

Thursday, November 27, 1969

## THANKSGIVING

*Thanksgiving, Nineteen-Sixty-Nine - like the first Thanksgiving centuries ago - a time for reflection. Amid all the doubts and sorrows that abound today - a time also for renewal; a renewal in one's family, one's friends, oneself - and a renewal of faith in tomorrow - the one trail that makes this one day so uniquely American.*

*The New York Times perhaps expressed it best - observing today: "We are a people - who know that deep down there is a continuity, a root cause, a source of strength and belief" - that abideth in ourselves and our lands; "a belief as bone-bred, as inherent, as American - as Thanksgiving Day itself.*

*For these things then let us be thankful today: For what we have - for what we are - for what we will be, always and forever more.*

*And now - a look at the news.*

## VIETNAM

Thanksgiving in Vietnam - pretty much like any other day, sad to say. A skirmish here - a shelling there; - and ~~Arab~~ ~~tension~~ tension everywhere. Even so, U.S. mess sargents <sup>were</sup> serving ~~today~~ - nearly half a million turkey dinners with all the trimmings. In at least one case - at Bu Prang - ~~was~~ a helicopter pilot dodging enemy bullets to deliver the meal piping hot. Casting a pall over it all though - another weekly casualty report from ~~Si~~ Saigon. U.S. combat deaths totaling a hundred and thirty; a sharp increase over last week -- reflecting the enemy's new winter offensive; South Vietnamese deaths during the same period - five-hundred-and-sixty-seven; Viet Cong - more <sup>than three thousand -</sup> ~~than thirty~~ two hundred.

## ATHENS BAGHDAD

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*Arab and Israeli strife in the Middle East - spilled over again today into Europe. An alleged Arab terrorist hurling a hand grenade into the offices of Israeli El Al Airlines at Athens, Greece. The blast injuring at least fourteen - including two Americans; also two children - who were said to be in serious condition, at last report.*

*At the same time - another spy trial today at Baghdad in Iraq. The verdict - guilty as charged; with six of the defendants - including possibly one Jew - quickly sentenced to death. Seven others - getting up to life imprisonment.*

The men of Apollo Twelve - Pete Conrad,  
~~are as you know~~  
 Al Bean, Dick Gordon ~~is~~ still in quarantine aboard the  
 aircraft carrier Hornet. ~~However,~~ Their first self  
~~debriefing~~ <sup>was</sup> debriefing ~~is~~ finally completed today. Doctors  
 later pronouncing the three astronauts - "the best  
 rested crew" ever to return from Space. After which  
 - a quarantine turkey dinner for one and all.

Meanwhile in the sea of space - the Moon  
 was ~~pass~~ cutting today through the earth's magnetic tail.  
~~under~~ This - we are told - like one ship pa ssing  
 through another's wake. For the first time, earthbound  
 scientists getting an accurate fix on the phenomenon -  
 thanks to ~~equipment~~ <sup>equipment</sup> ~~conclude that~~ the Apollo Twelve left behind  
 on the Moon.

## WHITE HOUSE

*For President and Mrs. Nixon - a Thanksgiving dinner today at the White House attended by some two hundred old folks. The First Family asking their guests to join in an effort - "to rekindle in our respective hearts and minds the spirit of our first settlers who valued freedom above all else." Later on - the Nixons heading for Key Biscayne; where they will remain through the rest of the weekend.*



## WINDOW ROCK

*From Window Rock, Arizona - the story today of a celebration they are calling - America's "first Thanksgiving in reverse." With a group of Navajo Indians, playing host to a number of foreign students currently attending the University of Arizona. Besides reversing the usual process - this one is also a real hum-dinger of a celebration. Scheduled to last - four days in all. Starting out with a mammoth turkey dinner today - carrying on with a Navajo feast tomorrow; then a weekend of fun, frolick and games, Navajo style - and also a guided tour of the Navajo Indian Reservation.*

*A Navajo spokesman ~~says~~ saying: "We just felt it was time to correct a lot of mis<sup>S</sup>-impressions - those that come mostly from the movies."*

## DENVER

The Flight of Apollo Eleven last summer  
and now the flight of Apollo Twelve - <sup>an inspiration</sup> ~~xxx xxxxx~~ to one  
of America's fastest growing hobbies - we hear today.  
This according to Calvin Simmons of Denver - President  
of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies;  
a group whose members have embraced the U S Moon  
Men as fellow "rock hounds."

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What exactly is a rock hound? Just what the  
name implies - an avid rock collector. And it turns  
out - there are now as many rock hounds in the U S  
as there are stamp collectors. Their numbers ~~include~~  
including business men, housewives, college students  
and so on, <sup>(a whole host of)</sup> ~~amateur~~ geologists. Spending their weekends  
and vacations looking for the rare and exotic in rock  
finds; confident in the knowledge that a prize specimen  
is often only a stone's throw away. One of the biggest  
single discoveries to date - a massive jade boulder that  
turned up recently in California. Retail value - twenty-

five thousand bucks.

Warren, when you return  
~~which helps explain the rock~~  
~~among all those rocks -~~  
to your Vermont farm, to use an old  
~~found's creed to "leave no stone unturned."~~

Vermont cliché - better leave no  
stone unturned!



## WEST BERLIN

This next - from West Berlin's free university; which has just held an election - to name its first American style college President. And the winner - a thirty year old Leftist Sociology Instructor - one Rolf Kreibich; who takes office for a seven year term - vowing "there'll be some changes made."

Kreibich's election - under the auspices of West Berlin's new University Reform Law. This giving students a major voice in faculty appointments - and, indeed, it was the student vote for Kreibich that actually put him over the top.

One of the first problems the new President will face though - a threatened faculty revolt. One of the school's professors saying, ~~of Kreibich~~ "why, he doesn't even have a Ph. D." Another observer heard to remark: "Well, it's finally happened - the inmates have finally taken over the asylum." *And s-f-u-t-m.*