

NEW YORK

Thurs. Nov. 14-68.

New York - Richard Nixon ^{today} announced ~~today~~ the

appointment of a veteran diplomatic trouble-shooter -

as his chief consultant on pre-inaugural foreign policy. ~~Not~~

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other than

Seventy-four year old Robert Murphy, ^{1 a retired, high regarded} ~~7~~ ~~1~~ career officer, ~~1~~ who was

a key figure in the Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower

administrations. ^{To him now goes} ~~Now assigned~~ the task of conferring with

Johnson administration officials - on Vietnam, the Middle

East, Nato, and so on. ^{He will} ~~Also~~ ^{be} expected to advise the

President-elect - on future "personnel assignment^s in the foreign policy field."

^{Also today} ~~At the same time~~ Richard Nixon ^{was} telling of

assurances from President Johnson; assurances that he -

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Nixon - would be given a key voice in any foreign

policy moves ~~that~~ that might carry over into the next

administration. ^{But} ~~This~~ is not a veto-power - "nothing of the

sort" - said the President-Elect. Adding: "What we are

trying to do - is see that the United States speaks with

one voice for these next vital sixty days."

BRUSSELS FOLLOW New YORK

From ~~Across~~ the Atlantic - at Brussels ^{comes} - a preview
of Nixon administration foreign policy. ^{In Belgium} Senator Javits
of New York - serving as spokesman for the President
Elect, ^{was} Telling a group of Nato parliamentarians - that
once again Europe will have "first priority" among U S
commitments abroad. Adding, what's more, that America
"will not engage in any more Vietnams" -- unless fully
~~supported~~ supported by its allies.

RUSK FOLLOW BRUSSELS

~~also~~
~~same city~~ Secretary of State Dean Rusk was

address^{ing/a} ~~ing/a~~ meeting of Nato Foreign Ministers today. He

~~addressed~~
~~them~~ told them that America will remain committed to the

defense of Europe ~~and~~ regardless of which party is in power

here at home. Dean Rusk ~~then~~ ~~add~~ ~~ed~~ that ~~the~~ recent Soviet invasion of

Czechoslovakia - has "cast serious doubt about the

restraint of Soviet leadership."

VIETNAM

As ~~for~~ the search for peace in Vietnam - confusion
continues ^{over this.} ~~to reign supreme tonight.~~ In Paris - North
Vietnamese negotiators ^{were} bitterly ~~and~~ rejecting charges
of alleged violations of ~~the~~ demilitarized zone - so-called,
~~Branding~~ U S accusations - "false and malignant."

~~R~~ Meanwhile, Washington and Saigon were still at loggerheads
^{over} ~~on~~ the questions of South Vietnamese participation at
expanded peace talks. ^{All this} As the death toll - continues to
rise. A ~~ju~~ hundred and sixty-six Americans killed in
action during the past week - ^{the heaviest} ~~most~~ count since early
October.

PRAGUE

The Central Committee of the Czech Communist
^{was}
Party in marathon session today, at Prague. Liberals and
Stalinists alike - attempting to chart the course of future
Czech Communism. ~~Hearing first from~~ party leader
Alexander Dubcek ~~who~~ pledged to retain the "positive"
features of the reform program he launched last spring,
^{while} admitting ~~though~~ that these features [^] must be kept
"in harmony" with later concessions to Moscow.

AMMAN

~~In the city of~~ Amman - capital of Jordan. There
a royal birthday passed today & for the first time in
memory, virtually unheralded. Tough, young King Hussein
Ibn Talal - the one-time "boy king" of Jordan - thirty-
three years old, ~~as of this date. His birthday coming~~
~~through~~ ^{today. But it came} in the midst of the worst crisis ^{Hussein} ~~he~~ has ~~yet~~
^{his} faced in fourteen years on the throne.

Economically, politically, militarily ^{King} - Hussein
has probably done more for ~~the~~ his people and ended
up with less - than any other monarch in recent history.
No sooner is one emergency met - than another rises to
take its place, ~~like it or not~~ ^{with} Jordan at times ^{almost} ~~seemingly~~
hopelessly ^{involved} ~~engaged~~ in a three-way power struggle,
between East and West - between Arab and Jew - and now
between Arab and ~~the~~ Arab. Palestinian refugees - driven
from their villages and farms - threatening to lead a
revolt against the desert-bred royal family.

However, ^{Young} Hussein himself - ^{is facing up} ~~far from whipped~~.

to it.

His courage is legendary, ^{and} his fierce Bedouin tribesmen
are loyal to a man. Perhaps he has earned the respect ~~he has grown~~
of men everywhere in nearly all ~~to command in~~ foreign capitals. "Perhaps the true

measure of the man" - says one U S observer - ^{lies} "in

the fact that Washington, Cairo, Jerusalem and even in

Moscow - they're all pulling for Hussein to pull through."

PARIS

Paris - the shoe is on the ~~the~~ other foot -
and it's beginning to pinch, too. With French monetary
reserves slumping badly - speculators driving the ~~the~~
price of gold above forty dollars an ounce today. This
increasing the pressure on President DeGaulle to devalue
the franc - which he has so far stoutly refused to do.

In all - a situation reminiscent of that ~~British~~
British fiscal crisis a year ago when DeGaulle could
have helped - but didn't.

NEWPORT

From Newport, Kentucky - story today of a novel

divorce settlement. Principals - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

Howard; - ~~and, in lieu of children - their~~ ^{no children, but there is a} cat. Under terms

of the court-approved agreement - Mr. Howard getting

custody of the cat - ^{- with} the cat getting custody of the couple's

house; - and, Mrs. Howard ending up ^{only} with ^{visiting} ~~visitation~~ ^{privileges.} ~~rights.~~

Said arrangement to continue until the cat dies - when

the couple ^{are to} ~~will~~ sell the house and split the profits.

~~And what does the cat think about all this,~~

~~usual run-around with ways the kid~~

1/2 Warren, would you call that Kentucky
judge a modern Solomon.

MOSCOW

~~Behind the Iron Curtain~~ - Russia claims another
first. With a Moscow newspaper reporting ~~it~~ today -
the invention of a revolutionary new aircraft ~~is~~
called - an "ornithopter;" ~~one~~ ^{one} - we are told - that
needs "no airfields and is absolutely noiseless;" ~~because~~ ^{How does}
it fly ~~is~~ ^{Why,} - simply by "flapping its wings."

I guess if the birds can do it - well, so can
the Russians.