

Tues. Dec. 21 - '71

UNITED NATIONS

with only ten days to go--a successor at last to retiring U.N. Secretary General U Thant. The U.N. Security Council selecting today--Austria's Kurt Waldheim; that country's present Ambassador to the United Nations; ~~also~~ a former Austrian Foreign Minister.

A U.N. spokesman adding that Waldheim had received eleven out of a possible fifteen votes--and no veto from any of the Council's five permanent members; which means ~~that~~ Waldheim's name will now be presented to the full General Assembly; where final approval is expected ^{at once.} ~~next~~
~~are told--forthwith.~~

Kurt Waldheim ~~is~~ of Austria--soon to be the new head man at the U.N. Following in the footsteps of Trygve Lie--Dag Hammarskjold--U Thant. ^{Some big} ~~rights~~

~~big job~~ Seven League Boots to fill.

WASHINGTON

From the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency comes tonight--a new set of strict air pollution standards; to be applied, henceforth--to new industrial construction in five specific areas. These requiring the installation of sophisticated air emission controls--^{for} non-nuclear electric generating plants; ^{for} also big incinerators; ~~and~~ ~~well as~~ factories making portland cement, sulfuric acid, ~~and~~ nitric acid ^{and so on.}

EPA ~~said~~ Administrator William Ruckelshaus-- explaining that said facilities are among the nation's worst polluters; ^{he added,} But they are also industries ~~the~~ ~~continued~~ for which good pollution control equipment has now been developed. Ruckelshaus adding that this is "a big step in the pollution control strategy--the kind of preventive medicine that we have not applied in the past." ^{Then he said:} ~~Further stressing;~~ "It will significantly ~~substantially~~ affect--future air quality."

RAWALPINDI

At Rawalpindi--an attempt today to start the rebuilding of bridges--between East and West Pakistan. The new President of Pakistan, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, naming as his new Vice President--a seventy-four-year-old East Pakistani by the name of Nurul Amin. Ali Bhutto also disclosing that East Pakistani political chief Sheikh Mujibur Rahman--a prisoner in the West--will soon be transferred from prison to house arrest. Ali Bhutto thus setting out--as he put it--"to pick up the pieces."

INDOCHINA

In the air war in Indochina--American jets today attacked enemy anti-aircraft sites in both Laos and North Vietnam. These including a number of missile pads--surrounding one of Hanoi's major airfields; in retaliation, apparently--for the weekend downing of five U.S. warplanes.

DA NANG FOLLOWS INDOCHINA

~~Back on the ground.~~ For U.S. troops, ~~at least~~ the big event ~~was~~ today was the arrival of Bob Hope at Da Nang; where he entertained some ten thousand G.I.'s-- who had waited some five hours in pouring rain in ~~an~~ order to watch his show.

The comedian's opening monologue--vintage Hope. "We're so happy to be here in Da Nang"--said he; "Da Nang--that's Vietnamese for we never promised you a rose garden." And then he added: "But it's wonderful wonderful working for you leftovers." At another point-- saying: "You guys are lucky--you're going to go home-- but pity the poor guys at the Paris peace talks."

When it was all over--a standing ovation. And just think--said Bob Hope--"a couple of jerks back home had the guts to ask me if you guys still liked my show."

RED SQUARE

Today's date--December Twenty-One--the ninety-second anniversary of the birth of one-time Soviet dictator Josef Stalin; a day officially unobserved and unmarked anywhere in the Soviet Union, ^{it} ~~except~~ ⁱⁿ Stalin's native Republic of Georgia.

As in years past though--a number of floral tributes were placed on Stalin's ^{inconspicuous} ~~grave~~; ~~which stands--~~ ~~as you know--~~ at the foot of the Kremlin Wall, ~~in Red Square~~. These including a bunch of cellophane-wrapped chrysanthemums--also, a half-dozen red roses; ~~and what~~ ~~with~~ the temperature a frigid nineteen, ~~degrees--~~ they were ^{all} frozen solid. The same--some ~~would~~ say--as Josef Stalin's heart--when he held the power of life and death over millions.

MOSCOW FOLLOW RED SQUARE

Elsewhere in Moscow--Russia's Nobel Prize-winning author of last year--emerged briefly today from his self-imposed seclusion. Novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn--traveling to Moscow's House of Writers; there attending a funeral service for Soviet editor Alexander Tvardovsky --who was once his literary patron.

And later on--at the cemetery--Solzhenitsyn plucking a single pink rose from one of the garland's of flowers; placing it atop the nearby grave--of Nikita Sergeivich Khrushchev; for it was Khrushchev--at Tvardovsky's urging--who approved the publication of Solzhenitsyn's greatest and most controversial novel. ~~and that is~~ *That being*
~~course--~~ "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich."

PONTIAC

~~This next--from Pontiac, Michigan.~~ Would you call it--"love's labor lost?" At any rate, an out-of-court settlement--in ^{Pontiac, Michigan;} the case of Wilson versus Wagner.

The party of the first part--you may recall--twenty-three-year-old Jack Wilson; who was offered Ten Grand by the father of his intended bride--if he would just marry someone else--which he did. The party of the second part--the girl's father--California businessman Joseph Wagner; ~~who then reneged on the deal, which is~~ ^{hence the} ~~how it ended up in a~~ lawsuit.

~~like I said before though--an out-of-court~~ ^{d out of court} settlements ~~on~~ expressed instructions from Judge William Beer--who refused to sully his hands with such a case. The Judge calling Wagner's promised payoff--pure "trash." And ~~then~~--looking at ^J young Wilson--he added: "Shakespeare--who made so noble a Romeo--certainly did not have this kind in mind." Case closed.

WILSON

Here's one--a special salute to the Earl of Broadway--the "Midnight Earl"; meaning show biz columnist Earl Wilson--whose latest book is another smash success. "The Show Business Nobody ~~Knows~~ ^J Knows"--an insider's account of what really goes on backstage; an intimate glimpse into the personal lives--of ~~the~~ ^J the great, the near-great and the not-so-great. Earl Wilson--the man who sees all, knows all and tells all--well, most of it, anyway.

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Unfortunately, the ~~the~~ ^J "best parts" are unprintable in a family newspaper--so you won't hear them here either. But there are a ~~a~~ ^J few pithy quotes--that we can use. For example, the late Joe E. Lewis once saying: "If I had my life to live over again--I wouldn't have the strength." The book also includes a number of "Earl's Pearls"--such as ^{Warren:} "Do something every day to make others happy--even if it's just to leave them alone." ~~and then there's the star--the head of a big family--who was asked what he expects to get for Christmas. Whereupon he replied: "The~~

VALENCIA

In Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia--in fact, ^{right}~~city~~ across Spain--last call today for lottery tickets; with the big drawing set for tomorrow--as usual, just in time for Saint Nick.

The Spanish National Lottery at Christmas--originally started by King Carlos the Third some two hundred years ago. Now--with Franco's blessing--the world's richest lottery; offering cash awards--that will total this year some Eighty Million; including fourteen--count 'em--fourteen top prizes--of more than a Million each. In sunny ~~Spain~~^{Spain} Spain--a king's ransom and then some.