

LAGOS

Thurs, Jan. 15-70

At Lagos, capital of Nigeria - the final act today. With a delegation of five Biafran leaders signing an official armistice. ~~and~~ Pledging their total loyalty to the federal government of Nigeria in return for a promise of complete amnesty. Ending at last a two-and-a-half year rebellion - that ~~has~~ cost the lives of an estimated two million.

Now begins - another battle; the battle against wide spread starvation that ^(threatens) ~~threatens~~ anywhere from ~~to~~ three to five million. Both sides ^{are now reported} ~~are~~ working together ^{in an} ~~attempting~~ to channel relief supplies into the areas where they are needed most. A giant task ~~expected~~ to be supported mainly by the U S, Britain, the International Red Cross, and the United Nations.

ATLANTA

In cities and towns ~~clear~~ across the country millions of Americans paused in tribute today. In public and in private - each in his own way marking the forty-first anniversary of the birth of the late ~~Mr~~ Dr.

He was that young.
Martin Luther King. The day's salute including a resolution passed ~~by~~ by the Georgia House - in Doctor King's native Atlanta. A privileged resolution -

officially commemorating his birthday. ^{State} Representatives Ben Brown - who sponsored the measure - observing that "many people disagreed" with the slain civil rights leader, ^{but} ~~he~~ added, ~~however,~~ that Dr. King "brought good to humanity - and pride and dignity to this area."

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - the mounting pace of war this past week - ~~was~~^{is} reflected ~~today~~ in casualty figures on both sides. The toll of American dead was set at ninety-eight -- highest in more than a month. South Vietnam losses also showing a sharp increase - ~~totalling~~^{up to} four hundred, ~~with~~^{with} enemy losses ~~were jumping to more than~~^{estimated at over} twenty-five-hundred.

At the same time, ~~a~~^{comes} report ~~today~~^{of} large quantities of war supplies ~~are~~ reaching the Viet Cong through seaports in nominally neutral Cambodia. One of these ports said to be Sihanoukville - ~~which was~~^{a port} built, ironically, with American help.

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - another ~~effort~~
effort to get the ball rolling, ~~again~~. America's Philip
Habib telling the Communist side - quote; "the continuation
of sterile plenary sessions - does not serve the cause
of a negotiated settlement.!" Habib ~~going on from there~~
~~same as last time~~ - urging the start of semi-secret
talks to permit ~~some~~ serious bargaining. He admitted
later though - "We didn't succeed."

Along the way - Habib also raised again
the question of Hanoi's treatment of American prisoners
of war. But that too, they refused even to discuss -
said he.

AUCKLAND

~~For~~ Vice President ~~Spive~~ Agnew ~~visit~~
~~today~~ ^{at} Auckland, New Zealand; where his arrival
sparked a brief battle between police and anti-war
demonstrators. The fracas ending quickly - with ten
arrests. Later on, ^{the} ~~Spive~~ Agnew's presence sparked
the noisiest demonstration ^{he has encountered} ~~yet~~ on his current Asian
tour. With a crowd of about a hundred and fifty
demonstrators - gathering outside the Vice President's
hotel. Chanting over and over again - "peace! peace!
peace!" - deep into the night.

As it turned out though - the Vice President's
suite was high up on the opposite side of the building ^{where}
He couldn't hear the demonstrators. - ~~but~~ They were
~~nevertheless~~ dispersed, finally, in deference to other
guests.

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - that hearing on "the pill" part two today. Dr. Roy Hertz of Rockefeller University taking the stand; warning that thousands of ~~m~~ women are risking breast cancer by taking oral contraceptives over periods of years. The estrogens in such pills "are to breast cancer" - said he - "what fertilizer is to a weed crop."

Reverse side - from Dr. Robert Kistner of Harvard Medical School, who insisted that "the pill" - is relatively safe. "It is not as safe as continen^{ce}" ~~as said he~~ "but it is safer than pregnancy." And, he added - that "one cigarette is three times as dangerous to life - as one ^{of these} pills." Dr. Kistner later went on to say - that he and Dr. Hertz had "been arguing about this for ten years." ~~The Doctor explaining:~~ ^{Adding:-} "I can't prove he's wrong - and he can't prove I'm wrong."

WASHINGTON

~~Washington again. Pat Nixon officially~~

~~christened today -~~ America's first jumbo jet ^{christened} ~~The~~
today by the

^ First Lady; splashing red, white and blue water - on

9 a Boeing 747. ^{Pat Nixon} ~~she~~ formally dubbed "The Young America,"

~~is~~ a Pan Am clipper capable of carrying up to four

hundred and ninety passengers; scheduled to make its

first commercial flight next week - ~~from~~ New York to

London.

GEOLOGICAL

A meeting of ~~world wide water~~ scientists -
~~held recently~~ in Paris under the auspices of the United
Nations; ~~Projects~~ ^{to} discussed ~~including~~ ^{a vast} a plan to divert
Canadian water ~~systems~~ southward into the U S;
~~thereby~~ ^{to} hopefully irrigating ~~the~~ vast acres ^{area of} ~~of present~~
wasteland. Also ^{discussing ways} ~~a plan~~ to reverse the river systems
of Siberia ^{and do likewise} ~~to achieve a like result~~ in Asia.

~~Now~~ ^{One} dissenting voice. ~~That of~~ Dr.

Raymond Nace ^{is} of the U S Geological Survey, ~~who~~

warns that such projects could well affect the Earth's

spin and thus cause a ^{vast worldwide} calamity. ~~The project principle~~

- "same as ~~that~~ ~~that~~ of a car wheel: says Dr. Nace.

~~Adding:~~ "If one moves a small weight around the rim -

it will throw the entire wheel out of balance."

The doctor further asserts -- it's impossible
to predict accurately the outcome of such man-made

experiments; for the simple reason - ~~said he~~ ^{that} - "we ^{really}
don't ^{yet} ~~even~~ know ~~yet~~ what's happening in nature."

PHILADELPHIA

From Philadelphia - the story today of a young New York couple -- visiting the "city of Brotherly Love" for the first time. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steiner and their two children spotting a trolley car - ~~the~~ first they had ever seen. ^{the} Mrs.

~~Steiner~~ and the youngsters deciding to take ~~on~~ a ride - ^{Papa} ~~Mr. Steiner~~ following ~~behind~~ in his car, ~~And~~ when the trolley ~~the~~ suddenly went under ground. The young husband watching helplessly - as ~~the~~ his wife and two children disappeared into ^{the} a tunnel. ~~Two~~ Hours later - thanks to ^{the} police - the family ~~was~~ ^{the} ~~once~~ ^{indomitable Philly} ~~again~~ reunited. ~~And Mrs. Steiner was heard to remark:~~ ^{Said the Mother}
"I'll take a bus from now on."

KNOXVILLE

Turning to medicine again - the subject of L-dopa is again in the news today. L-dopa - as you know - a drug ~~used~~ used experimentally in the treatment of Parkinson's disease. According to one report yesterday - a drug that also serves as something of a sex ~~stimulant~~ stimulant according to another report a drug that further serves to improve memories dramatically.

~~Now this~~ Dr. Madison Cawein of the University of Tennessee - attempting to put ~~it~~ ^{Matters} in proper perspective, ^S suggesting that the apparent rejuvenation - ^{sudden sex awareness} of Parkinson's disease victims - can be attributed to a "general re-awakening-a return to awareness" - when these sick people are freed at last from their affliction. The doctor asserting, in effect, that once cured ^{Warren} ~~λ~~ they suddenly remember what ~~was~~ they've been missing all these years.

CENSUS

From Poland to the Pacific -- from Vladivostok to Tashkent - the Soviet Union ^{a-swarm} ~~was crawling~~ today with census takers. A quarter of a million in all, setting out on a population check - the first in Russia in more than a decade. They're also asking a number of questions -- supposedly aimed at giving - "patent proof of Communism's "unchallengeable superiority over the capital^{ist} system;" though how, we are not told.

By the way, the census is being undertaken in the dead of winter - for one main reason says the Kremlin. It's the one time of year - ~~is~~ when most Russians are most likely to be in when the census taker comes to call; the time of year - when nobody strays ~~is~~ far from hearth and home, if he can help it.