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President Nixon ending a five day stay at Key Biscayne flew back to Washington to <sup>spend</sup> celebrate New Years Eve with his family. When asked about the President's New Year hopes a White House spokesman replied -- "his wishes for the nation and the world are well known - prosperity at home - peace abroad."

*H* In Moscow, Soviet citizens raised their traditional champagne toasts - receiving a pledge from their leader that Nineteen Seventy One was only the beginning of "new grandiose ~~work~~ accomplishments." New Years Eve there means the arrival of <sup>an old gentleman they call</sup> Grandfather Frost - the Russian Santa Claus. The occasion for exchanging of gifts. ~~and~~ In Tokyo, Prime Minister Eisaku says Japan and Communist China will probably establish diplomatic relations in Nineteen Seventy-Two. And from Peking tonight comes word of a ~~startling~~ change <sup>- if it happens -</sup> in policy - Communist China now says international disputes should be settled "through consultation."

MID EAST

At Amman, military officials report that flights of Israeli supersonic war planes, <sup>today</sup> flew over Jordanian territory - the first such flights in more than a year. <sup>From</sup> Tel Aviv, no comment. Elsewhere, all was reported quiet along the Suez Canal cease fire line - despite Egyptian President Sadat's repeated recent assertions - ~~made several times in recent months~~ - that the Arab-Israeli conflict must be settled - either by peace or war - before next year. That would be tomorrow.

## NUCLEAR

An official Soviet publication - issued in London - claims that on four separate occasions the Soviet government prevented the United States from carrying out a nuclear bombing ~~about~~ threat against Communist China. In what appears to be a new attack on Mao's policies, the Soviet Weekly says "the Chinese prefer to forget ~~to~~ America's threat to use nuclear weapons against China - threats never carried out because <sup>they say</sup> Washington was scared of Soviet nuclear power." The Magazine claims also that the success of the Chinese Revolution was due, in part, to this American fear of Soviet retaliation. Other threats by the American military against China came during the Korean war, later in the Taiwan Straits and more recently during the Indo Chinese conflict, so says the Soviet Weekly.

HOFFA

Extra

Republican Senator Marlow Cook of Kentucky wants former Teamster President James Hoffa to help Congress improve rehabilitation programs in Federal Prisons. Since his recent release from Federal Prison at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania Hoffa has indicated <sup>he</sup> ~~to~~ plans to agitate for prison reform. Senator Cook wants Hoffa to be lead-off witness in a new Congressional inquiry - proposed for the next session of Congress.

## LIBRARY

And now let's shed a tear, stop and tip our hat to an old friend who is in trouble - the New York City Public Library. One of the finest reference libraries in the world with its ~~is~~ seven hundred fifty thousand books and manuscripts, one of the world's most important sources of information, second ~~only~~ only to the library of Congress. The New York City Library has fallen on financial hard times.

Its original endowments, all private, are about exhausted, and so far there are no funds from city or state to take up the slack. Already visiting hours have been drastically reduced. Today the Library's famous aviation, science and ~~technology~~ technology division was to close its doors; with seventy-six thousand dollars needed to open them. The Mobil Oil Corporation has given ten thousand to ~~us~~ help out. A lot more is ~~is~~ needed, so shall we all rush to the aid of our old friend?

# POLICE

Two Michigan State Police Troopers were shot and killed today by a motorist they had stopped for a traffic violation. Their assailant was chased down and killed by other troopers who were called to the scene by an eye witness. The shooting occurred in the vicinity of Union Pier, Michigan, just north

A woman passenger in the assailant's ~~car~~ of the Indiana line. A ~~the assailant's car~~ car was arrested and charged with two counts of murder. ~~Immediate action was taken to locate the woman passenger in the car.~~

And in Detroit, another ~~to~~ law ~~to~~ enforcement officer met violent ~~death~~ death. Patrolman William Schmedding Jr. - a sixteen year veteran of the police force - was shot and killed as he tried to stop a hold-up at a loan office. Police ~~was~~ arrested three suspects - two of them were hospitalized with serious bullet wounds.

## NEW YEARS

Like any other New Year's Eve celebration in years past what you do and where you do it will determine the bill. Tonight if you were in Anchorage, you could whoop it up at Nome, Alaska with dancing, ice fishing, dog sledding and gold panning and your round trip plane ride, all for one hundred fifty-nine dollars, with Alaska Airlines as your host.

Sixty dollars a head will be the tab to welcome in the New Year with Guy Lombardo at New York's Waldorf Astoria. San Francisco's most prestigious night club proudly announces it will hold the charge down to the Nineteen Sixty-Two level -- a mere thirty-five dollars per person - including an evening with Eddie Fisher in the Gold Room at the Fairmont. In New Orleans for twenty five bucks you'll get an evening with Ella Fitzgerald at the Hotel Roosevelt - or at Preservation Hall for only one dollar you'll hear

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the best jazz in town. New Orleans - "down on the  
levee". In Hutchinson, Kansas, <sup>Warren,</sup> more than ~~four~~ hundred  
members of a national yoga society plan to spend  
New Years Eve standing on their heads.

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## DRUNK DRIVING

Few people think of drunk drivers as pick pockets -- yet, facts and figures lead to that conclusion - indirectly at least. During the year now ending, drunk drivers kill more than twenty eight thousand Americans - cause more than eight hundred thousand accidents - with economic losses of about eight billion dollars. As a result, up went everybody's auto insurance rates -- and hospitalization rates. During the past year also, several states started cracking down very hard on over indulgent drivers - North Carolina, New Hampshire, Maine, also Virginia, Indiana, Connecticut and New York.

Though none of these states can match some foreign countries in dealing with the problem. In Scandinavia if you are in a car and have any liquor on your breath, its immediate imprisonment, ~~usually three weeks to~~ <sup>or up to a year. And, a</sup> for a month, <sup>A</sup> ten year jail term plus a stiff fine, in

South Africa. Police in Turkey take the driver twenty

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miles away then force him to walk home, ~~under escort.~~

The Australians publish the offenders name in a

newspaper under the headline - "he's drunk, and <sup>he's</sup> in

jail." ~~and~~ In San Salvador, a tipsy-driver ~~might~~ <sup>may</sup> even

face a firing squad. So, if you are in Central

America - or wherever you are, let  
someone who is sober drive your car  
tonight - and Happy New Year and a-l-u.  
Monday.