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BUDAPEST - CHRISTMAS.....

THIS YEAR, THE MOST INTERESTING DATE-LINE FOR CHRISTMAS NEWS - IS BUDAPEST, ON THE DANUBE. TONIGHTS DISPATCH - PAINTING A HAPPIER PICTURE THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.

FOR ONE THING - THE WEATHER. A QUIET, HEAVY SNOWFALL - COVERING STREETS, BUILDINGS AND WRECKAGE. HIDING - THE DEVASTATION LEFT BY THE BRUTAL SUPPRESSION OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLT. A WHITE CHRISTMAS - MEANING MORE IN BUDAPEST THAN ANYWHERE ELSE.

THE COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES - ALSO IN A FAVORABLE MOOD. NO DOUBT - FOR POLITICAL REASONS. RUSSIAN SOLDIERS - VANISHING, KEPT IN THEIR QUARTERS. SOVIET MILITARY OPPRESSION - CONCEALED, AT LEAST FOR THE DURATION OF THE HOLIDAY.

FOOD SUPPLIES ON CHRISTMAS EVE - PLENTIFUL. THE PEASANTS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE - BRINGING IN AN ABUNDANCE.

THE RED AUTHORITIES - LIFTING THE CURFEW, TONIGHT. HITHERTO, PEOPLE HAD TO REMAIN INDOORS - AFTER DARK. BUT THAT WAS CALLED OFF - FOR THIS ONE DAY. SO ~~THE~~ THE PEOPLE - COULD GO TO CHURCH. TONIGHTS DISPATCH STATING - THAT BUDAPEST IS HAVING THE GREATEST CROWDS EVER,

at midnight mass. →

NIXON.....

BUDAPEST - CHRISTMAS -- 2

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~~AT CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS.~~

INVESTIGATION OF THE HUNGARIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM IN AUSTRIA. *He said*
EVEN THE RED RADIO CAUGHT THE YULETIDE SPIRIT - BROADCASTING
IN WASHINGTON, *and* NIXON WILL GIVE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER A PERSONAL
CHRISTMAS CAROLS, ~~EVEN PLAYS~~ - ON THE THEME OF THE NATIVITY, ~~OF~~
REPORT - ON WEDNESDAY
~~BETWEEN, TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO.~~

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POPE.....

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF POPE PIUS THE TWELFTH IS NOTABLE - THE
FOR AN ALL-OUT ENDORS EMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS. POPE PIUS THE
TWELFTH DECLARING THAT THE WORLD ORGANIZATION SHOULD HAVE - "THE
RIGHT AND POWER OF FORESTALLING ALL MILITARY INTERVENTION OF ONE
STATE IN ANOTHER. AND ALSO - THE RIGHT AND POWER OF ASSUMING,
BY MEANS OF SUFFICIENT POLICE FORCE, THE SAFEGUARDING OF ORDER."
THE PONTIFF ADDING - THAT ONLY AN INSTITUTION LIKE THE UNITED
NATIONS CAN BRING ABOUT AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT.

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LEADER, TO GIVE UP HIS ARMY COMMAND. THE REPLY, TODAY - A FLAT
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IN. SO YOU CAN SEE ITS IMPORTANCE FOR THE ECONOMY, THE VERY
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INDONESIA.....

THE NEWS FROM INDONESIA PICTURES - THE GRAVEST KIND OF CRISES. THE GOVERNMENT AT JAKARTA, IN JAVA, MAY DECLARE - A STATE OF WAR. AND PRESIDENT SUKARNO ~~MIGHT~~ ^{may} ASSUME - DICTATORIAL POWERS. BECAUSE OF MILITARY REVOLTS - ON THE ISLAND OF SUMATRA.

^{that huge} ^{has been}
TWO-THIRDS OF ~~THE~~ ISLAND SEIZED BY ARMY UNITS. TWO SEPARATE REBELLIONS. ONE - IN NORTHERN SUMATRA. THE OTHER IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCES. NO VIOLENCE OR BLOODSHED, APPARENTLY - INSURGENT ARMY FORCES TAKING OVER WITHOUT RESISTENCE.

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OVER MOST OF THE WEALTH OF SUMATRA.

There is more here
**BUT THERE'S EVEN MORE THAN SUMATRA IN THIS CRISES. THE FEAR
AT JAKARTA BEING - THAT THE REBELLION MAY SPREAD ON TO OTHER ISLANDS
- Borneo, Celebes, Bali and soon,
OF THE ARCHIPELAGO, WHICH MIGHT BRING ABOUT THE DISINTEGRATION -
OF THE NEW REPUBLIC. WITH ITS MYRIAD, FAR FLUNG ISLANDS.**

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EGYPTIANS HAVE SEEN A JOB OF THEIR OWN -
NOT SO INSPIRING, BLASTING DOWN ^{that} A GIANT STATUE OF LESSESSEPS, WHO
BUILT THE SUEZ CANAL, A MONUMENT TO THE GREAT FRENCHMAN - STANDING
AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE HARBOR OF PORT SAID. YOU'D THINK THE
EGYPTIANS COULD USE THEIR EXPLOSIVES - IN A BETTER WAY, HELPING
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PORT SAID. EGYPTIANS - TAKING OVER. EIGHTEEN HUNDRED INTERNATIONAL
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ISRAEL WHO ARE WITHDRAWING SLOWLY.

SUEZ.....

WORK WENT ON TODAY - CLEARING THE SUEZ CANAL. U. N. SALVAGE

WORKERS - RAISING VESSELS THAT WERE SUNK IN THE HARBOR OF PORT SAID,

There have been
~~SOME~~ A LOT OF DIFFICULTIES AND ARGUMENTS - WITH NASSER'S

EGYPTIANS RAISING OBJECTIONS. BUT NOW THE CAIRO GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN

PERMISSION - AGREEING THAT TWO BRITISH AND ONE FRENCH SALVAGE

VESSELS SHALL BE USED. OF THE RED SEA PORTS OFF - IN TWO BRANCHES.

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ISRAEL - PIPELINE.....

A DISPATCH FROM ISRAEL TELLS OF ENGINEERS - DOING A JOB OF SURVEYING IN THE NEGEB DESERT. SURVEYING - FOR AN OIL PIPELINE. WHICH WOULD EXTEND - FROM THE GULF OF AKABA TO THE MEDITERRANEAN. BY-PASSING - THE SUEZ CANAL. FRANCE - REPORTED WILLING TO PAY FOR

A GLANCE AT YOUR MAP WILL SHOW - AN INTERESTING GEOGRAPHICAL PATTERN. THE UPPER PART OF THE RED SEA FORKS OFF - IN TWO BRANCHES. ON THE WEST - THE GULF OF SUEZ, WHICH LEADS TO THE CANAL. ON THE EAST, A SIMILAR NECK OF WATER - THE GULF OF AKABA. ABOVE WHICH IS THE DESERT LEADING TO THE DEAD SEA.

IT WOULD ALSO LEAD - OVER TO THE MEDITERRANEAN. SUGGESTING - MAYBE A CANAL IN THAT SECTOR, AS WELL AS ACROSS THE ISTHMUS OF SUEZ. BUT THE WAY IS LONGER, - AND, MORE IMPORTANT, IS BLOCKED BY RUGGED MOUNTAIN COUNTRY. A CANAL - NOT FEASIBLE, APPARENTLY.

A PIPELINE - SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN. SO THAT OIL, INSTEAD OF GOING BY TANKER THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL, CONTROLLED BY EGYPT - MIGHT BE PIPED FROM THE GULF OF AKABA TO THE MEDITERRANEAN. ACROSS - TERRITORY OF ISRAEL.

THAT'S THE SCHEME AS ENGINEERS NOW BEGIN A SURVEY. ISRAELI -
AND FRENCH ENGINEERS. FRANCE - BEING INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT.
LAST WEEK FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER PINEAU DECLARED - WORK WOULD
BEGIN ON THE PIPELINE SOON. FRANCE - REPORTED WILLING TO PAY FOR
PART OF THE COST. WHICH IS ESTIMATED AT SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION

DOLLARS. But there is more than a \$6¢
dollar question to be answered
in connection with this! The oil,
presumably would come from
Moslem countries - the Sultanate
of Kuwait, Iraq and Iran. And
what if they objected to their oil
going by way of Israel?

ISRAEL.....

ISRAEL CHARGES - THAT EGYPT IS DIRECTING NEW COMMANDO RAIDS ACROSS ISRAELI BORDERS. TERRORIST ACTION - BY FEDAYEEN SUICIDE SQUADS.

OF COURSE, THE ISRAELIS HOLD THAT PART OF EGYPT BORDERING ON THEIR OWN COUNTRY. BUT THE RAIDS ARE NOT FROM THAT DIRECTION.

FEDAYEEN - OPERATING IN THE NORTH. BLOWING UP A MEDICAL CLINIC IN GALILEE. *Also a raid* ~~near~~ NEAR - HAIFA. ISRAEL CLAIMING

IT'S ALL THE DOING OF A NETWORK OF TERRORISTS UNDER EGYPTIAN DIRECTION. DELIBERATELY DEFYING U. N. RESOLUTIONS - WHICH DEMAND THAT ALL RAIDING BE DISCONTINUED.

RAILROAD WORKERS BESIDE THE TRACK YELLED HIM - TO STAY DOWN, BUT PAUL DIDN'T HEAR THEM. TRYING TO GET TO HIS FEET - A CAR COUPLING KNOCKED HIM DOWN. LAYS BETWEEN THE TRACKS, ALL RIGHT - BUT UP HE JUMPED ALL OVER AGAIN. YOU JUST COULDN'T KEEP THAT YOUNG FELLOW DOWN. BUT, FINALLY, HE WAS FLATTENED FOR THE LAST TIME, KNOCKED SLOOZY, AND JUST LAY THERE BETWEEN THE TRACKS, UNTIL - THE TRAIN HAD PASSED. WHEN THEY PICKED HIM UP, HE WAS INJURED A BIT, BUT - OKAY FOR CHRISTMAS.

TIBET.....

strange story - on
HERE'S A ~~STORY~~ THAT AT ANY OTHER SEASON OF THE YEAR I AM NOT SURE I

WOULD USE. ~~IS~~ BUT, IN A WAY IT'S LIKE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO ME -
AND TO MY SON, LOWELL, JR. - A PRESENT SENT FROM ANOTHER WORLD.

IT'S ^{an} ITEM OF NEWS, FROM BHARKA NANGAL, IN INDIA - AND IT BEGINS
WITH ALL THE STRANGENESS OF THE ORIENT; INVOLVING AN INCIDENT IN

THE VISIT OF THE DALAI LAMA TO INDIA. THE SPIRITUAL RULER OF TIBET -

AT THE GREAT BHAKRA DAM AND POWER PROJECT, IN THE PUNJAB.

when completed
THAT DAM, ~~WHICH WILL BE~~ ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD, IS

BEING BUILT BY AN AMERICAN ENGINEER. THERE'S A FINE PIECE ABOUT

HIM IN THIS WEEK'S NEW YORKER MAGAZINE. THE DAM IS PRIME MINISTER

NEHRU'S PRIDE AND JOY. HE ALWAYS SENDS TOP VISITORS THERE. TO

HIM IT SYMBOLIZES A NEW DYNAMIC INDIA. EVEN IF AN AMERICAN IS

BUILDING IT.

SO, THE DALAI LAMA AND HIS PARTY WERE TAKEN TO SEE THIS MARVEL.

AND WHILE THERE THE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD BROTHER OF THE DALAI LAMA -

FELL ILL, SUDDENLY, WITH APPENDICITIS. PRINCE CHIKYAP KHOMPO =

RUSHED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL. THE DOCTORS DECLARING - AN IMMEDIATE

OPERATION WAS NECESSARY.

.Whereupon the Dalai Lama consulted the Tibetan Astrologers in his entourage. The astrologers deciding - no, the time was "inauspicious," they didn't have much faith in this new fangled western medicine, anyway.

However, the condition of Chikyap Khompo grew worse - and, at length, the Dalai Lama consented. When the doctors at the hospital operated, they found the patient's body - covered with burns. Where Tibetan witch doctors had tried to cure appendicitis - by burning out the evil spirits.

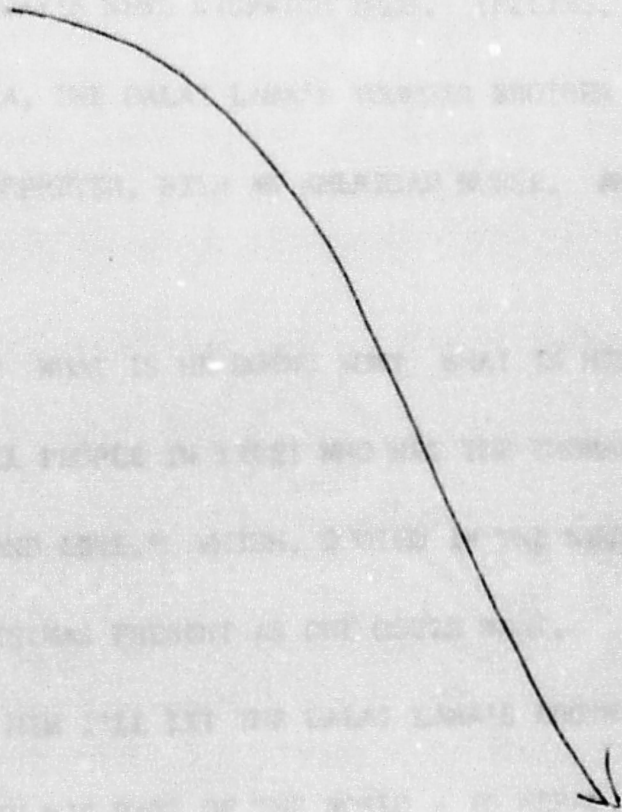
However, the Western medical magic worked.

Chikyap Khompo - recuperating in the hospital.

This, alone, would have interested me - also Lowell, Jr. We both remember the Dalai Lama's young brother. Having met him - during our journey into Tibet seven or eight years ago, when he was nine or ten years old. We had an audience with the Dalai Lama, and then visited with his family. His mother - also the young

brother. We were on the roof of a palace, in the heart of Lhasa, with the Dalai Lamas' mother and two brothers, including this one. With those golden domes of the Palala in the background.

Lowell, Jr., and I got along exceedingly well with the Tibetans. A



FAMILIAR EXPERIENCE, WHEN YOU TRAVEL AMONG STRANGE, DISTANT PEOPLE - IF YOU TREAT THEM WITH COURTESY AND RESPECT - AND WITH A SMILE. NOT AT ALL DIFFICULT - IF YOU FEEL COURTESY AND RESPECT.

WHICH MY SON AND I CERTAINLY DID FEEL - TOWARD THE TIBETANS.

SO NOW, HERE'S THE WAY TODAY'S NEWS DISPATCH ENDS. TELLING, HOW, IN THE HOSPITAL IN INDIA, THE DALAI LAMA'S YOUNGER BROTHER WAS TALKING, THROUGH AN INTERPRETER, WITH AN AMERICAN NURSE. AND HE ASKED HER:-

"WHERE IS MR. LOWELL THOMAS? WHAT IS HE DOING NOW? WHAT IS HIS SON DOING?" AND ADDING:- "ALL PEOPLE IN TIBET WHO MET THE THOMASES - REMEMBER THEM WITH RESPECT AND LOVE." WHICH, QUOTED IN THE NEWS DISPATCH - IS AS FINE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT AS ONE COULD WANT.

SO, IF I CAN GET WORD TO HIM I'LL LET THE DALAI LAMA'S BROTHER KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN BACK IN HIS PART OF THE WORLD - TO NEPAL, AND THE HIMALAYAS, ONLY RECENTLY, TO THE CORONATION OF YOUNG KING MAHENDRA. I'LL ALSO TELL HIM THAT LOWELL, JR. WAS IN THE HIMALAYAS AGAIN NOT LONG AGO WHEN HE AND HIS WIFE, TAY, FLEW TO REMOTE PARTS OF AFRICA AND ASIA IN THEIR LITTLE SINGLE ENGINE PLANE, ABOUT WHICH THEY

SOUTH POLE
TIBET - 4

Have you been dreaming of a White Christmas? Well here is where they really have it - the coldest Christmas
HAVE A NEW BOOK CALLED "FLIGHT TO ADVENTURE." AND, I'LL SEE IF I
CANT SEND COPIES TO YOUNG CHIKYAP KHOMP ^{o to} AND HIS BROTHER, THE
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Merry Christmas - at the South Pole! Merry Christmas to you, Henry, and Merry Christmas to all!

SOUTH POLE

Have you been dreaming of a White Christmas? Well here is where they really have it - the whitest christmas - in the world. The whitest christmas, in fact - in all history. Santa Claus may come - from the north pole. But the south pole is ⁱⁿ the middle of the huge Antarctic continent- with the greatest mass of snow and ice and glaciers on earth. Never before has christmas been celebrated at the bottom of this globe of ours.

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