

## SANTA CLAUS

*In North Miami Beach, Florida Santa Claus started a riot today - yes, jolly old Santa - when he flew over a crowded shopping center in a helicopter - dropping gift certificates ranging in value from one to one hundred dollars. It was a promotion stunt. As the certificates each attached to tiny parachutes - began floating down, a crowd of about five thousand went wild - surging from one spot to another and trampling many young children as they went. Some of the parachutes floated out over a busy six lane street, causing a major traffic jam and many cars were damaged by gift hunters climbing to the hoods and roof to get at the parachutes. Police were over-run in the stampede. Many certificate pursuers received bruises, and bloody noses - but no one was seriously injured. Bill - how's that for a Christmas story!*

## UMEA

*Only a few hours drive south from the Arctic Circle is Sweden's Umea University where at this time of year - it's dark most of the time. Located in Sweden's Northland, Umea U has eight thousand parka-clad students who crunch their way to classes across a snowy campus. Umea U is isolated - true! - but it also has one of the most publicized student bodies in Europe, and this, by the way, is no reference to beautiful blondes there the Svensk coeds. Rather, the Socialist controlled student government of Umea U is a strong political force in Sweden - provoking national debates over many issues both foreign and domestic - and taking sides in controversies almost hot enough to melt all the snow. Yes, politics they say is the main sport in Unique Umea U.*

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## VIETNAM

*President Nixon tomorrow is expected to meet with an emissary of South Vietnamese President Thieu and the session could be vitally important to efforts to end the war. Twice today President Nixon met with his foreign adviser, Henry Kissinger, who briefed him on the latest round of talks in Paris - those talks now suspended until December Fourth. President Thieu has strenuously objected to certain provisions of the proposed ceasefire agreement drafted by Kissinger and Hanoi last month - especially a provision that would permit North Vietnamese troops to remain in the South after the ceasefire goes into effect. What complicates matters is the fact that Hanoi has never even publicly admitted having any troops fighting in the South.*

## **VIOLENCE**

*The U-S Navy today reported another incident of racial violence within its ranks - this one on the Midway Island naval base in the Pacific where a fight broke out among more than a hundred black and white sailors in which - five sustained injuries. A naval spokesman says although the incident apparently was brought on by racial differences, an investigation is underway to determine the exact cause. The Midway Island trouble comes after similar recent racial disturbances on the carriers Constellation and Kitty Hawk.*

## ROMNEY

As expected, George Romney today announced his resignation as Housing and Urban Development Secretary - saying he will now devote himself entirely to public service in a private capacity. He will organize a non-governmental body or commission which will seek to enlighten the public on what he terms, "the real political issues."

Romney says these "real issues" - such as economic problems, problems of the cities, union and corporate monopoly power - were NOT discussed during the recent presidential campaign because both President Nixon and

*Sen. we are told*  
~~George~~ McGovern feared ~~that~~ such discussions might offend  
*or confuse*  
uninformed voters.

At Camp David today, President Nixon accepted Romney's resignation "with special regret", as the President put it. He also announced that tomorrow he would begin naming members of his second administration cabinet - naming all by mid-December. However, the President says he has ruled out cabinet posts for former Treasury

*Secretary John Connally and New York Governor Rockefeller*

*- saying that both prefer NOT to join the cabinet on a full-time basis at this time.*



## ROMANIA

*preparatory*  
In Helsinki, Finland - the ~~the~~ talks on European

security were stalled today by Romania who insists on participating as an independent equal of the Soviet Union.

Delegates from the United States, Canada and thirty-two European countries will meet again tomorrow - to try to placate Romania and untangle the procedural snarl that prevents the ~~security~~ conference from getting on with its business.

*This could be one of the big stories of the year .*

*Maybe - if. The question is, is Nazi war criminal Martin Bormann really alive and well and living in ARgentina? Some say yes. Others are still saying no! For the past two days the London Daily Express and the New York Daily News have published stories and pictures, telling the world Bormann, Adolf Hitler's Number Two, is now a prosperous businessman living on the Krupp Ranch in Argentina - and that he did NOT die with Hitler in that Berlin bunker when the Nazi empire collapsed in Nineteen-Forty-Five - and when he and Eva Braun committed suicide. In Vienna today, at least one authority on the subject expressed strong doubts. Simon Wiesenthal - the man who tracked down Adolf Eichmann - calls the current story "a bluff" - deliberately planted in the press by underground Nazi agents who, Wiesenthal says, are giving out false information as a ruse to keep authorities off the trail of other former Nazis who are still alive and in hiding.*



## **PIPELINE**

*Despite growing opposition, Canadian financiers and businessmen are going ahead with plans to build a pipeline twenty-five-hundred-miles long that would bring natural gas from Alaska and the Canadian Arctic to the United States and the eastern region of Canada. The MacKenzie River Valley pipeline would cost about five-Billion dollars - and it could also cost many Canadian politicians their heads. If the project is actually completed the first Arctic natural gas would flow across the Manitoba-Minnesota border by the summer of Nineteen-Seventy-Seven with Billions of cubic feet of gas going to American consumers. Those Canadians who oppose the pipeline fear it will further intertwine the economies of the United States and Canada - thereby threatening Canada's cultural integrity and political independence. They call it "creeping continentalism."*

## HUMAN BODY

We've been told over the years that the chemical value of the human body - from head to toe - is a mere ninety-eight cents. But like everything else ~~priceless~~, <sup>in price</sup> that figure is going up and up. The publication, Chemical and Engineering News, reported ~~recently~~<sup>5</sup> that - at current chemical prices - the adult human body is now worth three-dollars-and-a-half. But today at the University of Missouri, biochemist W. D. Noteboom upped the ante. He says previous figures failed to include the body's five liters of blood and its precious life-saving serum which is indispensable in many medical situations. This, he estimates is worth about six-hundred-and-fifty-dollars. Humans, he adds, should NOT sell themselves short.

## WAVES

*Giant*  
~~and~~ ocean waves <sup>created</sup> ~~caused~~ by an Alaskan storm,  
swept down the Pacific coast <sup>today</sup> ~~causing~~ causing at least six  
deaths in Oregon, Washington and California. On a beach  
near Illwaco, Washington, one wave engulfed forty-four  
persons and eleven autos - with ships on the coast reporting  
swells up to twenty feet high. Three young girls were  
killed by logs tossed against the beaches near Grays Harbor.