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Lake Placid

NIXON

President-elect Nixon tomorrow will end his vacation at Key Biscayne, Florida, and fly to California to be on hand for the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena on New Years' Day - to see Ohio State try to keep Orange Juice Simpson from making more touchdowns. While in California he'll also be honored at a birthday celebration in his boyhood hometown of Whittier. Then East again on January 3rd, with a stop-over in Chicago to attend a dinner.

MID-EAST

A dangerous new crisis is boiling up in the Middle East tonight - following the Israeli commando attack which destroyed thirteen Arab commercial aircraft at the Beirut airport. The government of Lebanon, in a swift reaction, pledges to support what is called, "the sacred Arab commando" operation. Top guerrilla spokesmen among the Arabs vow to intensify attacks of revenge on Israel. According to reports from both sides, at least six towns and border settlements, occupied by the Israelis, have already come under heavy artillery fire. And in Gaza authorities have rounded up at least thirty Arab guerrillas. Israeli Defense Minister, Moshe Dayan, calls the attack against Beirut's airport - "a new dimension in Israeli's deterrent policy."

In New York, the U N Security Council is expected to condemn the Israeli action after ~~an~~ resuming

debate later tonight. The United States was among the first to deplore the Beirut airport raid in retaliation for the Arab attack on the Israeli airliner at Athens. In Moscow the government newspaper Izvestia called on the U N to use its authority to make Israel accept the U N decision in the Middle East. And in Washington it was learned that the State Department has approached several U S airlines, asking them to help the Lebanese government get its airlines back into operation again.

VIET NAM

Again today the South Vietnamese refused to budge from their position at the Peace Talks in Paris. They charged that the Communist North Vietnamese had come to Paris, "only to extend their war of subversion on the diplomatic front in a foreign country." They termed demands for recognition of the Viet Cong "inadmissible", said they boiled down to an effort to install a cabinet - that would be nothing more than a transition leading to a Communist government.

In the fighting, a Communist New Year's truce began today in South Vietnam but was broken within hours by the Viet Cong. So Allied guns continued their fire and American bombers pounded enemy positions near the Cambodian border.

EMBASSY

An angry crowd of Hindus and Tibetan refugees stormed the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi today - clashing with both Embassy officials and police. The violence began as a protest against the police. The arrest of an Indian editor by Chinese border police touched off the demonstration which was led by a member of the Indian Parliament who was arrested along with some two hundred other demonstrators.

The Norwegian who guided the United Nations through its first seven years - Trygve Lie - died today at a mountain resort in Norway - apparently of a heart attack. He was seventy-two. Trygve Lie, well known in this country served as the first U N Secretary-General, from '46 to '53, then resigned after a dispute with the Russians over the U N's role in the Korean War, Red China's admission to the U N, and other matters.

EXPLORER

In 1871 - six years after the Civil War - Charles Francis Hall led an expedition to the Far North, hoping to reach the Pole. His ship, the "Polaris", did enter the ice pack of the Polar Sea, where a few days later, he became ill after drinking a cup of coffee - then died two weeks later. An official Navy investigation said that Hall, the explorer - industrialist died naturally.

However, a Dartmouth English Professor - Chauncey Lumas - says new medical evidence indicates Hall was murdered by arsenic poison, probably because the ship's personnel was "torn by extreme tensions." Lumas, who is writing Hall's biography says - "in the close atmosphere of a wintered-in ship, even mild dislike of one person for another, could be intensified to the point of violence."

DRUG

A twenty-four year old woman - who was told she might have a multiple birth if she took a fertility drug - and was more than happy to take the risk - is in a London maternity hospital tonight. According to her doctor she's awaiting anything from quadruplets to sextuplets. One physician told Mrs. Ann Randolph, wife of an art teacher, that "x-rays do show four and perhaps more."

SPACE

One of our space scientists - Dr. George Muller - believes we should start now, developing a two-way transportation system between earth and manufacturing plants out there in space. Muller, along with other scientists, agrees that space platforms in orbit would be ideal for looking at the stars and planets - also as vantage points to survey the earth's resources, also the weather, and to control air and space traffic. However, says Prof. Muller - space platforms could also be used for factories. In space, for instance, it would be easier to manufacture a flawless telescope lens, without the distorting effect of gravity. That being only one of the wonders ~~of~~ to be performed in the weightlessness of space.

Warren, how would you like to be assigned to the job of controlling traffic in space?

CLIMBERS

At least two groups of mountain climbers hope to ring in the New Year atop thirteen thousand foot Grand Teton in Wyoming. One party led by sixty-one year old Paul Petzoldt of Casper is heading the assault. Last year Paul and his team reached within seven hundred feet of the summit, where they were driven back by one hundred mile an hour winds.

I'm going to try and get my ski pals, Mo Disten, Bruce Fenn, Jack Sawyer and John Clair to join me on a similiar assault on Mt. Marcy, highest peak in the Adirondacks, tomorrow night. Want to join us?

And, so long until tomorrow!