Wednesday, December 24, 1975 Jerry Landay

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.

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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 itresponsible paranoic 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 the to make decompositation with home - deciding what to dc.

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The name of Gerald Rudolf Ford has been finally, formally entered - on the Republican ballot - in the first allowing or demanning and as incord the many respected. of twenty-nine Presidential Primaries - New Hampshire. the LN's contenant ble consecuessifier on Press brantha The required documents and the required five-hundred-dollar Revelect who is thereas so have adjusted estimately to the candidate fee - were filed in Concord, the Capital - by brusqua, antepaken style of UN Ambayseday Daniel Hornitan Republican Congressman James Cleveland. Cleveland is serving as the President's Campaign Chief in New Hampshire. Marrishan's Twen approach to the pundles of any strong the Bas Cleveland explained - that the President decided to Excellences added "Conferniation is not as and in a 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."

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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 farthis year - to Ten-point-Six Billion; virtually assuring the nation - its largest annual trade surplus ever.

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The first free ligislative 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.

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The death toll is 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 by one. The guerillas - said to have been mostly "Sixteen or Seventeen years old" - including about ten girls.

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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.

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