

Wed. Dec. 4 - '74.

COLOMBO

At Colombo, Sri Lanka - which ^{most of us still call} ~~used to be~~ Ceylon -

^{another} tragic plane crash; ^{This one} ~~that of~~ a chartered Dutch jet - with

a hundred-and-eighty-nine aboard. Witnesses saying the

plane burst into flames - just before it hit. First reports

- indicating few if any survivors. The passengers, ~~by the~~

~~all~~ all Moslems from Indonesia, - making a pilgrimage to

Mecca.

GAS

The cost of natural gas - going up - again. The Federal Power Commission today approving a price increase - from Forty-Two to Fifty Cents per thousand cubic feet. The FPC saying this "is necessary - to induce expanded exploration" and thereby boost future production.

Elsewhere on the energy front, another suggestion today that a gasoline tax hike - may be in the offing. The White House noting, ^{that} ~~however~~ the President is opposed, ~~to such a law, and~~, indeed, ^{he} has said there will be none - as long as he remains in ^{office,} ~~the White House.~~

DETROIT

Detroit - a report today telling of a thirty-five per cent drop - in new car sales last month; the worst November - in fifteen years.

On the brighter side, a report that the nation's striking coal miners - have ratified their proposed new contract. Nothing official; ~~as yet~~ But a union source saying: "It definitely has passed ^{and} they're already celebrating in Washington."

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ECONOMY FOLLOW DETROIT

~~Monroe~~ The President's two chief economic
advisers ~~holding a news conference in Washington,~~ ^{today were} saying
~~there has been a "very significant increase" in the past~~
~~month in the number of unemployed. But they add that~~
^{that} inflation ~~does~~ ^s appear to be easing.

ROCKY

~~Nelson Rockefeller's brother Laurence was again a~~
~~witness today - in confirmation hearings~~ Before the House
Judiciary Committee, ^{today was} Laurence Rockefeller [^] saying that
none of the Rockefellers "will receive anything special or
extra" - should his brother be confirmed. ^{He also told the} ~~as Vice President,~~
~~also engaging in a brief debate with Congressman Waldie~~
~~of California - over the belaboring of family ties.~~

~~Laurence Rockefeller saying, at one point, the~~
committee ^{it} [^] already has more information on his brother ~~than~~
^{on} " ^{at any time} any other living American in history." ~~Waldie~~
relying. ~~"There's so much we don't have." Whereupon~~
~~Laurence saying: "Whatever it is - I can't imagine."~~

EARTH ORBIT

~~These two~~ Soviet cosmonauts in earth orbit -
were putting their spaceship through ~~a series of~~ ^{complicated} maneuvers
today, ^{In an} ~~attempting~~ ^{and then a docking,} to simulate a rendezvous ^λ with a U.S.
spacecraft; and ~~they~~ did it apparently - with little or no
trouble. ~~This, of course,~~ Another step in getting ready
for the joint ~~U.S. and Russian~~ space mission ~~planned for~~
next July.

WATERGATE

Former White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman -
~~was continuing his testimony today~~ ^{today} in the Watergate ~~cover up~~
trial; ^{admitt^{ed}} ~~ing~~ that ~~the~~ President Nixon once offered to put
up Three Hundred Thousand - to help pay the legal expenses
of both Haldeman and ~~John~~ Ehrlichman. The witness insisting
~~however~~ - they both said no.

WINDER

Police and cattle dealers throughout the Southeast - were ordered to be on the lookout today for a gang of Twentieth Century rustlers; also, a herd of about a hundred and twenty Holstein^s ~~cows~~ ~~they just stole~~ⁿ from a ~~remote~~ pasture near Winder, Georgia.)

~~This is~~ **B**iggest livestock haul ⁿ in recent Georgia history. The rustlers using jeeps, motorcycles and trucks - to round up the cows and cart them off. In the words of the local sheriff - ~~certainly~~["] a well-planned, big-time operation."

ROME

Three of Italy's four biggest ^{labor} unions - today called
a one-day nationwide general strike. The walkout idling
an estimated seventy per cent - of Italy's total labor
force; some for ^{just a few} minutes - but others for ~~the full~~ twenty-
four hours. The unions seeking new job guarantees -
higher cost-of-living allowances - and bigger pensions.

MOSCOW

~~From~~ The Soviet Literary Gazette ~~a blast~~ today
at what are sometimes called, in this country, "the
~~culture cultives.~~" ^{stated} The Gazette ~~says~~ that millions of
Russians are buying books - not to read, but simply to
show off on their bookshelves; thus, creating a shortage
of books - and depriving their fellow citizens of one of
life's greatest pleasures.

The Russian newspaper ~~further~~ ^{ed} suggesting a mandatory
literary test - for would-be book buyers. ~~Those who fail -~~
~~to be redirected immediately to the nearest public library.~~

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WASHINGTON

Washington again - the presentation of the annual Rockefeller Public Service Awards. Five government administrators - receiving Ten Thousand each; with President Ford - performing the honors; calling this year's recipients ^{The} best in a long line of "unsung millions who work in government."

The President also noted that "sometimes the pace" of the Federal bureaucracy - appears to be "a little too slow. But he added: "When you consider the complexity and sensitivity of modern government - the question is not 'why does government move so slowly?' - but 'how does it move at all?'"

At any rate here again we have the Rockefellers giving away their money.
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