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**CARIBBEAN**

*Mayday in the Caribbean. The Miami-based merchant vessel Johnny Express - reporting by radio today an attack by Cuban gunboats. This at a point somewhere between the Great and Little Inagua Islands - about fifty miles off the coast of Cuba. The skipper of the Johnny Express - Captain Jose Villa - telling his home office: "We've got dead and wounded - the deck is full of blood." And then: "I'm dying" - followed by deadly silence.*

*The how and why of it all - still a mystery. But a sister ship of the Johnny Express - was seized by Cuban naval units just ten days ago. Havana charging at the time - it was being used by the American C.I.A.*

UNITED NATIONS

At a meeting of the U.N. Security Council--another ~~big power stall~~ today; again blocking a call for a ~~cease-fire~~ cease-fire--in the Indo-Pakistani war. And then--a dramatic walkout.

Pakistan's Zulfikar Ali Bhutto--picking up a copy of the proposed Security Council document--tearing it ~~shreds~~ <sup>shreds</sup>. "The Security Council has failed, shamefully failed"--said he--exposing "the fraud and farce of the United Nations." While the Security Council stalls-- he went on--"my country and people are dying." Ali Bhutto adding: "I find it disgraceful--to remain here a minute longer; I will not be a party to surrender-- I will go back to my country and fight."

But his parting words--he saved for India's Foreign Minister--Sardar Swaran Singh--who was also present. Ali Bhutto saying of Singh: "His hands are full of blood--his heart is full of venom." If faced with the ~~same prospect~~ same prospect--he ~~continued~~ continued--"I would rather be a janitor in a free country." And with that-- he was gone.

## DAGCA FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

Meanwhile, a report today that Pakistani commanders at Dacca in East Pakistan--have now asked for a cease-fire. This coming in the midst of an Indian drive--at last report, less than a mile from the center of town.

In response, India ordering a bombing halt--till 9 Ten-Thirty tonight, Eastern-time. Giving the Pakistanis till then--to make a complete surrender. New Delhi suggesting, however--that ~~terms~~ terms acceptable to both sides can be worked out.

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## TALKS

*From Paris - an announcement today that the next session of Vietnam peace talks - has been postponed still another week. This - by a unilateral decision of the U.S. side; which means a two-week lay-off altogether - till December Thirtieth. The U.S. saying it was allowing enemy negotiators - "additional time for reflection."*

*As for Communist reaction - an immediate charge that the U.S. is "sabotaging" peace talks - while expanding the war in Indochina. Enemy delegates adding: "The U.S. must assume all the consequences of its acts." But admitting in private - they will bow to the American decision.*

## OAKLAND

*In the wake of one conviction, later reversed, and then two hung juries - a final denouement today; with Black Panther leader Huey Newton - cleared at last of manslaughter charges in the slaying of an Oakland policeman.*

*District Attorney Lowell Jensen - himself filing the motion for dismissal. "I feel this is a frustration of justice - but I am compelled to ask for dismissal" - said Jensen; adding that <sup>J</sup>he was unable to produce any new evidence - and thus he felt that a fourth trial would only result in another hung jury.*

## VALLEY FORGE

*For Richard Fecteau - who was released Sunday from a Red Chinese prison - his first press conference today. The forty-four-year-old flyer - meeting with reporters at Valley Forge military hospital. His voice - barely audible at times. Fecteau explaining: "I was in solitary for so much time - I'm not used to conversation." Asked if he were really a spy - Fecteau replying, again almost inaudibly, "no comment."*

*Another question: Did he have a trial? Fecteau answering "yes" with a smile. Asked why - Fecteau saying: "I had a lawyer - he made one statement; he said I was educated in America - and therefore knew nothing."*

LONDON

London - an attempt today to assassinate Jordan's  
Ambassador to the Court of Saint James. Zaid Al Rifa'I  
- who is also a close personal friend of Jordan's King Hussein  
- getting shot at by a machinegunner <sup>on his way, by car,</sup> ~~as he was being driven~~  
to the Jordanian Embassy. Luckily though - escaping with  
only a minor hand wound.

Now - Scotland Yard attempting to track down his  
would-be killers. Listing as possible suspects - an Arab  
radio technician and a Palestinian engineer. We are also  
told that the same group that recently killed Jordan's Premier  
Wasfi Tel in Cairo - may have been involved here, too.

**ISMAILIA FOLLOW LONDON**

*A related item - from the city of Ismailia on the Suez Canal; where Israel today exchanged ten Egyptian prisoners - in return for one Israeli pilot. In the Israeli view - an even swap.*

# VIENNA

At SALT talks in Vienna - the second of back-to-back sessions today; followed by an announcement - that the two sides will meet again on Friday; still pursuing an elusive agreement - which they once hoped to achieve before the end of the year.

Observers now saying, however, that next spring - is perhaps the best hope. Assuming, of course - we're still talking by then.

**RICHMOND**

*In the New York Times a couple of weeks ago - you may have seen it - a remarkable story telling all about the Japanese whaling industry; about the men of iron in their ships of steel - who will take this year more than nine thousand behemoths of the deep. We ~~were~~ were also told - the Japanese scoffing at reports the whale is headed for extinction; further contending that whale meat is essential to the Japanese diet - ~~in~~ that it makes up more than ten per cent of the <sup>Total</sup> Japanese animal protein-intake.*

*Now - a second story - from Richmond, California; where the last of America's great whaling firms - is officially closing down today. This - the Del Monte Fishing Company; whose whaling license terminates at the end of the year - by order of Washington. Del Monte owner Charles Caito - calling himself a victim of "environmental panic." Caito saying: "Maybe it's bad to kill anything - but we kill cattle - we kill horses; and the Japanese and the Russians - they still continue killing whales." And he adds, in effect - "it just doesn't seem fair."*

## VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome today--Pope Paul's weekly general audience; where he noted that a number of "hippies," as he called them--are now wearing sweatshirts inscribed with the slogan, "I Love Jesus." The Pontiff observing that young people's interest in Christ--often assumes "strange" and "bizarre" forms. But there can be no question--that such interest ~~exist~~<sup>do</sup> exist--said he. Adding: "Jesus is always in fashion--because he is always real."

And then--the Pontiff wondering aloud: "Is it perhaps the time ~~for~~<sup>to</sup> for Jesus slogans?"

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## PARIS

This next - from Paris again - just in time for Christmas giving. France's Aerospatiale Company announcing today - it's ready to start taking orders for new Concorde supersonic airliners. And the price tag: Only Thirty-One Million and change; or roughly thirty per <sup>cent</sup> more - than a giant Boeing Seven-Forty-Seven, for example. Proving once more, I guess ~~it~~ the costliest of all human commodities is still time.

WASHINGTON

*Back*  
~~Elsewhere~~

*in Washington - Federal Appeals Judge Otto Kerner was indicted today - on charges of bribery, mail fraud, tax evasion, perjury and conspiracy. This in connection with an alleged race track scandal - while he was serving as Governor of Illinois during the Sixties.*

*Judge Kerner - you'll recall - the man who headed former President Johnson's National Commission on Civil Disorders. And it was also LBJ - who later appointed him to the Federal bench. Kerner now becoming only the fourth Federal judge in all U.S. history - to be indicted by a Federal grand jury.*