

L.T. SUSTAINING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1967

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: A bitter postscript today -- to those two holiday truce periods in Vietnam. Latest American casualty figures from Saigon -- showing a sharp increase in U.S. servicemen killed in action. A hundred and twenty-eight Americans last week -- which included part of both truce periods; as compared with a hundred and nine the week before.

No breakdown -- as to how many of the casualties occurred during that supposed Christmas and New Year's cease fires. American officials noting, however, that the Viet Cong violated the two truces -- literally hundreds of times.

PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM

Meanwhile, in Paris -- a related development on the political front. North Vietnam's chief representative to France -- Nai Van Bo -- today indicating that Hanoi might be willing to hold direct peace talks with the United States; providing -- said he -- Washington order a "definite and unconditional cessation" -- of U.S. bombing attacks on North Vietnam.

However, Nai Van Bo flatly rejects peace efforts -- by United Nations Secretary General U Thant; "for the good reason" -- said he -- "that U.N. intervention will be contrary to the Geneva agreement" on Vietnam.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW PARIS

Washington reaction -- swift and straight to the point.
A spokesman for the U.S. State Department -- offering again
to stop all bombing in Vietnam; the moment we receive
assurance -- that the Communists will respond by de-escalating
their own military effort.

Vietnam
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DEGAULLE

At the same time -- a report today that De Gaulle -- is having some second thoughts about that war in Vietnam. High French sources say DeGaulle is apparently backing off from his earlier statements accusing the United States of waging what he called "odious" war in Vietnam.

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WHITE HOUSE

Here at home -- an executive order today from President Johnson; imposing stiff economic sanctions against Rhodesia -- in accordance with the recent United Nations' resolution.

The Presidential order prohibiting exports to Rhodesia -- of arms, aircraft, motor vehicles, petroleum and petroleum products. Similarly, prohibiting imports from Rhodesia -- such as asbestos, iron ore, chrome, pig iron^g, sugar, tobacco, copper and so on.

SACRAMENTO

For Republican Governor Reagan of California -- a colorful inaugural ceremony today in Sacramento; complete with plans for Reagan's so-called -- "creative society." The California Governor's apparent answer -- to President Johnson's "greaty society."

Reagan giving as his number one pledge -- a promise to "squeeze and cut and trim" government spending wherever possible. "The time has come" -- said he -- "for us to decide whether collectively we can afford everything and anything we think of -- simply because ~~we~~^{we} think of it." "The time has come" -- he went on -- "to run a check to see if all the services government provides -- are an answer to demands or just goodies dreamed up for our supposed betterment."

Reagan adding that the path will be difficult -- but well worth the effort. "We have come to the crossroads -- and time of decision" -- said he -- "and the path we

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follow turns away from any idea -- that the government
and those who serve it are omnipotent."

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including the pilot -- two adult passengers -- and six
young children and baggage. A number of grief-stricken
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RED BANK

The scene: Red Bank airport in New Jersey -- twenty-five miles from New York. The time: End of the gay Christmas holiday. With eight persons boarding a twin engine air taxi for a routine shuttle flight -- to New York's Kennedy airport.

The plane takes off -- climbs into the early morning mist -- and suddenly explodes in a ball of ~~flame~~^{fire.} Plummeting back to earth -- killing all aboard. These including the pilot -- two adult passengers -- and six young children and teenagers. A number of grief-stricken parents -- horrified witnesses to the tragic loss.

JORDAN

In the Middle East -- Jordan's young King Hussein mounted a swift counter attack today; against the leftist Palestine Liberation Organization -- that has sworn to topple his government to clear the way for an attack on Israel.

Hussein reporting the arrest of five top leaders of the P-L-O -- who had been hiding out in Jordan -- along with two hired assassins; one -- said to be under orders to kill the young monarch; the other assigned the job of killing Premier Wasfi Tell -- a staunch supporter of the King.

Hussein serving notice -- that he has no intention of ~~low~~-towing to the demands of left-leaning Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

PATNA

Renewed rioting today in Hindustan. With thousands of Indian students attacking a police outpost at Patna -- capitol of Bihar State; in protest against the killing of a professor and a student -- in a previous riot last month at the nearby University of Muzzasar.

In the end -- police firing twenty blanks into the attacking mob. Killing at least eight students -- and wounding a score or more, before routing the rest -- with tear gas.

LONDON

A famous, centuries-old manuscript -- saved for Britain today -- thru the generosity of two Americans. The story -- from London.

The manuscript in question -- volumes one through nine or an English translation -- of Ovid's "Metamorphoses." Originally published by England's first printer -- William Caxton -- in the Fifteenth Century. Recently re-discovered by British scholars -- and sold at a public auction last summer to an American art dealer. The price -- a record quarter of a Million dollars.

Ah, but volumes nine through fifteen of the same manuscript -- have rested for centuries in the library of one of the colleges at Cambridge; which petitioned the government to refuse export of the rest of the manuscript -- on the grounds that it represented a national treasure. A request subsequently granted on one condition -- that the college come up with a quarter of a million -- to

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re-purchase the masterpiece.

On its own -- the college able to collect only about Fifty-Six Thousand. Enter the two Americans -- publisher George Braziller of New York -- and a philanthropist Eugene Power of Ann Arbor, Michigan -- who arranged to make up the difference.

Like the Cambridge College -- Braziller and Power convinced that the two parts of the manuscript belong together -- and should be in Britain.

Unfortunately -- the world was something else again. The kindest of the critics calling Charlie's film -- sadly, sadly "out-of-date" -- I'd like to see it.

CHAPLIN FOLLOW LONDON

Elsewhere in London -- a gala premier tonight for "A Countess From Hong Kong". Charlie Chaplin's First Film -- in Ten years. Drawing one of the most distinguished audiences of the season.

Guests including Princess Alexandra of Kent -- the Duke of Marlborough -- and film star Marlon Brando. Not to mention Chaplin -- and most of his brood. All attracting huge crowds -- making it necessary to call for police re-inforcements to control the situation.

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CINCINNATI

It's never too late -- they say -- and maybe they are right. A case in point -- this next from Cincinnati; where pretty, Nineteen-year-old Irene Mosley -- today disclosed plans to marry a retired school teacher; one John Henry Napier -- age seventy-one.

The teenaged bride to be telling reporters -- she doesn't think of her fiancee as an old man. Said she: "John Henry is more understanding, kinder and can keep dancing and nighclubing longer -- than any young man I've ever seen." How does he do it?!

Irene adding that she likes older man anyway -- and feels especially comfortable with John Henry. Having been married briefly to his step-son -- when she was only thirteen.

BULACAN

In the same vein -- a story today from the Provincial city of Bulacan -- in the Philippines, where police have set out a dragnet -- for a local farmer named Hugo David.

This on the basis of a complaint -- from a young woman identified only as Estrellita. Estrellita charging that she was kidnapped by Farmer David -- and held captive for hours; until she finally submitted ⁻⁻ to his amorous advances.

The incident in itself maybe not so strange; except for one thing: The Fugitive Hugo David -- Ninety-One years old; and solong until tomorrow.