

**December 27, 1972  
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*The devastating American bombing attacks against North Vietnam continued unabated today - and there are NO signs they are coming to an end. Reports from Hanoi say tens of thousands of residents are fleeing the city. In Saigon, the U-S Command issued its first full report on the raids, up until the Christmas stand-down. Among the targets in more than a thousand tactical strikes, the report says, were communications facilities and four of the country's largest thermal power plants. A spokesman refused to say whether any civilian facilities were hit-- although Communist reports say many residential districts have been razed to the ground by B-Fifty-Twos, flying in carpet-bombing formations.*

*In Paris, the Hanoi delegation again refused to meet with American peace negotiators, saying they would boycott all future sessions as long as the bombing continues.*

## TRUMAN

*Thousands of Americans and world leaders are paying final respects to Harry Truman today--filing by the former President's sealed casket as his body lies in state at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. President Nixon flew to Independence to join the mourners for the man he eulogized as "one of the most courageous presidents in our history." Funeral services and burial in the library's courtyard will follow tomorrow. In Washington, the State Department said a memorial service will be held at the Washington Cathedral on January fifth.*

*As the nation prepares its final farewell to the thirty-third American president to hold office, memories abound in the realm of things Harry Truman had to say about a variety of subjects. On war--"It's all too obvious that if we do NOT abolish war on this earth, then surely one day war will abolish us." On the political opposition--*

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**TRUMAN (2)**

*"I have never deliberately given anybody hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell." His advice to parents--*

*"First find out what your children want to do, then advise them to do it." On Presidents--"Children seldom listen to their elders and the same is usually true of Presidents. Both prefer to make their own mistakes. When the American Civil War began in Eighteen-Sixty-One, five living ex-Presidents were brought together to try and stop the war--but they couldn't." And on being a great President--*

*"I can't say I was one of the great Presidents, but I had a good time trying to be one--I can tell you that."*

## FOREIGN

Belgium today became the first member of NATO to announce an agreement to establish diplomatic relations with Communist East Germany. ~~Similar~~ Similar steps by other NATO members are expected soon. Israeli warplanes attacked targets in Syria for the first time in more than a month, according to military spokesmen in Tel Aviv. In Northern Ireland, violence resumed "on all sides" ~~the~~ <sup>UPool</sup> the expiration of a three-day Christmas ceasefire called by the I-R-A. And in Manila, the government ordered a large-scale counterattack against rebels in the southern Philippines, including the big island of Mindanao.

In Washington, the Nixon Administration said Nineteen-Seventy-Two was a good economic year for the U-S--adding that it'll be just as good or better in Seventy-Three. Christmas retail shopping apparently set a new record--with a foreign trade deficit in November providing the only dour note in what's otherwise a field of currency green.

## **POWER STATION**

*Imagine an incredibly large satellite--several miles long--orbiting in space to convert heat from the sun into electrical energy for use here on earth as a possible answer to the problem of generating power in a clean environment. The idea was suggested today by Doctor Peter Glaser, of the Arthur Little engineering science firm of Cambridge, Massachusetts. In a report to the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Doctor Glaser said this could be achieved by the year Two-Thousand--if sufficient technological and financial resources are committed to the project.*

**SWEET ADELINES**

*And now, Lowell Thomas gives us this tuneful report.*

**TAPE RUNS: 1:33**

**OUTCUE: So Long. . . .**

## ARMORED CAR

*Defeat is a dirty word for a gang of ten would-be bandits who tried to hijack an armored car carrying a cargo of three-hundred-sixty-thousand dollars along a narrow road near Marseille in southern France. It all began when Daniel Courbet and two other guards suddenly found their armored truck rammed to a stop by another vehicle on the two-lane country road. As Courbet and his colleagues huddled inside the truck, the bandits tried to break in, first by driving wedges beneath the tires. Then they set off explosives against the rear door, doing only minor damage to the steel plates. Next, they took an axe, chopping away at the bullet-proof windshield, with no success. Then, they crawled underneath the truck and began shooting up through the floor-boards. That didn't work either because the car had a solid steel underbelly. Frustrated beyond repair, the bandits opened up with*

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**machinegun fire spraying the vehicle with repeated bursts--all to NO avail. Then the beaten bandits fled with the van's strident alarm echoing behind them across the countryside.**