

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1971

NIXON

President Nixon spent the day preparing for the Summit talks with West German Chancellor Willy Brandt. These are scheduled to begin tomorrow, at Key Biscayne. These will continue the current dialogue between the President and Western Leaders on allied policies and world problems in general.

MID EAST

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad ^{today} ~~echoing~~ ^{ed} previous statements ^{to the effect that} -- ~~said~~ war with Israel is "inevitable, ~~with~~ no alternative to a military settlement" of the Mid-East conflict, ^{He made} ~~making~~ these comments ~~before~~ ^{to a} ~~an~~ closed session of all the Arab foreign ministers. On several ^{previous} occasions, as you know, Egyptian President Sadat has said ^{that} a solution -- either peaceful or by war -- must come by the end of this year. There are of course only 4 days left in this year.


VIETNAM

For the second straight day, ~~hundreds of~~
American Air Force and Navy Planes flew bombing
raids far into North Vietnam in what apparently is
turning out to be
~~becoming~~ the biggest ~~new~~-bombing operation against
the Communist North in more than three years. No
planes reported lost in today's raids -- and the U S
command declines comment on ~~Hanoi~~ Hanoi's claim
of five phantom jets shot down yesterday. The planes
-- some two hundred of them - are reported ^{all} back at
their bases tonight - refueling and re-loading ^{perhaps for}
another strike ~~perhaps~~ tomorrow morning.

At Key Biscayne, ~~in~~ the Florida White
the word is that
House, ~~says~~ the current raids against enemy supply
depots and other military installations -- ^{are} "totally
consistent" with policies previously ^{outlined} ~~stated~~ by President
Nixon, ~~who~~ ^{according to} ~~some military sources~~
~~personally ordered the raids.~~ In Washington, Defense

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Secretary Laird charged Hanoi with violating certain
"understandings" which led to a bombing halt three
years ago. - ~~although~~ Hanoi has denied ^{this.} ~~reaching any~~
~~such understandings.~~



ADD VIETNAM

Sec. Laird also told a news conference there definitely will be no draft call for January - and quite possibly none in February or March.

ULSTER

A bomb explosion and a sniper's bullets broke the ~~the~~ holiday calm in Belfast today - injuring four persons. ^{TP} ~~But~~ The British Army ^{seems} ~~is~~ more worried about a new childrens game called "ambush the soldier." Which - officers claim - parents are teaching their children in Belfast. On Christmas morning, ~~the~~ a group of youngsters wearing combat jackets and carrying *the* plastic toy guns they had received as presents - staged a mock ambush against a British patrol. Said Major Jim Kelly of the Gloucestershire Regiment - "we're afraid this game could end in tragedy. - some of these plastic guns are so realistic you can hardly tell the difference until you ~~touch~~ touch them."

DEFECTOR

A Major in Soviet military intelligence who, two months ago defected to the United States, has returned to Moscow. This was disclosed by a State Department spokesman who said Major Anatoly Chébotaryev sought and received permission to return to his homeland. U S officials ~~are~~ say they can't

imagine what made him decide on this course. In

will he ~~not~~ face a charge
Russia ~~he most likely faces charges~~ of treason? ^{Or was} ~~Officials~~
he fooling us all the time? As expected our people
~~also~~ say they will take a second look at information

he provided [^] in view of the curious outcome of his case.

FOREIGN AID

From the
~~the~~ State Department *comes the word that* Communist China -
during the year Nineteen Seventy, - spent more money
than Russia in providing foreign aid to less-developed
nations. This apparently *was done* in a bid to increase Peking's
influence on the international scene. The report says
China pledged more than seven ~~one~~ hundred million
dollars to seven countries - while the Soviets spent *less*
than a third as much
~~about two or hundred million.~~

From the
~~the~~ Commerce Department *comes a* reports
~~that the fifty states of the union~~ *that* *we* last month imported
two hundred million dollars more than ~~we~~ *(we)* ~~they~~ exported --
as the nation moved nearer its first annual foreign
trade deficit since the year Eighteen Ninety-Three.

GENERALS

Two of our top World War Two Generals - both of them four star - have vanished from the scene.

General Emmett "Rosy" O'Donnell - who led the first major raid with our B-29 super-fortresses against Tokyo, in Nineteen Forty-Four. He died at McLean, Virginia, age sixty-five. I visited "Rosy" O'Donnell during the Pacific War, at Tinian in the Mariannas; and flew in one of his B-29s. "Rosy" was one of our top air generals, much liked and admired by those who served with him. Only a few days ago I was talking with Thayer Tutt in Colorado Springs about him. They were pals. Thayer Tutt of the Broadmoor.

20 years his senior,

General Wade Haislip - Commander of the

Eighty-Fifth infantry division - vanguard of Patton's

army from Normandy to the liberation of Paris -- died

in Washington. ~~Age eighty-two. A combat veteran also of~~

also.

World War One. If he and Patton had had their way they

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would have captured not only Berlin, but Prague ^{as well.} ~~etc.~~

Years ago, while serving at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, it was Haislip who introduced a second ~~lieutenant~~ lieutenant named Dwight Eisenhower to a young lady from Denver named Mamie Doud.

SKIERS

Six Japanese skiers lost their lives in a weird way today. Apparently their deaths were due to poison gas seeping through the snow covered slopes of a volcano, Mount Kusatsu-Shirane -- ninety miles north of Tokyo. Police say the skiers collapsed when sulphuric acid fumes began spurting from the ground.

MOTHER

In Rome a thirty-seven year old housewife who a year and a half ago gave birth to Italy's first sextuplets only to have them die became the mother of triplets today. Doctors say all are in good health, including Mrs. Antonio Petrone the mother.

QUASARS

For years scientists -- generally - have accepted the theory that nothing moves faster than the speed of light - which travels one hundred eighty-six thousand miles a second. ^{— this} The ultimate speed which cannot be surpassed. ^{But,} Today, like so many other theories, this one is being challenged. Some astronomers now say brilliant stars known as quasars -- recently discovered far out in space - may be ~~exploding~~ exploding at ~~six~~ six or seven times the speed of light. More than a million miles a second. If confirmed - this theory would re-write one of science's basic laws. But ~~completely~~ incomprehensible to me. How about you, Bill Martin?

SERMON

The Reverend James O'Brien wore a five months growth of beard on his face when he rose to deliver his usual Sunday sermon at the First Parish Congregational Church in Brockton, Massachusetts. His ~~subject~~ topic was -- "Judging people by their appearances." Then, half way through the sermon, he pulled out an electric razor and began to shave - while continuing to preach to an astonished ~~and~~ congregation. Later, the thirty-seven year old minister explained that he had received lots of criticism for

^{said he:-}
growing a beard and "I just wanted people to know ~~that~~ I am not a kooky guy." So right thro' in the pulpit he shaved 'em off - and maybe then led the congregation in singing:-
"Bringing In The Sheafs!"