

BOMBINGS

Fri. Dec 12 - '69,

Three bomb explosions brought death and ~~loss~~ destruction to ~~the Italian cities of~~ Rome and Milan today. At least thirteen killed in Milan and more than a hundred wounded in both cities. The explosions - yet unexplained - ~~occurred twice~~ ^{included two} in Rome, and ~~once~~ in Milan. ^{Three} ~~hundred~~ ^{hundred} miles to the north. All ~~happened~~ ^{three} during the evening rush hour - sending thousands of Christmas shoppers screaming through the streets. The

was ^{thirteen} worst blast ^{at} a bank in Milan where ~~thousands~~ were ~~killed~~ ^{bank} in the waiting room, ^{and some} ninety ~~were~~ injured.

~~in Milan~~ At least fourteen ^{were injured} ~~were~~ in Rome where ^{one of} the

^{occured} explosions ^{only} a few ^{yards} ~~feet~~ from the ancient Roman

Forum and ^{the other} in a bank on the Via Veneto. First reports

mention no motive for the bombings, ^{but there has been} ~~which came during~~

^{much} labor and student unrest; plaguing Italy for weeks.

[^] P On this side of the Atlantic, San Juan, Puerto Rico was rocked by a new

wave of anti-American bombings last night and early today.

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~~only~~ One person was reported injured, ~~in~~ The explosions were

at six major ~~tourist~~ hotels, ~~including~~ the San Jeronimo

Hilton, The Sheraton, ^{The} Howard Johnson, Nabor Lodge, The

Racquet

~~Exposed~~ Club, and The Americana.

^{Damage not heavy!}
~~Police estimate damage~~

~~of about fourteen thousand dollars.~~ Only last September

a Woolworth store ^{in San Juan} was fire-bombed, causing more than

~~exhibition~~ a million dollars ⁱⁿ damage. Just before today's

explosions ~~began~~, two armed men invaded ^{San Juan} a suburban

radio station and forced ~~and~~ disc jockey ~~there~~ to broadcast

an anti-American recording. ~~has~~ The Terrorist bombings

which began two years ago - have been ~~consistently~~

aimed at American interests on the island.

VIOLENCE

In its final report to President Nixon, the National Violence commission says that domestic strife so threatens ~~America~~ ^{our own land} that an extra twenty million dollars must be spent for ~~the~~ ^{such} general welfare, ~~such~~ as homes, jobs, education. The commission - headed by Dr. Milton Eisenhower - says this should be the first order of business once the Vietnam War ~~number~~ ends.

Also in Washington, the President ^{was} ~~asked~~ ^{asked} ~~Congress~~ Congress for nearly five million dollars, for a program that would triple the size of the White House police force. The ~~extra~~ ^{to} extra men ~~would~~ be used mostly to protect foreign diplomatic missions which, the President says, are targets for an "inordinate number of crimes and disturbances."

The Justice Department has decided to conduct a preliminary investigation into the recent shoot-out in which two black panthers were killed by Chicago police.

And the State Department ~~also~~ reveals that fugitive Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver is reported to have requested an American passport, perhaps to enable him to return to the United States from Algiers. Cleaver faces a federal charge in connection with a gun battle with police in Oakland, California, last year.

Unrest continues tonight among some ~~black~~ Black Panther students in the college community. Sixty students -- the entire negro enrollment at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, says they're withdrawing from school - to protest the suspension of those who took part in a campus demonstration. At Harvard ~~University~~, eighty-seven black students were ~~suspended~~ suspended because they took over the faculty club and another building to ~~protest~~ protest employment practices; and, at Purchase, New York, eighteen black students ~~have been~~ staging a sit-in-at Manhattanville College, ~~are~~ ^{are} demand^{ing} ~~for~~ an increase in negro enrollment and faculty.

AGNEW

Vice President Spiro Agnew delivered another speech today, one sounding a great deal like it might be the Republican platform for next year's state and congressional elections. Speaking before a meeting of Republican governors at Hot Springs, Arkansas, he charged the Democratic - controlled Congress with "irresponsible tinkering" and inaction on the administration's legislative program. Agnew accused the Senate of converting the tax reform bill into what he called, a "Rube Goldberg toy, that could cost the ~~Government~~ Treasury almost nine billion dollars a year. The measure says the Vice President - will be vetoed by the President unless re-written in conference committee.

PRISONERS

President Nixon says he'll do everything possible to arrange the release of American war prisoners - now held by North Vietnam and the Viet Cong - even before the war is settled. The President made this promise after he and Mrs. ~~Richard Nixon~~ Nixon conferred for nearly an hour with twenty-six wives and mothers of Americans listed as prisoners or missing in action. The President said the enemy's record of ^(war prisoner) treatment ~~of prisoners~~ is "one of the most unconscionable in the history of warfare."

MAXIS

The maxi - the nearly floor length coat has come into its own with the nation's fashion fad-conscious women. ^{we hear} The maxi coat ^{is} everywhere ^{and} getting caught in revolving doors, ^{and} sweeping ~~along the~~ sidewalks ^{and} tripping ~~its~~ ^{it} wearers, ~~and often others in the immediate~~

~~vicinity~~ ~~And~~ Some department stores post warnings beside escalators -- reading - "to avoid hangups we suggest ~~that~~ ladies wearing maxis lift them demurely before boarding the escalator."

Trouble is, says one safety director, only great grandma knew how to manage this type of outer garment ^{by} ~~such as~~ always keeping one hand free to lift ^{it - and} ~~the coat for a curb or a puddle and~~ ~~to~~ do it gracefully. ~~And what about cleaning problems?~~

A New York bus driver, asked why the floor of his bus always looked so clean, answered this way - "I wait until enough maxi coats are aboard - then I tell them all to move back to the rear of the bus." "In that way," he says I clean the bus floor, ^{the greater hazard, however} ~~between~~ ^{Wonders} ~~Wonders~~ which is ^{the mini or the maxi}

MAIL

If, by now, you haven't mailed at least ten Christmas items like cards and packages - then you're definitely behind schedule. Before the ~~the~~ Yuletide holidays are over, an average of forty pieces of Christmas mail will have been posted for every man, woman and child in the United States - and that comes to eight billion cards and packages. The Post Office says the biggest deluge comes this weekend - and anything mailed after Monday may not get to the addressee before Christmas. ~~In order to speed the tempo of~~ postal operations, local post masters are ~~are~~ urged to show some originality - like the Baltimore Post Master who brought a fleet of Good Humor ice cream trucks out of their winter mothballs - and put them to work picking ~~up~~ up mail at suburban shopping ~~centers~~ centers.