

Tues. Jan. 18, 1972

BERING SEA

Off our Alaska coast - not far from Juneau says the dispatch, the U.S. Coast Guard today seized two Russian fishing ships; for allegedly poaching, in our waters. The commander of the Russian fishing fleet was also placed under so called House arrest. Vladimir Artemov, who we hear ordered one of the seized ships to make a run for it; which it did - with an American boarding party still on board. It didn't get far.

In Washington - the White House word is that President Nixon was not consulted - prior to the Coast Guard action. Adding, however, that this was not expected in any way to interfere with the President's forthcoming trip to Moscow - a mere incident.

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the ninety second congress,
act two. The House and Senate - reconvening after
a month's vacation; launching ~~today~~^{into} their second,
election year session, ~~And the~~^{With quite a} curtain raiser:-
~~quite a start.~~

In both houses ~~of Congress~~^{lots of} - a wealth of
old business plus a flood of new bills. ~~Senator~~ Senate
Majority leader Mike Mansfield - also, House Majority
Leader Carl Albert - urging Democratic Presidential
contenders to "keep politics out." Whereupon ~~there~~^{was}
a demonstration in the House Galleries, ~~Members~~^{with}
of the womens strike for peace - again protesting U S
war policy.

DACCA

From Sheikh Mujibur Rahman - who was offered yesterday - the Presidency of a re-united Pakistan - a quick brush-off today. Sheikh Mujibibur Rahman saying: I do not want Pakistan. Bangladesh is now a reality."

The Sheikh also met with a number of west Pakistanis - now held in a military prison at Dacca. For these - former civil officials in the land that was once East Pakistan he promises mass amnesty. However Indian officials say the former governor of occupied East Pakistan and his entire cabinet - will all be tried as war criminals.

NEW DELHI - FOLLOW DACCA

While
~~At the same time~~ - in New Delhi - a pre-
election manifesto ^{with} - Madame ~~Indira~~ Gandhi's ruling
Congress Party - rejecting, in its own words - "not
only great power ~~is~~ chauvanism but also the doctrines
of ~~the~~ spheres of influence and balance of power.

And adding:-
~~The party further stating~~ -" we pledge not to interfere
in the affairs of our neighbors in any way - but to
live with all countries in a spirit of co-existence,
equality and mutual respect." That - from India.

LAOS

In the Southeast Asia air war over Laos - two north Vietnamese fighters today attempted to jump a pair of U.S. F-Four Phantom jets; the third such encounter this month - second this week. The U.S. pilots say the enemy planes fired three poorly aimed missiles - then turned and fled. No damage.

CHICAGO

Two young college students charged with conspiracy to commit murder in a bizarre plot to poison the Chicago water supply. Nineteen year old Alan Schwander and eighteen year old Steven Pera - allegedly planning to use typhoid micro-organisms and other deadly bacteria. This the first step - we are told - in a plan they had dreamed up to establish a new "master race."

City officials were quick to note however - that such a conspiracy would have been virtually impossible to carry out. "Fantastic" says Water Commissioner James Jardine; "Just a hair-brained scheme." Hair-brained or no - quite a shaker-upper.

VICTORIA

In dense fog at Victoria, Texas - a private jet was attempting to make a landing today at the local airport; when suddenly it ~~it~~ clipped a utility pole - crashing in flames. All nine aboard - ~~the~~ killed instantly. The victims including William Wright - President of the Hickok Company, one of the nation's largest leather-goods firms. Also, his wife, Barbara.

SOUTHAMPTON

Down the ways today at Southampton, England,
the world's largest fiberglass warship to date. H M S
Wilton - a four hundred and fifty ton, one hundred
and fifty three foot ~~long~~ prototype vessel. To be
used as a mine sweeper - for which it's non-metallic
construction is said to be "especially advantageous."
Naval officials ~~are adding that it could be~~ ^{say} if it works
out all right ^{it will be} the forrunner of a ~~whole~~ new fleet
of so-called "plastic" warships.

MONOMOTAPA

At Monomotapa ~~township~~ in Southerⁿ Rhodesia -- a second straight day of rioting; with an estimated eight thousand blacks -- again protesting the terms of that anglo-Rhodesian independence agreement. The demonstrators shouting over and over: "No - no - no." Also, singing "God Bless Africa," ~~An~~ unofficial African nationalist anthem. When they were dispersed by tear gas ~~they~~ ^{they} ~~quickly~~ regrouped ^{ed} and ~~starting~~ ^{went about} all over again.

Black leaders ~~and that they~~ ^{next} plan a march ~~next~~ on the nearby provincial capital of Gwelo; there to voice their views - before ~~two members of~~ a visiting ~~an~~ British government commission.

MANILA

The man who tried to kill Pope Paul two years ago at Manila - Benjamin Mendoza - today was given a full pardon, by President Marcos; a spokesman for whom said the only string attached - was that the prisoner leave the Philippines.

Mendoza rejected the deal - flat out. The thirty-six year old painter saying he would rather remain in prison - than return to his native Bolivia. Thus, in effect, now a man without a country.

TALLAHASSEE

From Tallahassee, Florida we hear the alligator is making a come back. Dr. O. Earl Frye, director of Florida's Game and Fresh Water Fish commission, says this is due mainly to the passage of "some real tough state and national legislation." Then Doctor Frye added: Warren: "If we keep going the way we are - we're liable to be up to our - necks in alligators."

MESSINA

More than a century ago - Garibaldi landed at Sicily. - ~~thus~~ Completing the unification of Italy; ~~whereupon~~ he quickly ordered a study ^{of the} ~~of~~ feasibility of building a bridge to the ~~main~~ mainland. ~~Now~~ ^{As long} last Sicily ~~is~~ ^s getting its bridge. The Italian government ^{is} proceeding with plans to build the world's longest suspension span - across the Strait of Messina; a structure more than nine thousand feet long - with four supporting towers - each more than half again as high as the Empire State Building.

~~Incidentally,~~ ^{You may recall, in the} The Strait of Messina ^{is} a legendary home of Scylla and Charydbis; the fearsome monster that tried to get Ulysses, ⁱⁿ Homer's immortal "Odyssey." And what happens if Scylla and Charydbis suddenly reappear? Well, they ~~can~~ ^{can't} cross that bridge when they come to it.