

Mon, Dec. 29-69.

In the Philippines, anti-American demonstrators

threw a home-made bomb at Vice President Spiro Agnew's

motorcade ^{as it made its way thru} ~~in~~ the streets of Manila, today. The device

exploded near the American Embassy - sending up a column

of white smoke just behind ^{V.P.} Agnew's car as he was arriving

to attend a reception. A television reporter was cut by

flying glass, but the Vice President was not hurt. Extremely

tight security precautions ^{have been taken for our V.P.} ~~for Agnew~~ and other foreign

~~dignitaries~~ dignitaries who are in Manila for tomorrow's

1/2 inauguration ^{who now enters} of Philippine President Marcos ~~to~~ another four

year term. Manila is the first stop ^{on the} of Agnew's current tour

of ten Asian nations.

The North Vietnamese and Viet Cong have begun a seventy-two hour New Year's truce - though Allied spokesmen warn that the so-called truce gives the Communists a chance to build up their strength for new attacks. As if to head off such developments, American planes blasted enemy positions along the Cambodian border - the heaviest bombing raids in more than a month. In Saigon, the South Vietnamese government closed two more newspapers today - both published by members of the National Assembly.

Fourteen other Saigon newspapers were previously shut down - the government charging them with ^{directly or indirectly} "publicizing Communism."

~~directly or indirectly.~~

The U. S. Navy has called off a search for twenty-four crewmen missing in the Pacific after an ammunition ship exploded. The freighter, carrying bombs and rockets to Vietnam - was abandoned Friday about fifteen hundred miles northwest of Hawaii. Fourteen crew members

were rescued ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~despite~~ ^{of wild} ~~the turbulent~~ seas. ~~in the area.~~

The Pentagon issued a draft call for nineteen thousand men for February - six thousand more than the call for January. Throughout nineteen-seventy, the Pentagon expects to draft two hundred twenty-five thousand men - for a monthly average of about nineteen thousand.

~~spokesman says this.~~

In Jerusalem, Premier Golda Meir told the Israeli Parliament that American peace proposals - if carried out - would threaten her country's very existence. She voiced the opinion that the United States is eroding its relations with Israel - merely to get a response from Moscow and the Arabs. She also complains that Washington is no longer consulting Israel about American moves in the Middle East. Even though, she said, America is still our strong friend, ^{in her opinion we} "will never be able to win a race with Russia for the favor of the Arabs."

Five gun boats - escorted by a flotilla of Israeli naval vessels - sailed past Sicily into the Eastern Mediterranean today - leaving some red-faced French officials in their wake. France, it seems, sold the missile launching gun boats to Israel some time ago - but delivery was halted when former President de Gaulle imposed an arms embargo during the Arab-Israeli war of Sixty-Seven. Early Christmas Day, however, the five vessels slipped out of the French port of Cherbourg. French officials apparently, under the impression the gun boats were headed for Norway for delivery to an oil research company.

There are wide-spread rumors that Egyptian naval vessels might try to intercept the Israeli boats - though Cairo remained non-committal on the matter. ^{FF} Air battles continued, in the undeclared Mid-East War. Israeli and Syrian jets fought in the sky above the Golan Heights - the first such ~~mass~~ encounter in nearly three weeks. Syria claims two Israeli jets were shot down - though ^{the} Israelis ^{deny this,}

Former Secretary of State Dean Rusk has accepted an invitation to join the University of Georgia faculty as a professor of international law. He's expected to take the job in Athens, Georgia, next September. His salary to be forty-five thousand dollars annually. Even though ^{Dean} Rusk is a native of Georgia, there was some opposition to his appointment to the university faculty. Governor Lester Maddox termed the appointment "regrettable", saying he opposed Rusk because of his left-wing policies.

President Nixon flies to the Western White House at San Clemente, California, tomorrow for a New Years vacation. Before leaving, he's expected to sign the tax reform bill - while, at the same time, proposing new tax legislation to offset anticipated revenue losses. There are strong indications the President has decided to live with the compromise measure - even though it means the treasury will be deprived of about two and a half billion dollars, ~~by~~

~~reductions in income tax.~~ The White House says ~~he also~~ ^{also will be signed before the President} ~~would sign~~ the Mine Safety Bill ~~before~~ ^{leaving} for the West.

^{Nixon} ~~The~~ President today signed a two billion dollar ^{and took} appropriations measure - ~~taking~~ the occasion to say he was "gravely concerned" about student unrest at our colleges and universities. But ~~that~~ he strongly objects to the Federal Government assuming the role of campus policemen.

The flying grandfather - Max Conrad - is

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 preparing to take off from New Zealand ^{this} Friday, ^{on the most} ~~to begin~~
 exciting leg of his small plane solo
 flight around the world by way of the North and South Poles,

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 In his small
~~Conrad's aerial journey - in a~~ twin-engine Piper Aztec - he'll
 take off from
~~starts at~~ Invercargill, New Zealand's southernmost city -
 Next stop ^{then the So. Pole and}
~~from there by~~ McMurdo Sound; ~~and~~ on across the Antarctic to
 Continent to ^{A 26,000 mile flight}
 Punta Arenas, Chile. ~~the first leg of a twenty-one thousand~~
 never made solo before.
~~mile flight around the world~~ If Conrad succeeds, it will

mark the second time the globe has been circled by way of

both Poles. ~~The feat~~ ^{It} was first accomplished in November,

Nineteen Sixty-Five, by a Boeing 707 - known as The Polecat -

with a party of forty scientists ~~and journalists~~ on board,

and with Lowell Tr. as the historian.

No one has even flown across the Antarctic
 Continent, solo - so John Shafer how

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 would you like to do ^{that} and circle the globe?

STORM

From the Southern Rockies all across the Southwest - the Mid-west - on into the Northeast and New England - the landscape is one of snow and ice. Drifting snow, turning highways into traps - and heavy ice forming on telephone and power lines, leaving hundreds of communities isolated and without electric power. At least twenty-seven deaths in the Northeastern states alone. ~~It was forty below~~
~~at Laramie, Wyoming - and~~ Some Texas towns ^{with} ~~may get~~ twenty inches of snow. ~~before the storm moves on.~~ Laramie, Wyo., temp. 40 below.