

Nigerians staged a victory celebration in the streets of Lagos today - and at one point police had to use tear gas to disperse a large crowd marching on the Roman Catholic Secretariate after the government had accused Pope Paul of being "mischievous and provocative." The Pope caused some displeasure in Lagos yesterday when he expressed fears that the notorious Nigerian troops would massacre the Biafra's Ibo tribesmen who are mostly Christians. At the same time, Nigeria's Chief of State - General Gowon - appeared luke warm to the free world's plan for a massive relief program to help victims of the two-and-a-half year civil war. Still, he did give the British permission to fly in ten tons of medical supplies. Gowon claims Nigeria already has tons of relief goods stock piled in Lagos, ready for distribution.

## SWEDEN

*The Swedish government says it will give Communists North Vietnam a total of forty-five million dollars in aid and long term credits during the next three years. The announcement was made in presenting a record budget of nearly nine billion dollars to the Swedish Parliament. Sweden's plan to give North Vietnam financial aid has drawn sharp criticism from official Washington.*

*In Canberra, Australia, a group of anti-war protesters - waving North Vietnamese flags - shouted "Go home Spiro" to Vice President Agnew <sup>even</sup> ~~λ~~ hurling ripe tomatoes at his car as he placed a wreath on the Australian war memorial. But police say only forty demonstrators were at the memorial - and that a scheduled massive protest failed to materialize. In Washington, Senator William Fulbright turned loose a scathing verbal attack on Agnew - calling him "a smart Alec... . who <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ getting himself and others in trouble . . . . . making promises he can't fulfill." Without referring to any particular country, Fulbright said Agnew was trying to extend American commitments to Asia, in contradiction to a resolution passed by the Senate last year.*

## PLANES

*Two aerial crashes reported - one a Polynesian Airlines plane with thirty-three aboard, crashed in a rain storm after taking off from an airfield in Western Samoa. Officials say there are "no indications of survivors."*

*In South America, a Peruvian Fawcett Airlines plane with twenty-eight aboard is reported missing and feared down in the towering Andes, a range that goes up to heights of twenty thousand feet and beyond.*

## **FIRE**

*A disastrous fire destroyed the Gold Rush Motel in Anchorage, Alaska - the fire breaking out with the temperature at five below. The pre-dawn blaze on Northern Lights Boulevard just south of the city, caused the death of at least one and fourteen are listed missing. Another sixteen guests injured - some jumping three stories to the ground. Those injured include Manager Ed Grove and his wife who jumped from an upper floor. When the blaze broke out - cause unknown - night clerk Don Chochran dashed through the frame building arousing all guests.*

After thirty-three years of marriage to the man who gave up a throne for her, the Dutchess of Windsor thinks her husband's two worst habits are smoking and golf. She also thinks the Duke has picked up a slight American accent; from her. All that aside, the American born Dutchess says that back when she first met the Duke, she thought he was very much "with it" and ahead of his time. The seventy-five year old Duke and his wife - now seventy-three - revealed these and some other private thoughts today in a British television interview. When asked what he thought of mini skirts, the Duke chimed in - "some of them are too mini - but, if they've got good underpinning, I think it's alright for the young." The Duke always did have an eye for the ladies -- and why not.

## SPACE

*Space agency chief Thomas Paine says he's "stretching out" the U S Space Program and reducing employment by fifty thousand persons because of what he calls, "fairly stringent" budget cuts ordered by President Nixon. However, despite these cuts, Paine says "we can live with the fiscal Nineteen Seventy-One budget without sacrificing the strong teams that sent men to explore the moon."*

# SCHOOLS

Three Federal Judges in Washington have ordered the U S. government to discontinue tax exemptions for all <sup>the</sup> <sup>new</sup> white private schools ~~which are~~ <sup>now</sup> springing up in Mississippi - to avoid compliance with integration rulings. The suit was brought by the NAACP on behalf of a group of Mississippi parents - who claimed ~~ed~~ the tax exemption ruling - as applied to segregated private schools - violates their constitutional rights.



## AVIATRIX

*Mrs. Blanche Stuart Scott - America's first woman pilot - is dead in Rochester, New York, at the age of eighty-four. It was back in Nineteen Ten when Mrs. Scott had her first meeting with an airplane - and it happened while she was in the process of becoming the first woman to drive an automobile across the United States. Touring across the continent from one Willys Overland dealer to another, she got bogged down in a traffic jam in Dayton, Ohio - a tieup caused by a flying exhibition at Wright Field. Even though she had previously ridiculed the idea of flying, later that same year, Nineteen Ten, Mrs. Scott made her first solo flight in a Curtiss Pusher over Hammondsport, New York.*

## COFFEE

The government of Brazil has suspended a campaign to get more Brazilians to drink coffee - and for a ~~very~~ good reason. A damaging frost ~~that~~ created a coffee shortage in the country. <sup>So</sup> The "drink more coffee" campaign in Brazil began a year ago - when somebody noticed that even though the Brazilian population was increasing by more than three percent - consumption of the national beverage was increasing by only one percent.

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The president of the International Kite Flyers Association - sixty-one year-old Will Yolen - has a happy motto which reads - "Nobody hates a kite flyer." Yolen, a retired editor, is preparing for a world championship kite tournament at Sarasota, Florida on January seventeenth - the week of Benjamin Franklin's birthday. He'll be out to break the long distance record for kite flying - distance meaning the length of line played out with the kite aloft. ~~The official record is a tough one - five miles.~~ Yolen hails from Norwalk, Connecticut and over the years he <sup>has</sup> flown kites with Maharajahs, Ambassadors - and youngsters <sup>too -</sup> the world over. He's also tremendously popular <sup>John Shafer -</sup> so much so that probably no one has ever told him to "go fly a kite."

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## **FRUIT**

*State Senator Frank Vann has introduced in the Georgia legislature a bill to make it illegal for a man to gather fruit that falls into his yard from a neighbor's tree. The measure provides that the produce from a tree remains the property of the owner of the land upon which the tree is located. Ah - but the bill fails to say whether the tree owner will be trespassing if he tries to claim the fruit.*

CONTRACT

Some seven thousand employees of three food market chains in Philadelphia have a new union contract today - one that calls for, among other things, maternity benefits for unwed mothers. Asked about this, union president Wendell Young said the maternity provision was included because <sup>said he: "Don't</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> have to keep our hippies and flower children happy?" Well - S-l -