

Tues. Jan. 25, 1972

## WHITE HOUSE

*The big story tonight, perhaps yet to come; with President Nixon scheduled to make a nationwide address - at eight-thirty Eastern time. Reports say the White House plans to announce - "new Vietnam peace proposals."*

*As to what these might be - it's still a secret; and the White House is cautioning against pre-mature speculation.*

*The President's request for broadcast time came along with reports that he now stands ready to set a date for total U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam. This supposedly subject only to the release of U.S. prisoners of war - plus a cease fire. All of which is attributed to quote "a high administration official."*

*The Reader's Digest also today released the text of a recent interview with the President in which among other things, he is quoted as saying: "If we can get action on the prisoner problem - all Americans on the ground can be removed."*

## CAIRO

*Thousands of students were still rampaging through the streets of Cairo, today, demanding as they did yesterday - immediate war with Israel. Meanwhile, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat met with top government leaders; and later he was charging that "elements outside the university" - are spurring the students on. But, he also did pledge that renewed war with Israel - is "inevitable."*

*President Sadat further saying he had broken off - all peace seeking contacts with the U.S. Adding: "When I say the enemy - I mean America first and Israel second."*

AUSTIN

Austin, Texas -- the concluding session of a seminar <sup>at which they were</sup> ~~that marked the~~ opening of L B J's Presidential papers. Chief speaker - the former President himself; claiming that his administration - was responsible for one of the great social ~~surges~~ surges in recent history. Adding that the war in Vietnam had not deprived the education program or any other program.

As for the future - L B J predict<sup>s</sup>~~ing~~ "another great surge" just ahead. "This country" - said he - "has <sup>the means</sup> ~~got the money~~ to do anything it's got the guts to do." <sup>That from</sup> ~~so says~~ ~~himself~~ L B J.

CAPITOL HILL

Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~ Laird - a witness

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today before the House Armed Services Committee-

~~here~~ <sup>ed</sup> ~~urg~~ the development of a powerful new under-  
sea weapon - also, an airborne national command post  
for nuclear emergencies.

~~Laird saying~~ "The growing threat from Soviet  
<sup>said, Def. Sec. Laird,</sup>  
Strategic Forces" <sub>2</sub> "makes early improvements imperative."

## DEMOCRATS FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

*On Capitol Hill - a Senate Democratic caucus today approved, unanimously, - a resolution offered by Senator Gambrell of Georgia, calling for a uniformed application of civil rights laws, in every section of the country both north and south.*

*And - the House today completed congressional approval - of the long delayed foreign aid bill; with the new figure set at two and three quarters billion; for the year already half gone.*

## SHARJAH

*The Sheikhdom of Sharjah in the Persian Gulf is a member of the newly-formed Union of Arab Emirates. Also, the subject of recent headlines - when it turned over to Iran the small strategic island of Abu Mussa. Sharjah now the scene of an attempted coup.*

*Sheikh Sultan - who six years ago was ousted as ruler of Sharjah returned secretly from exile in Cairo. With a band of armed supporters he stormed the Sharjah royal palace; capturing his cousin and successor - Sheikh Qasimi - along with nine members of the latter's family. Whereupon the full Union of Arab Emirates - mounted a massive counter-attack; forcing a surrender of the palace - capturing Sheikh Sultan and all his cohorts.*

*For Sheikh Qasimi though - it was too late. He and all his family were found slain inside the palace grounds.*

*The new ruler is Sheikh Sakr bin Mohammed, a brother.*

## **UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW DACCA**

*At the United Nations - Pakistan today requested an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council; charging India with a number of cease-fire violations - also, urging the U.N. to send in peace observers.*

*However, the majority of Security Council members were leaving today for Addis Ababa in Ethiopia; there to hold their first meeting in twenty years away from New York; this time to review Africa's political problems.*

## CHUMPORN

From Chumporn Province in southern Thailand - a report today telling of a rogue elephant currently terrorizing the countryside. The big bull working with a logging company - when he suddenly went berserk; smashing through a native hut - killing an elderly woman and her grandson; later toppling a truck - killing the driver<sup>2</sup>; also, claiming two additional victims - as he fled into the bush.

~~A team of~~ police armed with rifles - finally tracking down the ~~best~~<sup>rogue</sup>. Opening fire - hitting him ~~in the head of a~~<sup>at</sup> least sixteen times - dropping him to his knees; whereupon the elephant "uttered a shriek of fury" ~~- we are told; "then~~ got on his feet again - and fled toward a neighboring village!"

At last report - still at large. ~~and~~ The local population - said to be ~~terrified~~<sup>terrified</sup>. They need Jack Gresham, the jungle man I tell about in my new book 'Burma Jack.'



The year - Nineteen Forty-Four in the closing days of World War Two. A flood of American troops - over-running the island of Guam; with a young Japanese soldier - fleeing into the jungle. Shoichi Yokoi - eventually holing up in a cave; there subsisting on wild nuts - bread fruit - mangos - papaya - and so on. When the war ended - still refusing to surrender ~~for~~ fear <sup>ing</sup> ~~that~~ he might be executed. Now at last - his ordeal finally ended. After ~~an~~ twenty-eight years of eluding capture - Shoichi Yokoi falling into the hands ~~of a pair~~ of hunters, <sup>and now</sup> At a hospital at nearby Agana; - ~~found to be~~ remarkably fit <sup>and</sup> at age fifty-six -- soon to be headed home - to a world ~~of~~ ~~filled with~~ jet planes, color television, space satellites - and other ~~a whole host of~~ wonders.

Will he be <sup>ed?</sup> ~~All a bit overwhelmed~~ ~~I guess.~~ ~~At any rate,~~

~~says:-~~  
Shoichi Yokoi, ~~laying out his future plans - saying.~~

"I'd like to be ~~an~~ reunited with my family -- and then

*go up on a mountain and meditate for a long time."*

MILAN

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At Milan, Italy - a Half-Million-Lire bank robbery -  
about Ten Thousand, American. The perpetrator - fleeing on  
foot; later taking refuge in a church - where he was finally  
tracked down and placed under arrest.

Adriano Cracco - age twenty-six - telling police:

"I could have escaped by streetcar except for one thing - no  
small change." <sup>Don -</sup> The suspect adding: <sup>r</sup> "After all, I could hardly  
give the conductor a Fifty Thousand Lire note."

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**COLUMBIA**

**Soviet Poet - Yeugeny Yevtushenko on tour of American colleges - started with the University of South Carolina, where he told an audience of some four thousand - he will soon abandon his career as a poet in favor of writing prose.**

**Yeugeny Yevtushenko explaining: "Poetry is really for gold miners - but prose is for coal miners." Adding: "I want to write for coal miners!"**