

Wed. December 16, 1970

BAY OF DANZIG

Have you heard about the explosion behind the Iron Curtain? Polish civilians staging two days of riots - in the neighboring cities of Gdansk, Gdynia and Sopot on the Bay of Danzig; protesting a sudden twenty percent jump in food and fuel prices and a serious meat shortage.

Local police failing - to control the situation; Polish troops and tanks finally restoring order. Polish radio later reporting at least six dead; adding that police injuries alone - total more than a hundred and fifty. This the biggest uprising in Poland - since the "Bread and Freedom" riot at Poznan in Nineteen Fifty Six.

Incidentally, the present city of Gdansk was once the "free city of Danzig;" which Hitler seized in Nineteen Thirty Nine, at the outset of World War Two.

On Capitol Hill - a big boost today for the new Nixon Doctrine; with the Senate finally approving the President's request - for two hundred and fifty five million in foreign aid to Cambodia. This - following the end of a two day filibuster; clearing the way for speedy passage - by a vote of seventy two to twenty two. And all that remains now is a Senate-House conference - to iron out a few details.

SENATE

Capitol Hill again - a charge tonight that millions of elderly persons are over paying their income taxes every year. This - according to the Senate's special committee on aging, whose chairman - Senator Williams of New Jersey - blamed ^S the needless drain on tax payer confusion. "The plain fact said he - "is that many Americans cannot interpret internal revenue service rulings and instructions. To them ~~he continued~~ "the income tax form ~~is~~ a morass of tables, transfers, and linguistic booby traps."

^{Sen.} Williams adding: The problem is especially severe for widows many of whom never gave a moment's thought to an income tax form ~~was~~ before the passing of their husbands.

The committee therefore, recommend^S a new, simplified tax form for the elderly; also, the addition of elderly tax advisers to help other oldsters with their tax problems.

WHITE HOUSE

~~From~~ The White House ~~is an expression of~~
~~been~~ disappointment ^{ed because} ~~today~~ ~~over the fact that U.S.~~
industrial production ^{has} ~~declined last month~~ for the
fourth straight month. ~~But the feeling here with~~ Press
secretary Ron Ziegler ^{believes} ~~is that~~ this ~~continues to reflect~~
~~the~~ echo ^{is the} effect of ^{the} General Motors strike. ~~and~~ ~~he~~ ~~says~~
~~added that~~ the President is confident his new policy
of "orderly managed expansion" - will soon bring an
upturn.

HELSINKI

At Helsinki - a ~~wrap up~~ meeting today between U.S. and Russian disarmament negotiators; a meeting that lasted three hours; ~~the~~ longest yet. The two sides - preparing a joint communique to be issued this Friday - at the formal conclusion of ~~the~~ ^{three of the} round, strategic arms limitation talks.

PENTAGON FOLLOW HELSINKI

Here at home - ~~a related item from the~~
~~Pentagon~~ Defense Secretary Melvin Laird reporting
an apparent "leveling off" - in the production and
deployment of Russia's big S.S. Nine intercontinental
missile; also - the Russian's S.S. Eleven.

However, a Pentagon spokesman - warning
against the drawing of ~~premature~~ ~~conclusions~~
from this. Noting that "previous years of low activity"
have often been "followed by years of increased activity."
Still and all - a hopeful sign.

At Stanford, University, a two day conference on drug abuse. Speakers including drug expert Robert Peterson, of the National Institute of Mental Health, who ~~said that~~ the use of drugs among U S young people may be declining. ~~Peterson~~ Basing his contention on a three year series of studies among ~~a~~ several northern California schools, ~~These~~ showing at the Junior High Level ~~said he~~ that almost every rate of useage for all drugs, alcohol, tobacco, marijauna, L S D and amphetamines, was generally less in Nineteen Seventy. Also, showing at the Senior High level said he - a similar cut back in everything but marijuana; and even here he added - the rate of increase was - much less.

Another speaker, Professor Vincent

DePaul ~~of~~ of St. John's ~~of New York~~ in New York; who noted that efforts to legalize marijuana are ~~at~~

PALO ALTO - 2

coming simultaneous with a massive effort - "to eliminate

^{all} smoking as a public health hazard." Professor DePaul

calling this - the "ultimate folly."

CHICAGO

At Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital a patient who was a victim of hemophilia was operated on successfully - the first in medical history.

Patient Warren Jyrch - at last report, listed in satisfactory condition. A hospital spokesman saying: He's progressing just as all other open heart surgery patients.

CARBONDALE

This next - a tale of pluck and courage
"above and beyond" - reported today from Southern
Illinois University where the new playing coach of the
S. I. U, International Soccer Club is a fellow by the
name of Joe Dilillo; a doctoral student in government-
who also happens to have ~~only~~ one leg.

Joe Dilillo losing his right limb as a child
when he was shot by a Nazi soldier in his native
Italy, during World War Two. But, he ~~didn't give up and~~
~~fought back~~ ^{didn't give up and}
eventually became ~~ing~~ a soccer goalie and a good one.
Later immigrating to the U S - where he finished
high school at ~~an~~ age twenty-six and then went on to
college.

Joe Dilillo saying: "Soccer provid^{ed}~~ing~~ me with
an instrument to reach people to obtain warm human
~~rap~~ rapport." And he adds: "I don't ~~remember~~ remember
anything about having two legs - so I don't miss anything."

ALBANY

Albany, New York - a trail of broken ~~dreams~~
dreams. New York's Secretary of State publishing today -
a list of some sixteen thousand corporations that ^{went} ~~fell~~
^{down} ~~through~~ during the past year. The group including now
defunct firms such as: "Calories Anonymous",
"The Freudian Slip" - "The Hens' Den", also, "The
Girl Meets Boy Sales Corporation" -- not to mention
the "Foofnik Corporation."

And then there's Doggone Best Incorporated -
whose best, ~~was~~ ^{Warren,} ~~said to say~~ just wasn't good enough,

WASHINGTON

At the ~~same~~ Saints and Sinners club in Washington a sell-out luncheon in honor of Martha Mitchell who was roasted - and then toasted - ~~only~~ by some of the high and ~~the~~ mighty of the nation's capitol. Toastmaster Les Kramer saying: "There are two hundred and four million of us - according to the latest census: half of us have heard of Martha Mitchell - and the other half have heard from ~~her~~ her." It ended up though with members and guests hailing the ~~the~~ Attorney General's wife = as the first lady of the President's cabinet. In response Martha Mitchell observing "this just shows to go - it's more fun to receive than to give."

Let's think that one over! Solony until tom -