

VIETNAM

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Vice President ~~Spive~~ ^{today} Agnew went ~~forward~~
into the ^{combat} ~~command~~ zone in Vietnam ~~today~~ -- paying a
New Years visit to American troops at two artillery
camps ~~located~~ on the Communist infiltration route from
Cambodia. One base reported ~~the~~ Viet Cong attacks only
a mile away ^{shortly before V. Pres.} ~~less than two hours before~~ Agnew arrived. -
~~but nothing happened during his visit.~~ He was given
^{after a rousing} ~~a cheering~~ welcome by G I's at both camps, Over a
microphone he told them: - "don't let anybody tell you
people back home aren't with you. / - Don't be mislead
by what you read in certain publications. - ^{That} ~~it~~ just doesn't
reflect the feeling of the American people about the
job you're doing." But the Vice President avoided any
direct answers to one question some soldiers repeatedly
asked; ~~time~~. When are we going home? He told one G I
^{for} "I hope you sake you'll be out soon - but ^{he added,} I don't know
what soon means."

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~~He had flown~~
Agnew ~~should have~~ flew to Saigon [^] from Manila. --

~~and Tomorrow he flies to Formosa. -- the next stop on~~
~~his eleven nation tour of Asia.~~

The Viet Cong New Year ~~of~~ cease fire has expired - and both sides ^{are again locked in the} ~~war zone~~ ^{that is} now in its tenth year. The Hanoi radio broadcast an appeal to Communist forces in the South - urging them to fight on until the last American leaves the war zone.

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Eighty-six Americans ^{were} killed ~~in the war~~ last week -- ~~twenty more than the previous week~~ -- sending the toll for nine years of ~~the~~ fighting ^{beyond} ~~past~~ the forty thousand mark. American ~~the~~ spokesmen place over-all Communist losses at ^{some} ~~nearly~~ six hundred thousand. ~~total~~

Allied military sources say a South Vietnamese war plane opened ^{fire} on an American spotter plane today over the Cambodian border. Witnesses ^{SAY} the war plane definitely carried South Vietnamese markings. The spotter plane was not hit by the fire.

are said to have
Arab guerrillas, launched forty separate

attacks against Israel today, concentrating on a
seven mile stretch of the Jordan Valley. The assaults

included one against ~~At Maghbas~~, the traditional ~~baptism~~

site of Jesus ^{where was baptised by John the Baptist.} The Arabs ~~also~~ accused the Israelis of

using poison gas in the Jordan Valley fighting, ~~but~~

~~spokesmen in Tel Aviv say~~ ^{it isn't so!} ~~the charge is totally un-~~

~~founded founded.~~

Paris insists that

~~The French government says~~ Israel's ~~chief~~

chief arms buyer in Europe ~~must~~ ^{from Paris} be recalled, because

of the part he played in ~~landings~~ ^{get those} helping five gun boats

escape to Israel. ^{The Israeli's name is} ~~The arms buyer~~ Admiral Mordechai

Limon. ^{He it was who} signed the contract which ~~is~~ allegedly gave

up all Israeli claims to the five gun boats ~~which~~ ^{not} ~~safely~~

^{now at} ~~reached~~ Hafia, ~~yesterday~~. Limon - a Columbia University

graduate commanded the ~~famed~~ Palestinian Refugee boat

"Exodus" -- celebrated in the Leon Uris novel of the

same ~~no~~ name.

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POPE

In a New Year's ~~speech~~^{address} Pope ~~Pius~~^{the} warned
of ~~the~~ increasing danger of a world war ~~to~~ which
could destroy mankind. He also denounced ~~the~~^{powerful}
nations which, he ~~said~~^{says} trade arms to poor nations
which need plows, schools, and hospitals instead.
"Peace is no utopia," said the Pope, "it is demanded
by the ~~evolution~~ evolution of civilization and by the
Damoclian sword of an increasingly possible terror
hanging over our heads."

FITZGERALD

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The Justice Department says it will give prompt attention to a ~~ex~~ review of what has become known in Washington as "the Fitzgerald affair." Ernest Fitzgerald you'll remember was the Air Force Deputy Secretary who lost his job after telling a Senate Committee that two billion dollars was wasted in producing the C-5-A cargo plane. ^{Senate} ~~Now~~ Committee Chairman ~~William~~ Praxmire of Wisconsin wants the Justice Department to determine whether Fitzgerald's dismissal violated a law that makes it a crime to interfere with a Senate witness. The Air Force has already conducted its own review of the case, but Praxmire says it seems strange that no one bothered to interview Fitzgerald himself in the inquiry. As Praxmire puts it -- "this matter is getting curiozier and curiozier, all the time."

NIXON

President Nixon - at the western White

House in San Clemente - made a New Year's resolution; -

"resolved that the decade of the seventies be dedicated to wiping out the problem of pollution." "It is literally now, or never," he warns. His first official act of Nineteen Seventy was to sign a bill, creating a three member council to work within the office of the President to attack pollution ~~now~~ on an all-out scale. Many areas in California and throughout the nation, says the President will be unfit to live in unless "we move on the problem now."

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CLIMBERS

Mountain climber Paul Petzoldt and ten fellow climbers were beaten back again in their New Year's Eve attempt to reach the summit of thirteen thousand foot Grand Teton in Wyoming. "The winds just blew ~~the snow~~ right off," ^{So} Petzoldt radioed ranger headquarters after the effort failed for the fifth time in ~~the past five New Year's Eves.~~

GENE

During the week between Christmas and New Year's in Nineteen Sixty-Five -- although it seems much longer -- one of my associates left us. She was a Boston girl who had come to New York all set for a theatrical career with Ziegfeld. But her New England background somehow propelled her into the world of journalism, and after some years as assistant to a top editor, John O'Hara Cosgrave, and his successor, Paul Palmer, upon the demise of the famous New York World, she joined me, and for more than three decades helped make this broadcast possible.

Now, at the same season, almost to the day, four years later, it has happened again. This time, my CBS engineer, who had been putting me on the air for two decades. The passing of Gene Nicks is far far more than a personal loss. In the neighborhood where we both for all these years have made our home he came

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near being the irreplaceable man. More than anyone I ever knew he gave of himself, his time and his multiple talents to his neighbors -- to local school affairs, to various churches, Boy Scout projects, local and state YMCA matters, the American Legion, our Pawling Edward R. Murrow Park, local clubs and societies, anything, everything. When a committee needed help invariably someone would say, "Get Gene! he'll do it!" And he did. Always without any reward except a few, and I'm sure far too few, words of thanks.

He was young, in his middle fifties, and there seemed plenty of time for someone to propose him as the local man of the year. So, we thought. Then, suddenly, this week, he was gone.

It was obvious that what he enjoyed most of all was doing things for others - especially for the young. Surely there is no higher tribute you can pay

any man than to say ~~that~~ he spent most of his life
unselfishly doing things for others.

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BRITAIN

Britain's travel-starved public received a surprise New Year's gift from the government - which lifted most of the restrictions on the amount of money a British traveller may ~~now~~ spend in far countries.

On every trip out of Britain, a traveller may now take the equivalent of ~~one~~ Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars in foreign currency. For the past ~~two~~ three years - since the economic crisis of sixty-six -- each traveller had been limited to one hundred twenty dollars for a full year. The increased allowances are expected to ~~perhaps~~ double the ~~own~~ number of Britons who visit the United States in Nineteen Seventy. Nearly three hundred thousand came here during the ^{past} year, ~~just ended~~.