

Mon. Dec. 19 - '66,

With the ~~advent~~<sup>end</sup> of Christmas Week - a new hope  
today for peace on ~~an~~ earth. The United States officially  
asking United Nations Secretary General U. Thant - to "take  
whatever steps necessary" to get the ball rolling - toward  
a lasting ceasefire in Viet Nam.

The American appeal - delivered by U S Ambassador  
Arthur Goldberg, following weekend consultation - with  
~~President~~ President Johnson and U S Ambassador to Saigon  
Henry Cabot Lodge.


*Amber* - Goldberg promising that the United States will  
"cooperate fully in getting" peace talks started - "and  
in bringing them to a successful conclusion." Our only  
objective - said he - "remains the end of all fighting -  
of all hostilities - and of all violence in Viet nam; and  
an honorable and lasting settlement there" - based, hopefully,  
on "the Geneva agreements of Nineteen Fifty-four and  
Nineteen Sixty Two."

VIET NAM FOLLOW ~~BY~~ UNITED NATIONS

In the meantime - business as usual today in Viet  
Nam; <sup>that is,</sup> ~~in~~ the business - of war.

U S jet bombers returning to the Hanoi area -  
for the first time since those ~~controversial~~ controversial air raids  
of last week. Blasting an oil dump at Ha Gia - less than  
fifteen miles from the Red capital.

American military spokesmen later reporting all  
the bombs - "on target". An apparent attempt to counter  
in advance any Communist claims - of another alleged  
attack on innocent civilians in Hanoi proper.



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Far to the south - fourteen hundred ~~fresh~~ American  
troops arrived today at Vung Tau; <sup>these</sup> the vanguard of fifteen  
thousand ~~men~~ - of the Ninth Infantry Division. With ~~US~~  
~~military Commander~~ General ~~William~~ Westmoreland - on  
hand to greet his old outfit.

The Ninth Infantry reportedly destined for duty -  
in the Mekong Delta. The only remaining region in Viet  
Nam - where the Viet Cong are comparatively safe from  
American ground attack.

NEW YORK

In New York -- still another round today -- in the "battle of the book." With the chairman of the publishing house of Harper and Row, vowing to bring out "The Death of a President" whatever Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's objections.

This determined statement -- from Cass Canfield -- a long-time friend of the former First Lady -- and father-in-law to her sister -- Princess Lee Radziwill -- during the <sup>9</sup> years of her first marriage. Cass Canfield declaring that the book must be published -- "in the interest of historical accuracy and of the people's right to know."

## INDIANAPOLIS

A spectacular accident today -- at Indianapolis, as you may have heard by now. A truck filled with eight thousand gallons of gasoline -- jackknifing, overturning and bursting into flame in rush-hour traffic. The resulting inferno engulfing not only the truck -- but also a number of nearby cars; trapping drivers and passengers in their seats -- before they could do anything about it.

At least four dead and three critically injured. Three of the dead -- a young couple and their tiny daughter -- who were trapped inside their station wagon -- when it skidded into the flaming wreck.

## MOSCOW

Today in Moscow - a day of universal acclaim for Communist party chief Leonid Brezhnev, the man who took over from Khrushchev ~~just~~ two years ago, ~~last October~~

The occasion - Brezhnev's sixtieth birthday. An anniversary proclaimed in front-page headlines by Soviet newspapers - which normally do not publish on Monday. Also marked by a Kremlin ceremony - in which Brezhnev received the order of Lenin and the Medal of Hero-of-the-Soviet-Union - two of Russia's highest awards.

The Supreme Soviet Parliament - later capping the tribute; with a unanimous resolution - hailing Brezhnev's "efficiency, considerate attitude, thoughtful approach, modesty and great exactingness."

All this - in keeping with past Soviet tradition.

~~However~~ Brezhnev's response to the honors <sup>was</sup> in marked contrast - to some of his predecessors.

The Russian leader saying first that he was

"encouraged" - by the fact that one-man rule is now a thing of the past in the Soviet Union. Adding that the many awards in his behalf - represent "a great payment in advance." This - said he - "a token of great confidence for the future" - *and then he added: -* "a confidence which I shall still have to justify."

CAIRO

From Cairo - a report today that Egypt has ~~just~~ negotiated a new wheat deal - with the Soviet Union. The agreement said to pledge shipment - of perhaps as much as eight hundred thousand tons of Soviet wheat. If true - enough to meet Egypt's food needs - for about four months.

The Soviet union thus filling a gap - left by the United States; which supplied Egypt with seven hundred and fifty-five million tons of wheat - during the first six months of this year. The U S refusing further aid - in the face of Colonel Nasser's stepped up anti-American campaign.



**CHICAGO**

*Congressman Adam Clayton Powell - the subject of a House subcommittee investigation - that began today*

**The site of a scheduled trial for alleged mass killer Richard Speck -- was transferred today from Chicago to Peoria, Illinois; (a distance of a hundred and sixty miles -- from the scene of the actual crime. The move -- ordered by a Chicago criminal court judge) on the ground that Speck might be unable to receive a fair trial in Chicago --**

*The Harlem Congressman notifying the sub-committee*

**because of sensational news coverage. Speck accused of murdering those eight student nurses -- last July.**

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POWELL

*Congressman Adam Clayton Powell - the subject of a House Subcommittee investigation - that began today behind closed doors. An investigation of Powell's conduct - as Chairman of the House Labor and Education Committee. The inquiry meeting, however - with an immediate Powell roadblock.*

*The Harlem Congressman notifying the sub-committee - that he will not appear to testify, as requested, ~~Unless~~ certain conditions are met "in the interest of fair play" - as he put it.*

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## EAST MOSS POINT

The case of the preacher versus the nudist -- finally settled today in Jackson, Mississippi. A victory for... here's the story: --

It seems that Mrs. Laura Pendergrass of East Moss Point, Mississippi --- was sunbathing in the altogether on her farm -- which is posted against trespassers; when the Reverend Mr. Dennis McDonald suddenly appeared -- to invite Mrs. Pendergrass and her family to attend services at a local church.

Although she later put on some clothes -- Mrs. Pendergrass was subsequently fined fifty dollars; and also sentenced to twenty days in jail -- on a charge of indecent exposure; the complaint sworn out -- by the Reverend Mr. McDonald.

But, the Mississippi State Supreme Court, ruled today that since the Reverend -- "did not immediately turn around and leave -- at first glimpse" -- of Mrs. Pendergrass; but,

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rather spent more than half an hour -- talking with her suggesting, therefore, that his shock -- must have been extremely "short-lived". Hence -- Warren -- case dismissed.

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Okay, Warren -- there's just enough time for me to salute Dallas Townsend who took my place while I was off on another hurried trip abroad -- and so long until tomorrow.