

ATHENS

Wed. Dec. 13 - 67.  
American Tobacco, Plough

Turmoil in Greece. The story coming in today -  
in bits and pieces, Telling of a revolt - against the ruling  
Greek military junta. A revolt led by King Constantine -  
with the backing of army and air force units.

Beyond that - nothing certain. Radio Larissa  
reporting on one hand - that the King has established  
a new government at Naousa - preparatory to a march  
on the capital. <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ Athens Radio claiming on the other  
hand - that the coup has been broken - <sup>with</sup> ~~that~~ the King ~~is~~  
in flight.

~~How will it all turn out. We can only wait and see.~~

## VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam - the story today of a daring surprise attack aimed at Saigon itself. With North Vietnamese regulars reportedly penetrating in force - to within twenty-five miles of the South Vietnamese capital. Closest they have yet come to striking a major blow at the government nerve-center.

However ~~only trouble~~ the "Road to Saigon" was blocked by fighting men of the U S twenty-fifth Infantry Division - and they ~~just~~ weren't about to give way. The Americans turning back a furious "human wave" assault - forcing the enemy troops to beat a hasty retreat. The planned Saigon attack - confirmed by documents found on ~~the~~ thirty-nine bodies ~~they~~ left behind.

## BRUSSELS

*More on the war - from Brussels, where Secretary of State Dean Rusk today told Nato Foreign Ministers - the United States would gladly stop bombing North Vietnam, if only there were some evidence - that useful talks would follow; if only there were some evidence - that the enemy would not take partisan advantage of a bombing halt.*

*As yet though - Hanoi has given no such assurances - said Dean Rusk. Adding - as he has before - that "the United States cannot be expected to stop half the war."*

*Vietnam notwithstanding - the Secretary voicing optimism over the world situation in general. Citing specifically the success of those "Kennedy round" trade agreements;- also recent progress toward a Latin American Common Market - plus agreement on one treaty banning nuclear weapons from space -- and near-agreement on another banning the spread of nuclear weapons - not to mention peaceful solution of that recent Cyprus dispute.*

BRUSSELS - 2

*This is a reminder that perhaps we aren't doing quite as badly - as some of us sometimes think we are.*

## COMMON

Also in Brussels - a reported call today for a dramatic meeting of all Common Market nations - except France. The parley said to be set for tomorrow -- in a Belgian ~~chateau~~ chateau. Purpose -- to lay the groundwork for a united front - in the coming showdown battle with France over British membership in the Trade Group.

The five non-French members <sup>are</sup> said to fear that continued stalling on the British application - could well plunge the Common Market into a serious crisis. ~~has~~ Belgian Foreign Minister Pierre Harmel, for one, quoted as saying it is now ~~needed~~ necessary "to pin the blame for failure and any subsequent crisis - exactly where it belongs." Meaning, of course -- ~~with~~ DeGaulle.

LANSDOWNE

*The late Francis Cardinal Spellman - surely a kind, gentle, gracious man. Is it possible then - that he once served as a secret agent for the U S government?*

*Ridiculous as it sounds - Hitler seemed to think so. At least, that's the contention today of Dr. Robert Kempner - of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania; former U S Chief Deputy Prosecutor - at the Nuremberg war trials. Basing his contention - on hitherto unpublished Nazi secret police reports.*

*The way Dr. Kempner tells it - Hitler considered Cardinal Spellman a secret agent for the late President Roosevelt; with his chief function - "to promote anti-*

*German Catholic propaganda" throughout Europe. Hitler ~~was~~ even assigning the Gestapo - ~~to get the goods on~~ <sup>to try and get something</sup>*

*on Cardinal Spellman - says Dr. Kempner. Adding that Hitler's ultimate aim was to use the supposed evidence - "to name men of his own choosing as the Popes of Spain, Italy, France*

*Germany and other Catholic countries."*

*In a way - Hitler's <sup>were</sup> fears based on solid ground;*

*~~For~~ Cardinal Spellman made no secret - of his personal  
anti-Nazi sentiments. Indeed, he proclaimed them - at  
every opportunity. But the very idea - that behind that  
cherubic face lay a secret double-oh-seven -- incredible!*

NEW DELHI

The death toll from that Indian earthquake of Monday - perhaps ~~so~~<sup>far</sup> worse than at first believed.

New Delhi today reporting - ~~about~~<sup>at least</sup> a hundred and eighty known dead. ~~These~~ chiefly in the town of Koynanagar -

near the center of the quake. However, ~~the~~<sup>Uttar Pradesh provincial</sup> government

a ~~ditto~~<sup>S</sup> that at least five hundred nearby villages - are still buried in rubble. With additional aftershocks

yesterday and today ~~is~~ making the area a veritable

No Man's Land.

In view of this - rescue experts predicting ~~the~~ the final toll may ~~be~~<sup>be</sup> two hundred and fifty - maybe more.

In addition to thousands - injured. Making this the

worst earthquake in ~~all~~ of Hindustan -- since the early

eighteen hundreds. Most of their quakes are in the almost uninhabited remote valleys of the Himalayas.



## WASHINGTON

*On the Labor front - the U S unemployment rate for November - down four-tenths of a per cent. Sharpest one-month decline - in the past six years. <sup>This</sup> According to figures announced today - by the U S Labor Department.*

*The improvement pushing the jobless rate - back to three point nine per cent - ~~as~~ same as it was - last July. Government officials crediting the gain - principally to the end of strikes; especially - that Ford strike. Also a marked increase - in jobs for women; a reflection - they say - of increased business activity - marking the advent of the holiday season.*

LONDON

1/2  
This next - from the London Zoo. A year-end report - on the annual "take" at the elephant house; where visitors are always getting too close to the pachyderms - trying to feed them.

Items snatched by the elephants - and still unclaimed  
(they seem to like bowler hats)  
- lots of hats - fur pieces -  
-- including -- fourteen coats - twelve handbags - ten  
cameras - eight gloves - six railway tickets. - ~~and so on~~  
Playful pachyderms. - How do you get  
~~and so on. Everything - it seems - but a partridge is~~  
along with elephants, Warren  
~~a pear tree.~~

NEW YORK

A final item - comes today from New York. Where a rare poem by Abraham Lincoln - and a rare letter from George Washington - have been sold at auction for five thousand apiece.

The Lincoln poem - as follows:

"My childhood's home I see again --

And sadden with the view<sup>W</sup>;

And still, as memory crowds my brain,

There's pleasure in it, too!"

The Washington letter - written in Seventeen Ninety-Seven -- after ~~the "Father of our Country"~~<sup>he</sup> had retired for the last time to Mount Vernon. In it - the ex-President voic<sup>S</sup>ing a hope that "Mrs. Washington and myself" - as he put it -- will soon be able to do something that "has not been done by us within the last twenty years; that is - set down to dinner by ourselves," said "The Father of our Country."