

Wed. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 70,

At the Hague, in ~~nearby~~ Holland - a meeting of aviation officials from seventy-seven nations the world over. These - comprising the international civil aviation organization, - Hearing today a resolution - offered by the U S with Soviet support; a resolution urging that the offense of airliner hi-jacking - whatever its motivation - shall be ~~was~~ considered a serious crime, and not a political offense.

## MOSCOW FOLLOW THE HAGUE

More on <sup>this</sup> ~~the same~~ from Moscow; where the Russians are now said to have mobilized - a force of some two thousand Soviet style "sky marshals", ~~■~~ also five hundred specially trained airport detectives - assigned the job of spotting potential airliner hi-jackers while they're still on the ground.

Where no immediate help is available ~~though~~ - Russian airline crews have been ordered to cooperate fully with hi-jackers. The new policy following the death of stewardess Nadya Kurchenko -- in a recent hi-jacking high over the Caspian Sea. In this one area, at least - an end to the tradition started by Stalin - back in Nineteen Forty-Two; the tradition that Russians should fight to the death - rather than surrender.

WHITE HOUSE

~~From the White House - an expression of~~

~~"outrage" today~~ President Nixon letting it be known <sup>today</sup>

<sup>that</sup> he was appalled ~~at~~ at U S failure to grant

political asylum to that <sup>Baltic</sup> ~~Russian~~ sailor; the one who

attempted to defect last week off the coast of

Massachusetts. The White House asserting flatly

that ~~procedures~~ procedures followed in this case

"were inadequate"; the ~~for~~ action taken" - also "inadequate";

<sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ the judgments used" - just plain "bad." Adding that

betrayal of the ~~Russian~~ sailor by the U S coast guard

- was "completely contrary to every principal this country stands for."

White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler further stating "the President" has made it very clear - that new ~~policies~~ policies will be established concerning such incidents - so they will not happen again."

## SYDNEY

For Pope Paul - on his last full ~~day~~ day in  
Australia <sup>attended</sup> an ecumenical service ~~today~~ at the Sydney  
Town Hall; which was being picketed at the time by  
a small group of professional militants - bearing signs  
such as, "Christ saves, the Pope enslaves." One of their  
number - later attempting to disrupt the service inside.

However, the Pontiff ~~is~~ finally addressing a crowded  
meeting of eleven ~~and~~ christian faiths - without incident.  
The Pope asserting that ecumenical unity - can be  
achieved only through suffering; and he added that  
history - cannot be written off over night.

Incidentally, the Pope also visited today an old  
folks home whose residents he warned - against "a feeling  
of failure or disillusionment." The Pontiff observing  
that "old age - is merely ~~the~~ fulfillment of adult  
life."

## INDO CHINA

In the war in southeast Asia - a South Vietnamese strike today into the Mekong delta's forbidding "forest of darkness." With an estimated seventy-five hundred Saigon troops - supported by helicopter gun-ships and river gun-boats - attempting to break the back of a twenty year old Communist ~~sanctary~~ sanctuary.

Meanwhile, enemy gunners were stepping up their rocket attacks - hitting ~~at least~~ twenty-two allied bases and ~~in~~ towns. Killing at least nine South Vietnamese - wounding some forty more. ~~But~~ <sup>Although</sup> ~~but~~ ^ ^

U S casualties - were listed ~~only~~ as "light."

## LOS ANGELES FOLLOW INDO CHINA

*Here on our own shores - South Vietnam's*

*Vice President Ky travelled today to Los Angeles where he told reporters he had not been especially upset over the violence that accompanied his visit yesterday to San Francisco; only the fact that he had been ~~unable~~ unable to meet with the demonstrators to talk to them.*

*Next question: "Did you ever fear for your safety?"*

*To which Ky replied: "During my twenty years of fighting a never have felt safe." And then he added:*

*"You know, I'm an Asian - I believe in my destiny; if I have to die here or in the front line - it will be as a sacrifice for my people."*

*That - from South Vietnam's Vice President Ky.*

BOSTON

At the <sup>1</sup>~~2~~ meeting of the American medical association  
~~at~~ at Boston - a vote today reaffirm~~ing~~<sup>ed</sup> the group's  
newly adopted liberal abortion policy; thereby thwarting  
a minority effort to return to the old rules - which  
made almost all abortions medically unacceptable.

~~Reversed with~~ However the A M A <sup>did</sup> ~~voting~~ an ethical  
crack down on abortion doctors / who actively recruit  
patients often from states where abortions are still  
illegal. This has nothing to do with the morality of  
abortion - says the A M A; but rather clashes with  
the medical ethic prohibiting solicitation of patients.

## BRUSSELS

At Brussels, ~~in Belgium~~<sup>at</sup> a meeting today of  
Nato defense ministers, including our own Defense  
Secretary, Melvin Laird, ~~who there~~<sup>→</sup> re-stated a Nixon  
administration pledge not to cut U S troop strength  
over the next eighteen months. Laird also praising  
our Nato allies - for deciding to ~~pick up~~<sup>put up</sup> an extra  
one billion to help defray U S defense costs. This -  
said he - "a step in the right direction" and clearly  
"a great help to the U S government."



## PORVOO

A strange story - reported today from Porvoo

Finland; where a young woman by the name of Tuula

Jaavaara - was seriously injured in a fall, down a

flight of stairs, ~~steps~~ at her home; whereupon her

twin sister and constant companion - Marjatta Jaavaara

also collapsed suddenly. The twins <sup>were</sup> rushed to a nearby

hospital <sup>and</sup> where they both died within the hour. Tuula's

death of course - a result of the fall. Marjatta's

death - ~~was still under investigation~~ <sup>this are</sup> still trying to determine.

In the meantime though - the twins case is drawing

considerable attention. A prominent Finnish surgeon,

Dr. Klas Runeberg - saying he, for one - has "heard

of similar instances; but never any that occurred -

within so short a time." A Finnish professor by the

name of Arvo Lehtovaara - also coming forth with the

~~his~~ results of a recent study <sup>Q</sup> said to show that ~~identical~~

identical twins normally die - within four to five years

of each other when they ~~live~~ live apart. It's all in the  
genetics, it seems.

## LAS VEGAS

*The whereabouts of billionaire industrialist Howard Hughes - a subject of much concern today in the city of Las Vegas; following published reports that the gambling center's wealthiest and most influential citizen had suddenly vanished again - lock stock and money barrel.*

*No need to worry though. A spokesman for Howard Hughes finally explaining that his sudden absence - in no way - indicated "a diminishing concern for his Nevada enterprises." The spokesman adding - it's merely "a business trip." <sup>and</sup> ~~it's~~ ~~but~~ who's getting the business? - <sup>They are wondering,</sup> ~~that's still the question.~~*

## SENATE FOLLOW SALEM

*Elsewhere on the political scene - a novel suggestion today from Senator Dole of Kansas; who says the Senate should set aside sixty minutes each day - to serve as a so-called "Presidential hour."*

*Senator Dole explaining that it might be possible then to concentrate in one time-slot - all the "speechifying" from, quote: "those senators who think they are President - those Senators who think they should have been President - those senators who ~~think they~~ want to be President - and those senators who are ready to settle for Vice President."*