

Wednesday, December 24, 1975  
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ATHENS

*The mood - within the American Intelligence*

*Community today - described as a combination of deep  
anger - frustration - and apprehension. This - following  
the assassination of the head of operations in Greece for the  
Central Intelligence Agency - Richard Welch. Within  
hours of his killing - the agency reportedly asked those  
operatives abroad - who are also known to be CIA employees  
- whether they want protection. This might include  
bodyguards - or - reassignment.*

*Security for all American diplomatic personnel*

*in Athens is said to have been tightened. At the same time,  
a Greek group calling itself "the union of officers struggling  
for the national idea" - has claimed responsibility for Welch's  
death.*

*Greek officials say it's a mystery group - never*

before heard of. But - in telephone calls to local newspapers - an anonymous spokesman for the group has vowed: "From now on - you will hear of us - often!"

The spokesman said Welch was a CIA agent - was trying to help the Greek government - and that Welch died as a result of the Worldwide magazine's article that the CIA had helped generate - against the E. S. The spokesman added: "No one is to blame for Welch's death - it is the CIA that sent him to Greece to spy and perhaps even to interfere in the affairs of the Greek government."

This - drawing a very public comment - from retiring CIA Director William Colby. The spokesman said Colby said - it is "a shocking attempt to use the death of a dedicated American - as fuel for irresponsible partisan attacks." Colby added that he was sure - "more Americans will read this official statement."

## REACTION

Here at home - the publication *Counterspy*, which first identified Welch as a CIA agent - was trying today to justify its action. *Counterspy* - stating that Welch died "as a direct result of the Worldwide hostility that the CIA has helped generate - against the U.S." The magazine adding: "If anyone is to blame for Welch's death - it is the CIA that sent him to Greece to spy and perhaps even to intervene in the affairs of the Greek government."

This - drawing a rare public comment - from retiring CIA Director William Colby. The *Counterspy* statement - he said - is "a shocking attempt to use the death of a dedicated American - as fuel for irresponsible paranoid attacks." Colby adding that he was sure - "true Americans will repudiate this cynical statement."



## VAIL

From Vail, Colorado - the winter vacation retreat of the President - came a statement from Mr. Ford today - a statement praising the Secretary of Labor - John Dunlop. Terming Dunlop "an extremely valuable member" of the cabinet - Mr. Ford - in effect - called on Secretary Dunlop - not to quit. This - followed reports Dunlop will probably resign - in protest against the President's veto of a bill that would have expanded the picketing right of building trades unions - the bill Dunlop drew up - and helped sell to Congress. Dunlop - in what's been termed - a two-week holiday cooling-off period - at his Cambridge, Massachusetts home - deciding what to do.

KISSINGER/WASHINGTON

**FORD/NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The Secretary of State - Henry Kissinger - today

*The name of Gerald Rudolf Ford has been finally, formally entered - on the Republican ballot - in the first of twenty-nine Presidential Primaries - New Hampshire.*

*The required documents and the required five-hundred-dollar candidate fee - were filed in Concord, the Capital - by Republican Congressman James Cleveland. Cleveland is serving as the President's Campaign Chief in New Hampshire.*

*Cleveland explained - that the President decided to enter the New Hampshire primary - because "it would be misinterpreted if he didn't. Cleveland - adding: That the President's "going to have to have a confrontation with Governor Ronald Reagan somewhere - and it might as well be here."*

**KISSINGER/WASHINGTON**

*The Secretary of State - Henry Kissinger - today had a few comments on the year at the United Nations. Kissinger denouncing what he termed "in many respects," the UN's contemptible irresponsibility" in recent months. Kissinger - who is thought to have objected privately to the brusque, outspoken style of UN Ambassador Daniel Moynihan - had words of public praise today for what he termed Moynihan's "new approach to the conduct of his office". But Kissinger added: "Confrontation is not an end in itself." He spoke of a blend - a blend of firmness - and conciliation.*

## **TRADE**

**Some bright year-end news for the American economy. The U.S. balance of trade in November - again in the black for the tenth straight month. The U.S. trade surplus in November, according to figures released today - One-point-One Billion; pushing the total surplus so far this year - to Ten-point-Six Billion; virtually assuring the nation - its largest annual trade surplus ever.**



**LISBON**

*The first free legislative elections in Portugal in fifty years - is to be held April Twenty-Fifth. The date set today - by Portugal's military leaders - who want to restore complete civilian rule.*



## MONTE CHINGOLO

The death toll in Argentina's bloodiest guerilla battle yet - is now set at more than one hundred. Last night - leftist guerillas attacked an Army arsenal - at Monte Chingolo, just south of the Capital - Buenos Aires. The guerillas were beaten off though - and their escape routes were sealed. Since then - they've been hunted down ~~one~~<sup>one</sup> by one. The guerillas - said to have been mostly "Sixteen or Seventeen years old" - including about ten girls.

## **BEHTLEHEM**

*At Bethlehem in Israeli-occupied Jordan - instead of shepherds standing guard by night, hundreds of Israeli troops were on patrol tonight; helping to safeguard the biggest crowd of Christmas tourists in Bethlehem - since it was captured by Israel in Nineteen-Sixty-Seven. An estimated Twenty-Five Thousand took part in the Christmas pageantry - culminating in a Midnight Mass at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.*

*The last of more than Eight Million Holy Year pilgrims - tonight witnessed the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Officiating at the ceremony, Pope Paul. The Holy Door to remain closed for Twenty-Five years - till the next Holy Year in the year Two Thousand.*

*Pope Paul celebrated an outdoor Christmas Eve Mass - in St. Peter's Square; the first ever - by a modern Pope. The ceremony was beamed to more than Three Hundred*

**BETHLEHEM - 2**

Christmas Day  
December 25, 1973, Thursday  
Jerry Landay

**Million people in forty nations - right around the globe.**

**From vacationing Lowell Thomas - and me - warmest wishes - for the best Holiday season ever.**

**I'm Jerry Landay - CBS News.**