

MADRID

Thurs, Dec. 20th. 73,

The Prime Minister of Spain - Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco - the victim of an assassination today in Madrid. A bomb hurling his car high into the ~~out~~ air as he was ~~leaving~~ leaving a church where he had just attended Mass. ~~Added~~, So great was the blast - Carrero's car was actually ~~blown~~ hurled over the ~~church~~ church landing on a second floor terrace - on the other side. The Prime Minister, his driver, and his body guard - all killed instantly.

Admiral Carrero - age seventy - one of the earliest ~~supporters~~ supporters of Generalissimo Franco.

In Nineteen Sixty Seven - after serving in numerous posts -

^{he was} personally selected by Franco to become his number two.

~~man~~ And the big question ~~now~~ ~~is~~ who did it?

TALKS

^{Sec. of State}
For ~~Henry~~ Kissinger - ~~briefly in Paris~~ - a hectic

~~day in Paris~~
~~schedule today~~, including first a session with Hanoi's

Le Duc Tho -- followed by a meeting with French President

Pompidou - and then another go-round with ^{Le Duc} Tho. ^{Concerning}

^{On} his talks with Pompidou - Dr. ^{Kissinger}

refusing comment. On his talks with ^{Le Duc} Tho - ~~essentially~~

essentially the same except he used more words, ~~Dr.~~

~~Kissinger~~ saying: "The two sides met, - ~~and~~ exchanged

views, ^{and} ~~Adding~~, ~~They~~ will maintain this channel for

further discussions as ~~is~~ warranted by events."

^{And then he added:}
~~Dr. Kissinger closing by saying:~~ "I am now

leaving for the ~~on~~ Geneva conference on the Middle East -

with hope and dedication."

GENEVA FOLLOW TALKS

The others taking part in the Geneva talks - were ready and ^awaiting Dr. Kissinger, ~~Secretary~~. Among them - U N Secretary General Kurt Waldheim; who said the Geneva parley marks an historic turning point - in twenty-five ~~years~~ years of bloody conflict between the Arabs and Israelis. "This is a real chance to solve the Middle East problem," said he. "And I earnestly hope it will be ~~to~~ used."

Waldheim adding that the U N - "has an important part to play." "We shall do our best" - said he - "to make it a useful and fruitful role."

JERUSALEM FOLLOW GENEVA

More on the same - from Jerusalem; where Golda Meir said today that Israel is going to Geneva in search of "a peace to end wars." "We shall let no one take the name of peace in vain" - said she. "We shall not cease to strive for a full peace."

But that said, Madame Meir advising the U N - in effect, to mind its own business. "I must make it clear" said she - "that any attempt" ~~to~~ inject "the activity and authority of the Security Council - will be in dangerous contradiction to the basis and purpose of the conference."

PARIS

From the Paris Based Organization for Economic Cooperation and deveoopment - which boasts a ~~twenty~~ twenty-four nation membership - a year end report tonight and ~~along~~ along with it an assessment of the world-wide economic outlook for Nineteen Seventy Four.

The O E C D saying the energy crisis and continuing inflation have plunged virtually the entire world into serious economic trouble. ^{With} ~~but the~~ one exception - we are told - the United States.

The report going on to say that prices here will remain fairly high - ~~the~~ unemployment rate may hit-five-and-a-half percent - and the rate of U S business expansion may begin to slow down. Observing nevertheless, it "appears reasonable - that the oil embargo will not seriously impair U S output."

The O E C D noting that "Arab oil - ~~represent~~ ~~represent~~ represents only six percent of U S energy consumption."

Adding, what's more, that U S "uses of oil for non-productive purposes are extremely high." Suggesting, in other words - all that's required is a re-aligning of priorities.

ENERGY FOLLOWS PARIS

~~Speaking of which~~ Another public appeal today from William Simon, The nation's energy Czar - urging American ~~and~~ motorists to limit themselves to the use of ten gallons of gasoline a ~~month~~ week. Also urging the nation's gasoline stations - to restrict their sales to ten gallons per customer.

Simon stressing that those conservation ~~measures~~ measures are purely voluntary. Adding, however, that voluntary limitations such as this - could save more than a million barrels of gas a day -- or, almost twenty percent - of normal consumption. ~~It will also go~~ a long way ~~said he~~ - "toward avoiding other more stringent measures;" meaning, of course - rationing.

Incidentally, Simon noting that previous conservation measures - have already cut gas consumption by almost five percent. "So I know" - said he - "people are taking this problem seriously."

MANSFIELD

In anticipation of weekend adjournment - Senate Majority Leader, Mike Mansfield ~~was making~~ today *made* his customary end of session statement, ~~Mansfield~~ saying: "It is easy to find fault with this congress, as any other. - ~~It~~ is easy to rake over the trivia."

"But the fact is" - he continued -- "Congress has been the anchor of the people's freedom, the rock of the nation. And this - said he - "at a time when the Executive branch - has been seized in a whirl-wind of resignations, disclosures, denials, dismissals, and indictments."

SENATE

*The Senate again - a resolution was passed by
voice vote today urging the observance of a "national
day of humiliation, fasting and prayers, ^{This} on April thirty.
Said proposal - coming ~~no~~ from Senator Hatfield of
Oregon who said that because of our failings as a nation
-- it "behooves us to humble ourselves before ~~the~~
Almighty God to confess our national sins and pray for
clemency and forgiveness."*

ENEMIES

From the Joint Congressional ~~Committee~~ Committee
on Internal Revenue - a report today dealing with the
so-called White House "enemies" list; coming to the
conclusion that there was no evidence that anyone on the
list - had ever been harrassed by the Internal Revenue
Service.

Quite the contrary - the report continued -
the ~~standards~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~IRS~~ I R S had actually been too lenient.
Some of those on the "enemies" list - ^{now} said to have
failed to file returns of any kind. The report adding
that the I R S - ^{does now intend to} ~~has now been asked to "please,~~ investigate."

DOAR

The man who will head the House Investigation
into ~~the~~ possible impeachment of ~~President Nixon~~
New Yorker John Doar. ^{He was} ~~So~~ named today - by chairman
Rodino of the House Judiciary Committee. John Doar
- a Republican who served in the Justice Department
under ~~Presidents~~ Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson;
with the last two - working ~~extensively~~ on voting rights
cases in the South. ^{He was} Once quoted as saying "I like to go
out and face the dragon."

Of his new assignment though - Doar saying
"I don't see any dragons." "To me" he continued -
"success is seeing justice ~~is~~ done - the Constitution
~~is~~ preserved - and fairness ~~is~~ served."

LOS ANGELES

One of the biggest stars of the rock and roll

era - and one of the few who remained a top star - has

passed away at Los Angeles. Singer actor Bobby Darin at

age 37

succumbing to ^Q ~~heart~~ disease - the result of a childhood

illness. ~~but with rheumatic fever.~~ His death following ~~open~~

~~heart surgery.~~ ^{for the} ~~His~~ ^{time} ~~second~~ ~~such~~ ~~operation~~ in two years.

~~Bobby Darin - perhaps ~~best~~ best remembered for
his record of "Mack The Knife." But he also won an
Academy Award nomination - and he recently returned
to TV. ~~And now the end. He was only thirty seven.~~~~

EFFINGHAM

On the eve of winter, it ~~is beginning to~~ ^{does} look like
a White Christmas ~~for sure - clear~~ across ^{much} ~~the~~ ~~great~~
~~heartlands~~ of America. The ~~raging~~ blizzard all but
burying the mid^{west}lands ~~today~~ - all the way from Colorado
to Indiana; ~~with~~ ^{and on to} Ohio and Kentucky. - ~~next in line~~

~~One of the worst trouble spots~~ - ~~at~~ Effingham,
Illinois; ~~where~~ more than a ^{thousand} ~~thousand~~ travelers were left
stranded - by snow clogged highways. These including
~~more~~ more than a hundred members of a high school
band from Oakland Park, ~~Missouri~~ Kansas who were put
up at a local church. Band Director David Gish saying:
"It's the best ~~ix~~ thing that ever happened to us." "I've
been telling the kids" - he explained - "there are good
people in the world - but they don't always ~~deliberate~~ believe."
Then he added Bill, "today snowed in
~~today~~ - they found out."

WEST PALM BEACH

From West Palm Beach, Florida the story of a sixty-three year old man who apparently thought he was Santa Claus. At any rate, he was walking down a busy highway - scattering money behind him as ~~he~~ he went -- at least a thousand bucks - maybe more. - when police arrived to ~~break it up.~~ And what did they do? ~~with him.~~ The same as they always do with people who think their Santa Claus - they put him in a ^{ward} ~~hospital~~ where he will now undergo a psychiatric examination.

~~But ~~humbly~~~~ Alas poor Santa!