

Tues. Jan. 26-71.

*The White House - a special message to Congress.*

~~today~~ *The first of the new year. President Nixon telling the Ninety-Second Congress - its first business should be unfinished business; specifically, that which was left over ~~which~~ - by its immediate predecessor, the Ninety-First Congress.*

~~in fact~~ *The President citing, in all - forty leftover items which he now plans to resubmit to Congress. These including "top priority" bills - such as welfare reform, revenue sharing, and restructuring of the executive branch; also, a proposed appropriation of a ~~B~~illion-and-a-Half - to ease the problems caused by school desegregation.*

*The President going on to say - these "are good measures." And he added: "I urge the Congress - to act favorably on them."*

**SAIGON**

*On the other side of the globe - a Lunar New Year's*

*message from South Vietnam's President Thieu; who*

*expressed confidence that the upcoming "Year of the Pig" -  
- which they think means year of prosperity - And  
will prove "a decisive year for peace, ~~Mr~~ Thieu adding,*

*however, <sup>that</sup> the fate of his nation - will depend largely on the*

*outcome of general elections scheduled for later this year.*

*"Either we will have a peace" - said he - "that ensures*

*freedom and prosperity - conducive even to the reunification*

*of our country - or a peace that gradually leads to eternal*

*slavery."*

*Moscow - a post-script today on the fate of Russia's latest Venus probe. The Soviets reporting that their Venus-Seven - did not disintegrate in the fiery atmosphere of Venus, as originally suspected last month. Instead - we are told the Russian space ship actually did descend safely to the planet's surface; there continuing to record information - which it then relayed back to earth.*

*On the basis of this information, the report goes on, surface temperature on Venus - about Eight Hundred and Eighty-Seven Degrees Fahrenheit; atmospheric pressure - about One Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Three Pounds Per Square Inch - or roughly ninety times that of our own planet. For man an impossible environment.*

## CAPE KENNEDY FOLLOW MOSCOW

*Meanwhile, at Cape Kennedy there was a planned pause today in the final countdown for America's moonbound Apollo-Fourteen; during which ground crewmen loaded liquid oxygen - into the ship's new third life-support tank. This to serve as "insurance" - against the possibility of another mishap such as that of Apollo-Thirteen.*

*At the same time, astronauts Alan Shepard and Ed Mitchell were practicing a series of simulated moon landings; while the third member of the crew - Stuart Roosa - was similarly occupied in his own mock command ship.*

## CAIRO

*From the Middle East - Cairo comes a report that Egypt has now placed its armed forces - on full emergency alert. This - we are told - in preparation for a possible termination of the current cease-fire, which is scheduled to expire, unless extended - <sup>a</sup> week from Friday.*

*Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan - was charging, there are now ten thousand Russian military personnel serving in Egypt. He also said that Soviet Sam-Two missiles have now been deployed for the first time - in Syria as well as Egypt; which is doubly ominous - said he - inasmuch as Syria is not a party to any cease-fire.*



## KANSAS CITY

From Kansas City comes word - that former President Truman has improved to the point where he is said to be - laughing and joking with doctors and especially the nurses. A hospital spokesman adds that - "preliminary reports from tests this morning are good;" which means - we are told - Mr. Truman may even be well enough to accept a visit from Vice President Spiro Agnew who will be in Kansas City tomorrow - to make a speech.

**PRINCE**

*At* The White House ~~again~~ *today there was* a red carpet welcome today

- for Prince Juan Carlos of Spain and his wife, Princess Sophia; including a greeting from President Nixon - who said that Spain and the United States are "partners in defense and partners in progress."

Prince Carlos, in turn, noting that this is his third visit to the United States; but one that takes on "a new and deeper significance" - in light of his recent designation as heir-apparent to Generalissimo Franco. The Prince adding that Spain - "wishes to live in close harmony with all nations;" recognizing that "nations cannot live in isolation" *since* ~~for~~ they "must cope with problems often of a universal nature."

## **WASHINGTON**

*Elsewhere in Washington - a progress report from the newly-formed National Reading Council; which was created by President Nixon last year - you may recall with the assigned task of helping preserve "the right to read." An assignment founded, in part - on the fact the U.S. now has nearly twenty million so-called "functional illiterates."*

*It seems though - the picture is looking up. The National Reading Council saying it soon will have about ten million volunteer tutors. These recruited from fields such as - education, communications, business, labor, entertainment, government, the professions. In line with the Council's direct teaching approach - "each one to teach one."*



## MELBOURNE

*From the "Land Down Under" - comes a report that man's first guided missile - the boomerang - is staging a sharp comeback. Australian firms - now filling orders in the millions. And this - we are told - due mainly to sudden proliferation of boomerang sports clubs - right around the globe.*

*One of the biggest of Australia's boomerang factories - the National Geographic tells us - a firm that boasts a test range almost worthy of Cape Kennedy. With special devices for testing all shapes and sizes of boomerangs - under all types of wind and weather conditions. But the proprietor of said test range - says he has never yet rejected a boomerang - because, when thrown "Bad boomerangs - just don't come back."*

*For that matter the true boomerang, the one the Australian A<sup>D</sup>os still use to get game, doesn't return. It's used to knock down wallabya and kangaroo- and Warren, maybe an emu or too.*

## **PHILADELPHIA**

At the U.S. Mint - Philadelphia branch - a series of tests on the new Eisenhower Dollar. This - as you know - a nickel and copper coin - destined to succeed the old silver dollar sometime around mid-summer. The new coin bearing ~~heads~~ a likeness of ~~him~~ President Eisenhower; and tails - a bald eagle landing on the moon.

Incidentally, the creator of the new Eisenhower Dollar

- designer Frank Gasparro, ~~who~~ reports that the bald eagle - bears a "pleasant" or "serene" look rather than an "agressive" appearance. Gasparro explaining: "We wanted to make him a happy bird."