

AGO DE CUBA

Meanwhile Another day, another airliner, another

hi-jacking. ~~to Cuba. Today's spirited aircraft - a~~
Today it was a

Venezuelan government-owned jet liner with some

seventy aboard, Enroute from Maracaibo to Maiqueta,

when it was diverted to Santiago de Cuba. Airliner

officials later reporting - there may have been as

many as five to seven persons taking part in the crime ^{this time,}

STORM

Here in the East - the ~~big~~ clean-up after
the big storm; ^{a storm the} full dimensions of which - are only
just coming to light.

Reports from Boston today - setting the death
toll in New England at more than sixty. Making this -
New England's deadliest snowstorm of the century.
Some thirty more listed as storm dead in New York -
a dozen or so in New Jersey - plus two or three in
Pennsylvania. With thousands upon ~~thousands~~ thousands
- still stranded at airports - railroad stations, bus
depots. Not to mention millions ~~of us~~ - still digging,
digging, digging - trying to get out from ~~under~~ under.

WHITE HOUSE

Just returned from Florida President Nixon plunged back into a busy scheduled, ~~today~~. Including a White House meeting with a number of State Attorneys General. Purpose. To map joint strategy - for an all out war on crime and violence; Beginning with a crack down on "disruptive influences" in the street and on campuses.

Later, U S attorney General John Mitchell - announcing creation of a special liaison office in the Justice Department. Its assigned task to speed anti-crime information, to state and local governments; in so doing - to help coordinate law enforcement efforts throughout the ~~country~~ country.

WIRE TAP FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

At the same time - a report today that the federal government is once again using electronic surveillance - to fight organized crime. This - we hear - under the authority of a selective eavesdropping law - passed by Congress last year. A law that former Attorney General Ramsey Clark had previously refused to use - calling it "unconstitutional" - although the new Nixon administration - apparently has no such reservations.

PARIS

Paris, again another secret strategy meeting.

~~today~~. U S and South Vietnamese negotiators - mapping

plans for Thursday's fourth session of expanded peace

talks in light of Hanoi's latest insistence - that the Allies

must accept unconditionally, ^{what they call} "all legitimate Communist

demands." Our response to that - no secret though.

Washington have already said in effect: ^{Myet to that,} ~~"Not on your~~

~~life."~~

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

Meanwhile in Vietnam - the terrorism mounts.

With a pair of enemy rocket attacks - today - on a U.S. Division headquarters about sixty miles northwest of Saigon. Also, three Viet Cong bombing attacks - back in the capital itself. According to U S Intelligence sources - the first stage of a coming TET terror wave.

BONN

Fully recovered from his bout with the flu - Astronaut Frank Borman and his family journeyed today to Bonn; there to enjoy a state lunch with West German Kurt George Kiesinger; who compared the Moon flight of Apollo Eight - with the trail blazing adventures of Christopher Columbus and Charles Lindbergh.

Kiesinger going on to say: "I am not one of those who ask the purpose of space exploration - for history often reveals its purpose only at a later stage. But you "he told Frank Borman "you are already celebrated by the world - as one of history's bravest pioneers.

In response Colonel Borman proving himself a diplomat as well as an Astronaut, paying tribute to German space and rocket scientists - who said he - contributed "pioneer work in our field of operations."

LABOR

The U S unemployment rate - ~~steady as she goes.~~

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For the second straight month - holding at three point three percent of the nation's total labor force. This - again matching a fifteen year low; ~~and~~ according to figures for January reported today by the U S Labor Department.

On the debit side though - government statisticians found nothing in the figures - to suggest any reversal of the current inflationary trend.

Economists Harold Goldstein observing that as far as unemployment is concerned the economy "is just as warm as it has been for several months."

TAJIKSTAN

Speaking of snowstorms as we were a moment ago - here's quite a report: The Soviet News Agency Tass telling of an unprecedented snowfall in the Central Soviet Republic of Tajikstan. Total accumulation - said to measure up to sixty - yes - sixty feet. Sounds like Alta, Utah.

When it comes to a r-r-r-eally big storm, Warren, I guess the Russians invented that too.

DETROIT

Enroute to the White House today a colorful Indian head-dress complete with thirty-two giant feathers - in turquoise, fuschia and white. A gift from Chief Red Bird of suburban Detroit who has presented a similar head-dress to every President since Calvin ~~Gold~~ Coolidge. The feathers - from turkeys rather than eagles. Chief Red Bird explaining that white man's law - now forbids the killing of eagles. Even so - an elegant head-dress. Indeed, the perfect Presidential head piece we are told - whenever the Marine Band plays Hail to the Chief.