

STANFORD L.T. Plough - Thurs, Dec. 14 - '67

Startling news tonight from Stanford University in California. Stanford scientists manufacturing from test tube materials - the prime chemical substance that creates and ~~reproduces~~ reproduces a certain pygmy virus. According to University officials - perhaps the closest man has yet come - to creating life in the laboratory. Beyond that - an achievement that could well lead to eventual control of all virus diseases., including maybe Cancer.

OTTAWA

Surprise in Ottawa. Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson - today resigning his leadership of Canada's ruling Liberal Party adding that he will stay on as Prime Minister - only as long as it takes the Liberals to choose his successor.

Pearson's wish to retire - long an open secret in Canada. However, the suddenness of it all - still a shock; in that Pearson had been expected to stay on at least through his present term, which expires in
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Nineteen Seventy; in hopes of achieving a ~~some~~ solution to the grave question of Canadian unity.

Why then - did he suddenly call it quits? The ~~reality~~ Nobel Prize-winning Pearson telling reporters - that at age seventy it seemed like a good time. ~~to~~ "C'est la vie," said he. "That's life."

CAPITOL HILL

Here at home - in Washington - yet another smashing defeat today for President Johnson's legislative program; With the House refusing to approve a compromise Foreign Aid Bill, Without further cut-backs. This despite an earlier cut of nearly one billion - in the amount the President had first requested.

However, the President faring well - across Capitol Hill, Thanks to a parliamentary blitz - by Senator Long of Louisiana - who outflanked a dozen Senate liberals - with a surprise vote early today; heading off a promised liberal filibuster - and thus assuring passage of that new Social Security Bill.

ROME

A King as of yesterday - also a hero to thousands of Greeks in exile - Constantine of Greece finds himself neither today. The Monarch stripped of his crown - by the Greek military junta he tried to topple. Forced to seclude himself in Rome # against the cries of those who say he never should have recognised the junta in the first place. While back in Athens - the ruling military clique is more powerful than ever.

What next for Constantine? Hard to say. His options including a trip to Denmark - where he has been offered a place of sanctuary; or maybe a permanent base in Rome - to form a government in exile.

What next for Greece? Only time will tell.

VIETNAM

After a siege of bad flying weather - air war in Vietnam ~~is~~ was apparently marked today by renewed attack on the Hanoi area. This - according to reports from the Red capital; telling of a "massed air raid" - by U S jets. The North Vietnamese claiming to have shot down - five American planes.

Meanwhile, to the south - a truce announcement in Saigon. Allied forces saying they will limit holiday cease-fires - to a total of four days; ~~insert~~ instead of thirteen as originally suggested by the Viet Cong.

Senator Percy of Illinois - also in Saigon today. There criticizing "affluent and influential" Vietnamese - for trying to sit out the war. Said Percy: "They are going to lose their nation - unless they ~~is~~ begin to sacrifice the way any other people sacrifice."

MOSCOW

*Those four U S Navy deserters who fled to Russia -
back in the news today in Moscow. All four appearing
at the Finnish Embassy - armed with "foreigners"
passports from the Soviet Red Cross; applying for ~~visa~~
visas to visit Finland ~~via~~ enroute to Sweden.*

*When or how they plan to make the trip - still a
closely guarded secret. The why - something else again.
The Soviets having made it abundantly clear - they plan
to use the sailors strickly for propaganda purposes.*

MOSCOW

Red China's "cultural revolution" - so-called -- a complete flop; even the Chinese themselves forced to admit it - according to an article today in a Moscow trade union paper.

The article citing as evidence - figures supposedly showing ~~that~~ ^{- how} Chinese industry has failed to produce even half its quota. Transportation systems - also said to ~~have~~ have broken down; with food costs going up - and wages down.

Result - said the Soviet newspaper - a recent speech by Se Fu-Chi - Chairman of the Peking Revolutionary Committee. ^{- in which} ~~In it~~ ^{Fu-Chi is} - Se [^] quoted as saying "if this is the result of the cultural revolution - then it has indeed ~~been a complete failure~~ suffered failure."

BRUSSELS

That Nato meeting in Brussels - finally ended today,
with publication of a closing report - marking perhaps
the beginning of a new era in East-West relations.

The document called the Harmel Study - after
Belgian Prime Minister Pierre Harmel who initiated it.
In effect - a blueprint of future Nato strategy. Recognizing
the fact that the Defense Alliance - must maintain sufficient
strength to discourage aggression. Asserting though that
Nato's role - will become ~~pro~~ progressively more
important in the political field; with its chief long-range
goal ^{to make} ~~that of making~~ peace with the Soviets.

The report further pin-pointing German reunification
as "the heart of the question of a European settlement."
Suggesting, however, that even ^{is} ~~that~~ problem can be solved -
with Nations large and small working together toward peace.

ACCRA

From Accra, Ghana, a story today of black magic unintended.

The magician - Professor Hindu, ^{That's his name} according to his theater ~~and~~ billing. Selecting a young man from the audience - to take part in his greatest stunt, ~~The Professor's~~ assistant, shooting the man twice in the chest - with blanks, he said later. Whereupon the subject was placed in a make-shift grave - and covered with boards and dirt.

Half an hour later - Professor Hindu returning to the ~~grave~~ grave., planning to "resurrect" the dead man - as promised. Only trouble - he was really dead. A victim - of suffocation. ~~Landing~~ Landing the Professor and his assistant - ~~to~~ both behind bars.

SAN FRANCISCO FOLLOW ACCRA

Which brings us up to this next - from San Francisco - where a local business today offered - one of the most unusual Christmas gifts of all time.

The business in question - a funeral service with two mortuaries. Promising to ~~bury~~ bury - free-of-charge anyone who ~~dies~~ dies in San Francisco "between the hours of midnight, December fifteen, and midnight December thirty-one."

The firm's announcement explaining: "San Francisco has been good to us and this is our way to thank ~~San~~ San Francisco."

Kind of gets you - right here - doesn't it?

MEXICO CITY

The story of an almost perfect crime - comes today from Mexico City, ~~Where~~ one Luis Espiritu was walking along the street - when he came to a house where a loud party was in ~~full~~ progress; complete with rock and roll band - ~~and~~ and dozens of fruging guests.

Luis doing likewise; dancing into the house - stealing a purse containing two hundred and eighty bucks - and waltzing out again, ^{then} Half a block away ~~when he~~ stumbled ^{ing} into the arms of police.

Luis later ask^{ed} ~~ing~~: "With all that dancing - didn't anybody notice you didn't have a partner?"

Luis replying: "With today's dancing - who can tell!"

PENN STATE

Here's one - food for thought. Dairy scientists at Penn State University - today reporting discovery of a new super-feed supplement for cows: ground up newspapers and molasses, both - cheap and plentiful.

The mixture tried ~~for~~ for fifty-six days - we are told; with a test herd receiving the newspapers and the molasses - in addition to conventional corn silage. While a second control herd - was feasting on regular high quality feed supplements. At the end of the test period - no appreciable difference between the two herds.

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What'll they think of next?

Warren - and sl4-t men

~~Well, how about.~~

~~Alphabet milk?~~