING WITH A SENATE INVESTIGATION -- OF ALLEGEDLY DANGEROUS ASSEMBLY LINE DIET CLINICS. FOLLOWED BY GOVERNMENT SEIZURE IN TEXAS -- OF MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SO-CALLED "RAINBOW" DIET PILLS.

THE LATEST -- FROM DORCHESTER, ILLINOIS; IN AN AUTOPSY REPORT TODAY -- ON THE RECENT DEATH OF A REGISTERED NURSE. THE LOCAL CORONER ATTRIBUTING DEATH -- TO "AN ACCUMULATION OF AMPHETAMINES;" SAID TO HAVE BEEN OBTAINED -- THROUGH A NEARBY ST. LOUIS DIET CLINIC.

"DIET OR DIE" -- THE TITLE OF A NEW BEST-SELLING BOOK ON WEIGHT REDUCTION. BUT FOR SOME -- IT'S APPARENTLY "DIET AND DIE."

MC MURDOW SOUND

FROM MC MURDOW SOUND -- NEAR THE SOUTH POLE --
COMES NEWS TONIGHT THAT THE WORLD'S FIRST ANTARCTIC CRUISE
SHIP IS FINALLY HEADED HOME. THE DANISH-OWNED MAGGA DAN
BEARING SOME 20 INTREPID TOURISTS -- MOSTLY AMERICANS --
WHO WILL HAVE PLENTY TO TELL THEIR FRIENDS ABOUT.

FIRST -- A POLAR STORM -- WITH WINDS UP TO 35 MILES
AN HOUR; DRIVING THE MAGGA DAN ONTO AN ICE PINNACLE --
IN MC MURDOW'S SOUTH CHANNEL. FOR THREE DAYS -- U.S.
ICEBREAKERS FIGHTING TO FREE THE SHIP; WHILE THE PASSENGERS
WERE ENJOYING THEMSELVES -- AS GUESTS OF THE NEARBY

~~U.S. MC MURDOW STATION ANTARCTIC BASE.~~ *Enduring the*
hardship of staying at the Antarctic Hilton - there
er looking the Ross Sea. Yes, there is one - named that by some
FREE AT LAST -- THE MAGGA DAN READY TO MAKE ~~TRACKS~~ --
her way thru the ice -
WHEN HER MAIN ENGINE CONKED OUT. *So,* ANOTHER TOW -- SOME
HURRY-UP REPAIRS, ~~WHILE AGAIN~~ *with* THE TOURISTS WERE TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF THE DELAY. *hibing* ~~SOME OF THEM WALKING FOUR MILES~~ *over*
the snow
TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND'S SCOTT BASE; OTHERS TAKING IN A
NEARBY -- NAVY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.

MC MURDOW - 2

REPAIRS COMPLETED -- THE MAGGA DAN IS NOW HEADED
NORTH TO CAPE HALLETT. THIS FIRST VOYAGE OF ITS KIND --
(WHEN WILL THERE EVER BE ANOTHER) -- FAST DRAWING TO
CLOSE. A THRILL THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME FOR SOME
THROUGH THE MAGIC OF HOME MOVIES -- THAT WILL BE SHOWN, *Warren,*
OVER AND OVER AND OVER -- AD INFINITIM, I'LL BET!

EVERGLADES

AMONG THE HUMAN POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES --
has been and still is
AN EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA ~~IS CURRENTLY~~ SWEEPING THE
COUNTRY -- AS SOME OF US KNOW ONLY TOO WELL. NOW --
A SIMILAR AFFLICTION -- IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. GOVERNMENT
BIOLOGISTS TODAY REPORTING AN EPIDEMIC OF AVIAN CHOLERA --
A KILLER VIRUS DISEASE -- CURRENTLY SWEEPING THE FLORIDA
EVERGLADES; THREATENING TO DESTROY THE EVERGLADES'
ENTIRE BIRD POPULATION -- INCLUDING COUNTLESS RARE AND
EXOTIC SPECIES.

IN ITS EARLY STAGES -- AVIAN CHOLERA DISRUPTING A
BIRD'S ABILITY TO DIVE FOR FOOD. IN LATER STAGES --
~~DISRUPTING~~ CAUSING THE BIRD TO SWIM AIMLESSLY IN
CIRCLES; UNTIL -- FINALLY -- IT DIES. SUPERINTENDENT
ROGER ALLIN OF EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK -- ESTIMATING
THAT UP TO 5,000 BIRDS HAVE ALREADY THUS DIED. "AND ALL
WE CAN DO" -- SAID HE -- "IS JUST STAND BY HELPLESSLY --
'TIL THE DISEASE RUNS ITS NATURAL COURSE."