

VIETNAM

Tues. Dec 30-71

The ~~an~~ intensive air offensive <sup>(against North</sup> ~~against North~~  
Vietnam terminated today, <sup>That is brought a final</sup> ending <sup>to</sup> five successive days  
of bombing, <sup>series of air</sup> in the biggest strikes in three years.  
American spokesmen say three U S planes <sup>were</sup> shot down;  
with five crewmen missing. Hanoi claims nineteen  
~~were brought down~~ without specifying how many pilots  
were killed or captured. The Pentagon says the  
primary purpose <sup>of these strikes</sup> was to protect the continuing withdrawal  
of U S forces and reduce casualties. In Paris,  
Communist spokesmen at the peace talks insisted again  
that large numbers of women and children were killed.  
In Saigon, The U S command reported <sup>5</sup> one American  
soldier killed in combat in Indo China last week.  
Lowest weekly <sup>number</sup> ~~total~~ in six years. <sup>π</sup> In Washington, The  
Selective Service <sup>Office says</sup> ~~not revealed~~, that if there are no  
draft calls during the next three months, more than  
one hundred thousand young men age twenty and older

may escape the draft entirely. Those with lottery numbers that would ~~enable~~<sup>cause</sup> enable them to be by-passed. Defense Secretary Laird has ~~be~~ said there will ~~be~~ be no draft call in January - and quite possibly none in February or March.

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In Philadelphia, plain clothes police moved quickly to prevent possible injury to three former aides of the Johnson administration when an anti-war science group disrupted a symposium. One ~~man~~ of the aides was William Bundy - former Assistant ~~Sec~~ Secretary of State for Asian affairs. The incident occurred during an open session of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences.

## ECONOMY

Paul McCracken - out-going chairman of the President's Economic Council - says wage and price controls will extend well ~~beyond~~ beyond next year's election - with some form of government controls in ~~the~~ store' for a long time to come." McCracken is returning to his former post on the University of Michigan faculty. ~~SA~~ With some reluctance, President Nixon today signed into law legislation that extends unemployment compensation for another thirteen weeks in eleven states. Workers - who exhaust their usual thirty nine weeks of benefits - can collect for the additional thirteen up to July first. The states <sup>are those</sup> affected ~~all~~ with chronic unemployment - Alaska, California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and Nevada; plus Puerto Rico.

ELLSBERG

A special Grand Jury today ~~handed down~~ <sup>presented</sup>  
a new indictment <sup>for</sup> of Doctor Daniel Ellsberg, <sup>It involves</sup> on serious  
new charges <sup>He is charged with</sup> of ~~stealing~~ <sup>stealing</sup> the top secret Pentagon  
papers. Ellsberg has been free on bond since his  
original indictment last June. Named for the first  
time in another indictment is Anthony Russo - a  
former associate of Ellsberg at the Rand Corporation  
where the Pentagon papers ~~were~~ <sup>for passing along</sup> were prepared, ~~returned~~  
to the press.  
~~where Ellsberg was arrested~~ Russo surrendered today  
in Los Angeles.

## CHURCHES

In London, leaders of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches have reached what <sup>is</sup> termed, "substantial agreement" on the Eucharist doctrine, which <sup>most of us</sup> ~~also~~ know as Mass or ~~the~~ Holy Communion.

Theologians of both churches <sup>are</sup> <sup>ing</sup> call it the most ~~important~~ important religious statement since The Reformation.

"No longer," said one church <sup>spokesman:</sup> ~~man~~, "will this doctrine constitute an obstacle to the unity we seek."

# VOLCANO

In Southern Chile, five hundred miles <sup>South of</sup> ~~of~~

Santiago, the Villarrica volcano erupted with thundering

suddenness today destroying homes, isolating villages,

<sup>4 dead, with some 35</sup>  
with at least ~~twenty nine persons~~ missing. ~~Rocks~~

~~and~~ lava <sup>was</sup> ~~were~~ showered over a ten mile radius from

crater <sup>of the</sup> ~~the~~ eight thousand foot volcano <sup>which</sup> ~~until~~ today <sup>had been</sup> ~~since~~

dormant for six years.

MALTA

British Prime Minister Heath says the door  
is still open to resume talks with Malta's Premier  
Dom Mintoff in the dispute over payment of rent  
for the naval base on the <sup>strategic</sup> Mediterranean Island.

Prime Min. had <sup>were</sup> ~~definitely would~~  
Yesterday, Heath said the British ~~definitely would~~  
pull <sup>ing</sup> out, after over 190 years.



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Tass says the Soviet T-U 144 supersonic  
airliner <sup>on a recent test flight</sup> reached a record speed of one thousand five  
hundred sixty-four miles an hour, ~~in a recent test~~  
~~flight.~~ ~~With~~ The speed maintained for several minutes  
at a height of some sixty-thousand feet - about eleven  
and a half miles above the earth. <sup>Tass</sup> ~~This~~ ~~is~~ says ~~this~~  
~~Tass~~ also is an altitude record for an airliner.



# MANGER

In Houston, Texas, <sup>as</sup> two women stood admiring  
the nativity scene at St. Anne's Catholic Church,

suddenly the baby in the manger began to cry. <sup>When</sup> The

two women ~~discussed the matter~~ notified a church

worker ~~who~~ <sup>was taken</sup> took the baby boy to a hospital. ~~with her~~

~~with her~~ The child apparently is only a few days

old, <sup>left there, abandoned by the mother -- placed</sup> and ~~will eventually be placed in a foster~~

~~home~~ in the manger. Not because there  
wasn't room at the Inn, but because  
they didn't want it at home,

## NYMPH

In the Australian bush country - some six hundred miles east of Perth, sheep and cattle men, gold and oil prospectors and hard bitten bronzed men searching for those much prized Australian opals, they are all talking about the top-less, bare-chested nature girl known as the "nullarbor nymph," who's often seen running barefoot from billiebong to billiebong - bouncing along with a flock of ~~four~~ friendly kangaroos. A Never Never Land bus driver says he spotted the tall, blond nature girl apparently wearing only a kangaroo skin mini-skirt. He says his passengers left food and drink for her by the roadside. Thirty year old Ron Sells - a rabbit trapper on Art Linkletter's place claims to have seen the nymph twice. He insists it's not another of those tall stories so often heard in ~~and in~~ Australia's wild Out Back, and in pubs at Kalgoorlie and Koolgardie. Sells claims he saw

her once from his car at a distance of fifty yards and  
would have caught up with her but became so flustered  
and confused <sup>worried</sup> by the topless vision that he stalled his  
car and had a bit of <sup>a</sup> go <sup>to</sup> ~~getting~~ it going again.

## BUSSES

*Mayors and City Managers around the world are keeping a close watch on a nine day experiment over in Rome. This involves free bus and train rides for Romans who agree to leave their cars at home. So far the response is enthusiastic with broad grins on the faces of customers who hadn't even heard about the free ride till they found they were having one. The idea of course is to keep cars out of the traffic clogged center of The Eternal City where traffic jams are something to see -- unless you are there and trying to get somewhere.*