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INDIA - PAKISTAN

India and Pakistan have agreed to a cease fire on their Western front, also. Apparently ending the fourteen day war.

KEY BISCAYNE - FOLLOW INDIA-PAKISTAN

At the Florida White House, Press Secretary Ron Ziegler says the President "now looks forward to withdrawal" of Indian forces - in a way that will not further inflame the Southeast Asian situation.

UNITED NATIONS

What with the war in Hindustan apparently settled - the U. N. Security Council turned its attention to other matters; number one, the selection of a successor to retiring U. N. Secretary General U Thant. There was a closed meeting today - to narrow the list of possible candidates.

For what it's worth though - observers noting the name that keeps coming up "repeatedly" - that of Gunnar Jarring; who is, of course, the U. N.'s Mid-East Peace Envoy - also, Sweden's Ambassador to Moscow.

DIGGS Follow UNITED NATIONS

Elsewhere at the U.N. - a surprise resignation today
- the first of its kind; that of Congressman Diggs of Michigan
- who has been serving as one of this year's Congressional
Representatives on the U.S. delegation. Diggs - a Democrat
- also, black - protesting U.S. policy toward Africa, as
typified - said he - by a recent agreement with Portugal - for
continuing U.S. bases in the Azores.

BONN

Under the blare of television lights at Bonn - a brief ceremony today witnessed by millions of viewers. East and West German officials - signing a new agreement on traffic access to the divided city of Berlin; clearing the way for putting into effect a four-power Berlin accord. State Secretary Egon Bahr of West Germany later saying: "The first step towards peaceful co-existence" between East and West Germany - "has now been taken."

VIENNA

At the SALT talks in Vienna - the U.S. and Russian negotiators announce a twelve day break over Christmas and New Year's. This ends hopes for some sort of agreement this year - as previously promised by both Washington and Moscow. So, they'll try again - starting in January.

BOSTON

CAPITOL HILL

Back in Washington - the House and Senate today resolved their last remaining deadlock; agreeing to continue the U. S. Foreign Aid Program at its present level - through February, by which time - it is hoped - a new Foreign Aid Bill will have finally been approved.

Then - the House adjourned and half an hour later - the Senate, likewise. One of the stormiest sessions in recent memory - passing into history. Next session to start January Eighteenth.

BOSTON

At Boston - former Senator Eugene McCarthy today formally declared himself a candidate for President; on the Democratic ticket. He'll enter the April Massachusetts Presidential primary. But New Hampshire, which he says is "too cluttered."

FORT MEADE

At Fort Meade, Maryland - a verdict of not guilty today in the case of Colonel Oran Henderson; who was thus cleared of charges - that he attempted to cover up that My Lai massacre. A jury of two Generals and Five Colonels - taking just under four hours to render its decision; after a trial - that lasted almost four months.

Colonel Henderson admitted using "poor judgement" - nothing more. The jury apparently agreeing.

WILD HORSES

The President today signed a new bill; providing for the protection of the nation's twenty-thousand wild horses and burros - still roaming free on public lands. For famed wild-horse Annie and all her friends out West - success at last.

The Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of the Tibetans, has been in India for twenty years, both in Pondicherry and in exile. It was not possible for me to see him, but I have seen a Dalai Lama who stepped down. In other words, once a Dalai Lama - always a Dalai Lama. Also, the present one is a young man only thirty-eight.

The Dalai Lama comes of a family of six or seven children from Bom Bam on Lake Koko Nor. Six of the children are still living, also the mother. Of the elder brothers, the second, Gyalo Thondup, has represented his brother on various occasions concerning external affairs; doing much traveling. The youngest, Chagyal Tenzin, works with his people in exile.

THE DALAI LAMA

The Dalai Lama to step down; retire. I wonder if its true. The authority for this report is Professor Colin McAndrews of the faculty of the University of Toronto, who recently talked with the Dalai Lama at Dharmasala, his retreat in the Western Himalayas. To anyone who has known the so-called God-King of the Tibetans, as I have, for twenty years, both in Tibet and in exile, it just doesn't seem possible. So far as I know, there never has been a Dalai Lama who stepped down. In other words, once a Dalai Lama - always a Dalai Lama. Also, the present one is a young man; only thirty-eight.

The Dalai Lama comes of a family of sixteen children, from Kum Bum on Lake Koko Nor. Six of the children are still living; also the mother. Of the older brothers, the second, Gyalo Thondup, has represented his brother on matters concerning external affairs; doing much traveling. The youngest, Chogyal Tensing, works with his people in exile,

in India. The oldest of the brothers is Thubten Norbu, former head lama at the great Kum Bum Monastery, who for a number of years now has been on the faculty at the University of Indiana. I called Norbu on the phone and ask him about the report. He believes it's only half correct. He says the Dalai Lama wants to give up his temporal powers and devote himself solely to spiritual matters.

One more brother I haven't mentioned, is doing something that may seem most unusual to you. He has a new shop on Madison Avenue in New York City, near 62nd Street - where he and his associates have on display ~~many~~ unusual and interesting Tibetan art and jewelry both ancient and modern; also fine rugs made by hand with natural dyes; unusual jackets, hats, and so on.

Down through the centuries much of the trade in Tibet and along the central Asian high plateau trade routes has been controlled by the monasteries and the Lamas, even including the yak caravans. Many monks have devoted

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themselves to commerce, trade with China, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Persia.

There are no live yaks on Madison Avenue. But this is an exotic, interesting shop, where you may even be waited upon by the brother of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, a most genial ^{young} man named Lobsong Samden.

TOKYO

DECEMBER 24, 1971

Tokyo - a twenty-four year old post office employee - was arrested today by Postal Inspectors. Akira Onishi accused of stealing more than three-thousand cards and letters - which he readily admitted.

Why so? Because he just likes to read other people's mail. It's so interesting - said Akira Onishi.

Ah, so - a no-no.