

Tues. Dec. 10 - '68.

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In advance of his Cabinet unveiling - set for tomorrow - Richard Nixon pulls a surprise, ~~Announcing~~ today in New York - the creation of a new super-council on urban affairs; with its overriding task - ~~that of helping~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ solve the problems of our cities. And the man who will guide it - Dr. Daniel Moynihan - a noted urban affairs expert - also, a Democrat.

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This ^{is} an "experimental" program - said the President - elect. ~~Adding:~~ ^{Adding:} "We're going to walk - before we run in this field." He added, however, that Dr. Moynihan's role at the White House - will be roughly comparable to that of Dr. Henry Kissinger. With Moynihan serving as chief adviser on the domestic front - the same as Kissinger will serve as chief adviser on foreign policy.

As for Moynihan's credentials - he's a former assistant Secretary of Labor under President Kennedy - also, ^{with} President Johnson. More recently, head of the Joint

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Center for Urban Studies - ^{co-} sponsored by Harvard and M.I.T.

Admittedly - a Humphrey supporter during the recent

campaign, ~~but~~ he said today: "I have never met anybody

I could quite agree with - as I do with Nixon."

PARIS

Impasse at Paris - again. U. S. and North Vietnamese ~~diplomats~~^{negotiators} - reopening secret ~~talks~~^{negotiations} today. Attempting to get some kind of agreement - on those expanded peace talks, only to run head-on - into another dead end.

A U.S. spokesman later reporting: "No questions have been resolved - there has been no progress." Observers noting there now appears little chance - that the talks will start soon.

PENTAGON FOLLOW PARIS

Be that as it may - Clark Clifford remains ever
the optimist. The ~~U.S.~~ Defense Secretary ^{saying:-} ~~asserting~~
~~today:~~ "I would like to see in the next forty days - the
start of the return of American troops from Vietnam."

Clark Clifford emphasizing - the U.S. would not
consider a "unilateral withdrawal of troops." Adding though
"there is an opportunity of agreeing with North Vietnam on
mutual reduction of troops" - ^{he hopes} ~~within~~ the period he specified.

Why forty days? Because - we are told - that's
the time between now and January Twenty - when the Johnson
Administration ^{disappears from the scene,} ~~passes into eternity.~~

MOSCOW

As the cold war begins to heat up again - Russian defense spending - likewise. The Kremlin announcing today - a record peacetime military budget for Nineteen Sixty-Nine. Calling for expenditures of nearly Twenty Billion - to meet recent alleged "provocations" from NATO - also, to fulfill Russia's commitments in Vietnam.

This an increase - of more than a Billion over Sixty-Eight. Not as much as some in the West had expected - but still more than they would have liked.

PITTSBURGH

Here at home -

1 The price of steel - on the rise once more. With
U.S. Steel and National Steel - ~~showing the way today.~~

Announcing price hikes ranging from Four-to-Seven Dollars a
ton - on "long-term sheets" and "continuous hot-dip steel?"

You may recall - the Johnson Administration
thwarted an attempted five per cent ^{*hike*} across-the-board
As for ~~increase~~ last summer. ~~But~~ today's "selective" price hikes
- ~~apparently okay; in which case~~ - other producers are
expected to fall in line.

CHICAGO

In Chicago - a birth announcement today; that of the nation's largest single union - composed entirely of transportation workers. It's called - the United Transportation Union. An amalgamation of four of the nation's biggest railroad workers' unions - the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, and the Switchmen of North America.

The new union's combined membership - two hundred and eighty thousand. Its stated purpose - to end once and for all "the battle of craft against craft, - ~~working~~ men against working men"; - at least, insofar as the railroads are concerned.

CHARLESTON

At Charleston, Illinois - eighteen-year-old Thomas Charles Fuller~~the Second~~ was arraigned today for sentencing. The youth - admitted killer of the five brothers and sisters of his former girl friend. His sentence - one hundred and ~~forty~~^{maximum}-to-one hundred and ninety-eight years in prison. The ~~most~~^{maximum} he could get - short of death.

ABSTRACT

If there remained any doubt - it's true - the U.S. is an affluent society; as demonstrated by this year's annual statistical abstract - from the National Geographic. Showing for example, production of a record eleven million television sets - of which more than half were color sets - another first.

By the same token, New York is an expensive city to live in - as we all know. But at least five other cities around the globe - ^{are} ~~said to be~~ considerably more expensive ~~than New York~~, namely, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia - Bujumbura, Burundi - Caracas, Venezuela - Jakarta, Indonesia - and, of course, Paris, France. ^{The least expensive?} ~~is compared with the~~
^{Which world capital? Why} ~~cheapest of world capitals~~ - Montivideo, Uruguay; where
^{- Warren -} the cost of living is less than half ^{it is here in} ~~what~~ New York. - ~~you call that living.~~

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PUNTA ARENAS

Winter here in New York - cold, cold, cold today.

— *but almost as cold* —
Summer at Puntas Arenas, Chile ~~not much better~~; as Max

southernmost
Conrad headed for that South American ~~outpost~~ *city* today - on
another leg of his ~~daring~~ attempt to fly around the world
solo - by way of both Poles.

His ship now equipped with skis and cold weather
gear - the famed "flying grandfather" is planning to spend
a day or two at Puntas Arenas. Heading next - for the U.S.
Antarctic Base *right at* ~~near~~ the South Pole. *That flight will* ~~and then across the~~

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~~vast barren wasteland~~ *be* the longest and most dangerous
leg of his journey.

Max Conrad - a flying man "for all seasons."