

Monday, January 1, 1973

VIETNAM

While American pilots are under orders to resume bombing missions over South Vietnam - military sources in Saigon say the current bombing halt over North Vietnam may continue indefinitely. President Nixon - two days ago - as you know - ordered a cessation of bombing around Hanoi and Haiphong, presumably after the North Vietnamese indicated a willingness to resume private peace talks in Paris. These are now set for January Eighth; with talks on the technical level resuming tomorrow.

Henry Kissinger will fly to Paris for those private negotiations on January Eighth. Ground fighting continued over the holiday weekend in Vietnam with some of the heaviest reported around Quang Tri City - four hundred miles north of Saigon.

Folk singer Joan Bieze and World War Two war crimes prosecutor Telford Taylor - who spent the last

two weeks in Hanoi returned to New York today and told newsmen Hanoi is a city "of suffering and death but the population remains unbroken by the American aerial bombardment."

Miss Biez, Taylor, and two other anti-war Americans went to Hanoi to deliver Christmas mail to American P O W 's. They also brought back more than six hundred letters and Christmas cards for friends and relatives here.

FREEDOM

How stands the cause of freedom throughout the world as we begin the New Year. Freedom House -- a New York based organization dedicated to the strengthening of free societies -- says at least two thirds of the world's population lives without freedom - and may continue to live that way ^{on into the foreseeable future, also some} ~~And some~~ countries now listed as "free" - ~~such as~~ Sweden and the Philippines ^{for example -} -- may become even less free if present trends continue. In a study of nearly two hundred nations and their dependencies, the basic criterion was -- how do individual governments deal with civil and political liberties? On this basis, most of western Europe, north America, India, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and a few nations in Latin America are listed as free. But across the entire ~~continent~~ continent of Africa only one nation - tiny Gambi^a -- was given a high mark for freedom. And in the Middle East, only ^{Lebanon} ~~Israel~~

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and ^{Israel.}~~Lebanon.~~ The rest of the world - says the

Freedom House study - is only partly free - or not
free at all.

ROBERTO

The Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team, the entire sports world and the Island of Puerto Rico tonight mourn the death of thirtyeight year old Roberto Clemente who died in ~~a plane crash~~ ^{the} ~~crash~~ ^{plane crash.} Sunday night, Clemente - one of baseball's ~~great~~ stars and four ^{persons} other ~~perished~~ ^{perished} when their plane ~~crashed at~~ ^{went into the} sea after taking off from Puerto Rico on a ~~mercy~~ flight to aid earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

FOOTBALL

President Nixon had company at the White House this morning - none other than Coach George Allen of the Washington Redskins - the President's favorite home-town team now super-bowl bound after defeating Dallas for the National Football Conference Championship. The President invited Allen, his wife, and their four children to visit the White House for a chat - mostly about football. As you know the Redskins are to meet the Miami Dolphins in the super bowl at Los Angeles on Sunday January Fourteenth.

In year-end bowl games Oklahoma defeated Penn State fourteen to nothing last night - in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans; and today in the Dallas Cotton Bowl, Texas upset Alabama by a score of seventeen to thirteen. Other bowl games today include Ohio State cersus Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, and tonight Notre Dame takes on Nebraska in the Orange Bowl at Miami.

RIOT

New Years came in on a violent note in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where police battled an angry mob of about four thousand revelers, ~~leaving~~ leaving more than seventy injured. The battle raged along a half mile stretch of the resort beach with more than one hundred fifty policemen using tear gas and night sticks in an effort to restore order. Nearly thirty officers were among those injured - including one who was struck with a folding metal chair. The rioting apparently began when ~~at~~ police sought to arrest a man who was disorderly at a Fort Lauderdale bar.

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At Phoenix^x, Arizona, New Years came in with a bang - and then some - when the ceiling fell on the heads of about four hundred merry makers at Emma's ballroom, ~~injuring~~ ^{Some} twenty four ~~none seriously.~~ ^{wer injured.} The noise of the band, ~~plus~~ ^{stomping and all} the celebrating, ~~apparently~~ ^{Bill, Just} shook the plaster loose.

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RED SMITH

For years Frank Sullivan turned out a long Christmas series of verses, usually for the New Yorker Magazine. Today sports columnist Red Smith - with a bow to his friend - Sullivan - greeted the New Year with similar rhymes in the Frank Sullivan style:

*Sing hey, sing ho, for one and all
For the boys of summer and the lads of fall
Boris Spassky, Bobby Fischer
Franco Harris, Furman Bisher
Howard Hughes, Clifford Irving
If the last twelve months were a trifle
un-nerving*

*Cheer up! It wasn't the bitterest pill
Suppose you were tacking Calvin Hill*

If names like Franco Harris and Calvin Hill are unfamiliar you just didn't follow the action in the past weekend's pro-football play-offs. And Red Smith continues:

*Fill the wassail bowl to overflowing
For the stars on the rise and the friends
who are going*

*Evonne Goolagong, here's to you -
Herè's to all who struggled through
The Year of Nineteen Seventy Two!
And pray this land of the brave and free
Can make it through Nineteen Seventy-Three!*

and s-l-u-t-m