

PARIS

Thurs. Nov. 28-68.

Officially, they haven't even met, ~~yet~~ and already they^are sniping at each other. "They" meaning negotiators for North and South Vietnam - who will soon be taking part in expanded peace talks.

South Vietnam's Nguyen Van An - up to now an observer at the talks ^{was the one} ~~the man~~ who started it all today. After a ~~policy~~ policy meeting with American delegates - Van An^a telling reporters: "We will never accept peace at any price." Adding: "We will have^a real peace that is ^{6/2} a durable and internationally guaranteed ~~is~~ peace or no peace at all."

Quick as a flash - Hanoi responding in ~~the~~ kind.

With a North Vietnamese spokesman - warning against the possibility of a Saigon walkout later on. Such an eventuality - one that would have great and "unforeseeable consequences" - said he. Adding: "The Saigon regime could not last long - without American bayonets."

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

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Meanwhile, the fighting continues - Thanksgiving or no. Allied troops reporting a series of six battles - along the Cambodian border northwest of Saigon, including one - an ambush - that claimed the lives of at least fifteen Americans.

The enemy's objective - apparently - to test ² that new Allied defense network around Saigon. If so, ~~guess they found~~ ~~they found out~~ λ it works just fine. Combined enemy losses for the day's action - running upwards of two hundred and fifty men.

L B J RANCH

Down Texas way - a typical Thanksgiving ~~today~~
at the L B J Ranch. Typical, that is, for ~~the~~ L. B J
The President indulging himself in a little riding,
a little bridge, - a lot of ~~the~~ eating. His itinerary
also including services at three different churches -
one Episcopal, one Lutheran, one Catholic.

Along the way, the President pausing - as did
millions of Americans - to pray for our fighting men
in Vietnam. Also, ~~he~~ kneeling in prayer for the
families who are ~~for~~ suffering so much - as a result of
that West Virginia ~~mining~~ ²mining tragedy.
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WALTER REED FOLLOW L B J RANCH

~~is~~ Another observance of note - at Walter
Reed Army Hospital in Washington; where the Nixons
and the Eisenhowers - shared an old fashioned Thanksgiving
dinner. ~~today~~. Old fashioned in price too. In accordance
with army regulations - General Ike picking up the tab
at seventy cents a plate. Later, the President-Elect
listing some of the things - he was ~~blissfully~~ thank^{ful}
for. "First," said he - the election; second, the
wedding; David's and Julie's; "and, third and most
importantly" ^{he added} ~~said he~~ "the remarkable recovery of
General Eisenhower."

WASHINGTON

In the midst of ^{the} world monetary crisis - this next is perhaps something of a surprise. A report ~~is~~ tonight from Washington - showing a thirty-three million dollar increase in U S gold reserves last month. Marking the third straight month ^{for} ~~that~~ American stocks ^{to} ~~have~~ gone up instead of down.

This a feat that normally would have cheered fiscal experts - except for one thing. The U.S. gain mainly at the expense of the French franc - also, the British Pound. Both of which ~~we~~ ^{we} are pledged to support.

SEATTLE

From the Boeing ~~aircraft~~ company - Seattle -
a work profile today* of the Boeing seven forty-seven
B jumbo-jet; a fledgling air freighter - soon to become
the world's largest commercial aircraft. Expected
pay load - about a quarter of a million pounds. Range -
fully loaded ^{good for} λ about three thousand miles; ~~good~~ enough
to ^{make it} ~~travel~~ λ from London to New York - under even the
most adverse winter headwind conditions. Flight
~~performance~~ performance about the same as the ^{present} ~~present~~
Boeing seven-oh-seven - except maybe even a little
faster. Operation cost - about ^a ~~one~~ λ third less than
that of the seven-oh-seven.

Quite a ship.

RALEIGH FOLLOW SEATTLE

But how is this
~~Reverse side~~ from Raleigh, North Carolina?

~~here~~ Plans were announced today for an annual meeting
next month - of the "a man will never fly memorial

society." As you might ~~know~~ ^{except} from its name ~~it's~~ ^{its} an
anti-flying organization. However, its chairman ~~reports~~ ^{says}

"the society has decided to forego, temporarily, its usual
attacks on the nation's commercial airlines." Reason

said he: "By the end of the year - all US commercial
airliners will be in Cuba!" What an optimist he is!

THANKSGIVING

On
~~The Genesis of Thanksgiving~~ *Day do you think*
about our Pilgrim Fathers?
~~normally associate with the Pilgrims.~~ ~~Turns out though~~

as you may recall
- Plymouth Rock [^] was merely a way-stop on the long
trail a-winding. *Actually*

~~As the National Geographic reminds today seems~~
~~of~~ Thanksgiving has ^S ~~be~~ been common to nearly every culture
since the beginning of Man. The Old Testament tells
of many - so-called "harvest festivals." The Egyptians
had them too - also the Greeks, the Romans, the Gauls,
the Saracens - ~~and~~ and later of course the British. Even
the American Indian had his own Thanksgiving long
before the white man ever set foot in the New World.

~~End result - a hodge-podge of conflicting celebrations~~

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Did you know that at
~~At~~ one time Americans alone celebrated Thanksgiving
in various states on a dozen different dates in eight

different months. ^{UN} ~~It~~ Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the
He did this
first national Thanksgiving holiday - [^] during the darkest
days of the Civil War. A ~~holy~~ holiday that is now

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recognised - if not shared - practically the world

over. By the way - ^{the person} ~~who is~~ generally credited

with convincing Mr. Lincoln to declare a day of

thanksgiving ^{was a} ~~a woman~~ woman, - ~~Mrs. Sarah Hale~~ ^{far too} ~~far too~~ never to underestimate the power of a woman. She was a Mrs. Sarah Hale, the forceful editor of Godey's Lady's Book - the most widely circulated magazine ^{of a century ago.} ~~of a century ago.~~ ~~The woman who~~ ^{Oh yes, ^{Harriet} and she was the one who}

also wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb." and I hope all of you had a little turkey!

~~On Thanksgiving a little turkey, too, I should~~

think.

TAMPA

Appropriate to Thanksgiving - a happy ending today to an almost sad, sad story.

Dateline - Tampa, Florida; where ^[nineteen]~~nineteen~~ year old Joe Engressia - a blind college student was summarily suspended from school yesterday. The youngster admitting to a federal charge - of defrauding the telephone company on a number of long distance calls. This by whistling into the telephone - in perfect imitation of the telephone company's own complicated system of electronic signals.

Next question: "What next for Joe Engressia?"

And now the answer - from a company ever on the lookout for young men of such unique talent. Joe Engressia getting a job offer today - from you guessed it, the telephone company.