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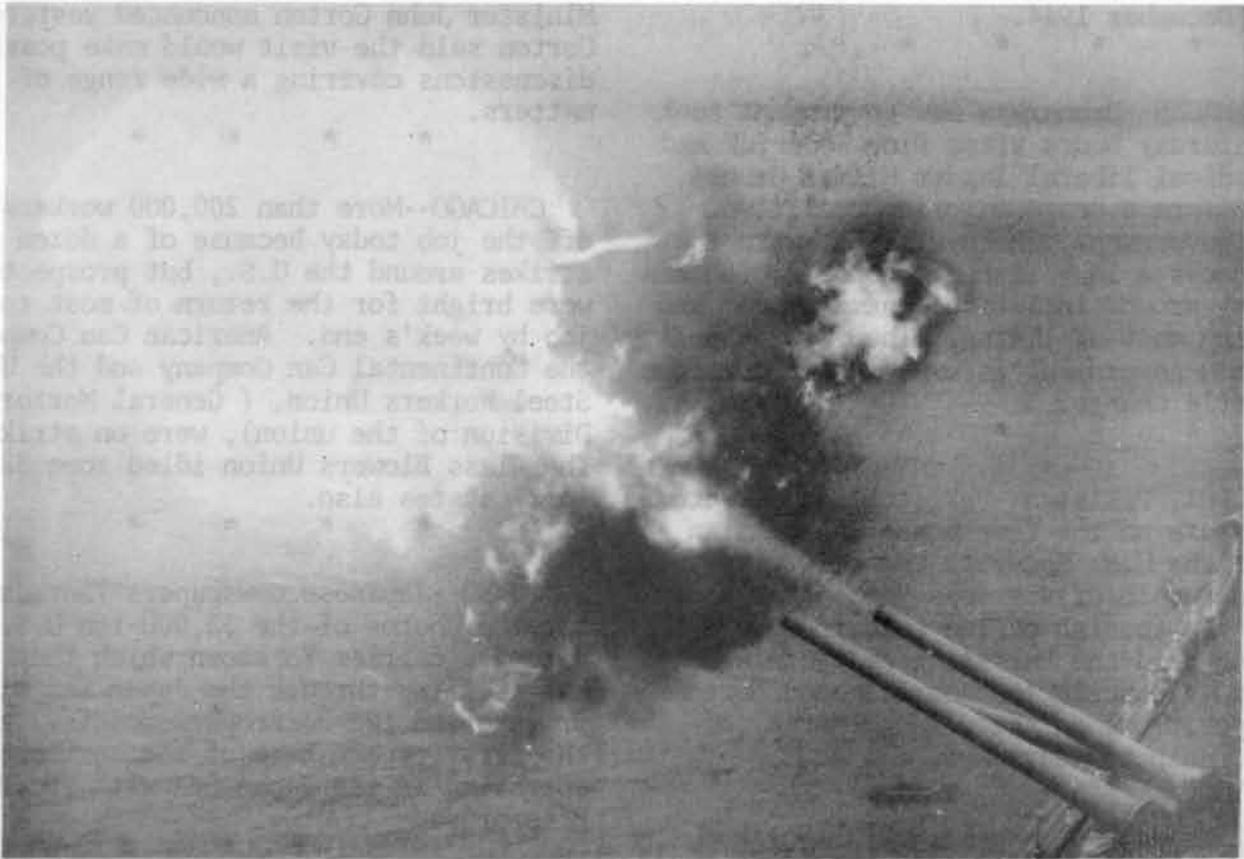
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Naval Gunfire Support



Turret two's fire-ball as seen from the wing of the bridge as the ship fires to port while on Naval Gunfire Support off the Demilitarized Zone.

(photo by J03, T. Sprtel)

## NEWS

KIEL, Germany--Europe's first nuclear powered merchant ship started its sea trials yesterday. The 15,000-ton Otto Hah of West Germany made a brief "cold run" into the Baltic, using conventional auxiliary engines instead of its reactor which will be tested later this week or next.

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PERTH, Australia--The wreckage of what is believed to be a Japanese submarine sunk during World War II has been sighted off western Australia here. It is believed that the submarine was one which their Corvettes sank in December 1944.

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COPENHAGEN--Denmark's new government took form yesterday hours after King Federick had asked radical liberal leader Hilmar Gaunsgaard to form a board majority coalition. The new government, which will be sworn in today, faces a long list of economic problems centering around inflation, unemployment and the rising cost of living. The foreign policy of the new government is expected to continue with little change.

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RAWALPHI, Pakistan--Pakistan has directed its delegate on the five-member Afro-Asian Group at the U.N. Security Council to see that the Pueblo crisis does "not deteriorate" further the foreign office said today. A spokesman said the Pakistani delegate was trying to reconcile the American and North Korean positions on the alleged piracy of the U.S. ship ten days ago.

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TOKYO--Peking leaders view the large scale offensives launched by the South Vietnam liberation front (Viet Cong) as an indication that the Viet Cong still has "the upper hand" in the Vietnam war, Kyodo News Service said in a Peking dispatch recently. Kyodo said they also believed the Vietnam war will be "further intensified."

## BRIEFS

GENEVA--The Soviet Union called today for a ban on carrying nuclear weapons over the borders of other countries. Soviet disarmament negotiator Alexei A. Roschchin said the need for such a ban "was convincingly underscored" by the loss on Greenland of four hydrogen bombs. A complete ban on all nuclear tests is most important of such a measure, he said.

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CANBERRA--Cambodian Foreign Minister Prince Norodom Phurissara will make an official visit to Australia soon, Prime Minister John Gorton announced yesterday. Gorton said the visit would make possible discussions covering a wide range of matters.

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CHICAGO--More than 200,000 workers were off the job today because of a dozen strikes around the U.S., but prospects were bright for the return of most to the job by week's end. American Can Company, the Continental Can Company and the United Steel Workers Union, (General Mortors Division of the union), were on strike. The Glass Blowers Union idled some 32,000 in 23 states also.

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TOKYO--Japanese newspapers Thursday carried photos of the 33,000-ton U.S. aircraft carrier Yorktown which they said was steaming through the Japan Sea with a frigate and two destroyer escorts. It was the first report here of the Yorktown operating in the Japan Sea with the USS Enterprise.

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WASHINGTON--The number of U.S. millionaires declined slightly during 1966, the Federal Revenue Service reported recently. It said 630 tax returns were filed listing gross income of one million or more. The previous year was 646. A record of 70,242,502 returns were filed for 1966.

### BRITIAN SAYS NORTH KOREA 'ACTED ON ITS OWN'

LONDON--North Korea "acted on its own" in hijacking the American intelligence ship Pueblo, Britian diplomatic reports concluded yesterday.

The conclusions drawn from all available evidence suggested that North Korea acted independently from its Communist Allies in seizing the ship.

The evidence does not bear out earlier speculation that the regime seized the ship after consultations with its major allies, or on earlier instructions.

The move instead appears to have been prompted by an independent decision by the Korean leadership, after weighing the chances of success.

The Communists appear to have calculated they would get away with the high-jacking, in the light of heavy American pre-occupation in Vietnam.

The evidence also suggested that the Koreans had been shadowing the Pueblo for days and acted only after making sure that no major American units were in the neighborhood to intervene on the spot.

The move was considered here to be part of the stepped-up North Korean campaign against South Korea and the United States and intended as a morale booster for the Communist regime which has for some time been in the grip of economic and political difficulties.

### HOPE SHOW TO BE HEARD OVER WABC

WABC the ship's closed circuit radio station will air part of the Bob Hope Christmas show that was taped while he toured Southeast Asia.

The tape of about 40-minutes, will be aired three times on February 3rd, at different times so that watch standers will have the opportunity to hear the show.

Bill Crosby, Miss World, (Madelin Dell of Peru), and Raquael Welch along with the Mr. Showbiz, Bob Hope, will make for fine listening tomorrow over the station. Times of the program will be passed over the IMC and WABC tonight.

### TROUBLED AIRLINER LANDS SAFELY

INDIANAPOLIS--An airliner with 36 persons aboard landed without incident today after 100 yards of cable wrapped around the tail when the plane snagged a power line northwest of Chicago.

The Trans-World Airlines Covair 880, eastbound from San Francisco, snatched the static cable guarding 345,000-volt power lines while attempting an instrument-guided landing at fogbound O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

Due to the amount of traffic at O'Hare, the plane was routed here to land.

### CHINA NO THREAT TO WEST YET

PARIS--Despite the rapid buildup of her nuclear and conventional armaments, people's China poses no immediate military threat to the West, an authoritative French study said yesterday.

Although China has large standing land armies, her aviation, navy and nuclear armaments still lack sophistication, the study published in the Revue DeDefense Nationale said.

"In spite of its roar the Chinese Tiger, though it is not entirely made of paper is still not too dangerous yet and not ready to pounce out of its den," the report continued.

It said the Chinese land forces number 2,250,000 to 2,600,500 men, of these 600,000 are massed on the Eastern coast facing Tawpei, and southern Manchuria, the Peking and Shantung area.

Another 500,000 are stationed in north-west China, where, the study said, they might eventually be pitted against the Soviets.

An estimated 400,000 troops are posted along the southern frontier from the far western region to the Gulf of Tonkin.

The Chinese have 2,700 or so aircraft, chiefly the Russian Mig-17s and Mig-19s.

The article went on to say that the Chinese are stockpiling nuclear bombs and warheads. "But the problem of missiles has not been resolved satisfactorily yet, although it is in the process of being solved."

Moral Side of the...NEWS  
by Chaplain Walter "J" Schwartz

According to Webster, each 2 February is the day when "the ground hog is said to come out of hibernation; if he sees his shadow, he will supposedly return to his hole for another six weeks of winter weather."

The Ground Hog's Day was always a lively topic for conversation in my hometown; the town newspaper usually reported his "movements" on that date and (most often, tongue in cheek) residents exchanged opinions about whether or not he had sighted his shadow. For most, it was an enjoyable bit of Americana; unfortunately, to a superstitious few, the Ground Hog Weather Forecast was a matter to be viewed quite seriously.

Without having a handy ground hog on board to test the definition, we will simply have to await later developments and/or a news report from another locale. We can, of course, speculate about the next six weeks; more than that, if this is what we want to do, we can also add this item to our list of needless worries.

Rather than worry about things over which we have no control, it would be better to contemplate a moment on the following homespun wisdom of one anonymous weather forecaster:

"I'm glad trees don't pay taxes,  
That robins never run  
For office, and that daffodils\*  
Have never sued the sun  
For breach of promise, and that grass  
Is seldom in a hurry.  
I'm glad for everything that shows  
No signs of needless worry."

\* Or, ground hogs.

NO reports were received today over the teletype on the outcome of the USS Pueblo due to poor reception. As soon as reports are received they will be published in the THUNDERBOLT.

Put your trust in God, my boys, and  
keep your powder dry!

Oliver Cromwell's Advice (1834)

DODGERS SIGN FOR '68

LOS ANGELES--More than half the players on the Los Angeles Dodgers 1968 roster have signed their contracts, Vice President and General Manager E.J. Bavasi announced today.

Included in the 21 players who have either signed or come to terms verbally were three men acquired in trades during the winter, shortstop Zoilo Versalles, pitcher Jim "Mudcat" Grant and utility infielder Paul Popovich.

Among the Dodger regulars to come to terms was Don Drysdale, who previously had disclosed he had agreed to a contract calling for an estimated \$100,000.

GT-40S FASTEST AT DAYTONA

DAYTONA BEACH--The two GT-40s from J.W. Automotive, driven by Icks of Belgium, Brian Redman, Paul Hawkins and David Hobbs, of England, appear faster than anything on the course here.

But it is doubtful they can withstand the steady assault of the Porsches--half their size but tremendously tough.

The Ford GT-40 handled by Icks lapped the course at 118.23 miles per hour today to receive a measure of American hope in this weekend's Third Annual 24 hour race.

The Porsche factory racing team remain the favorites to win the longest U.S. road-race though.

The Ferrari entry--via its North American Racing Team--consists of a 2-liter Dino, a new 3.3 GTB4, and the same 250LM that won at Le Mans in 1965--making it rather old and tired despite the overhaul.

Going size limitations in international endurance racing have eliminated the world champion for prototypes entirely and left Ferrari only a meager entry.

For cars to enter they must be of 3-liters or smaller on the prototypes, grand touring class and the trans-American sizes. Fifty models must be built for the car to be qualified also.

The race begins 3 p.m. (Eastern time), on Saturday and a record sell-out is near. People from all over the world are planning on seeing this once a year European type race in the United States.





I wish he'd square things with the mob. That makes the fourth Caddy this year!

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Military student
- 6 Snow vehicle
- 10 Summoned forth
- 12 Contend (with)
- 13 Scale tone
- 14 Assam silkworm (var.)
- 15 Region
- 16 Historic period
- 18 Wander aimlessly
- 20 Type of snake (pl.)
- 22 Can material
- 23 Parasite
- 25 Leases
- 29 Thing (L.)
- 31 Short lance
- 32 Mourns greatly
- 36 Exclude

**DOWN**

- 1 Breakfast food
- 2 Unwilling
- 3 Bring about
- 4 Supplement
- 5 School period
- 6 Scrutinized
- 7 Master
- 8 Fencing sword (Fr.)
- 9 Costly
- 11 Eat sparingly
- 17 Mimic
- 19 Ventilate
- 21 Meshed barriers
- 24 Female fowl
- 26 Seize suddenly (sl.)
- 27 Characteristics

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- 28 Emphasize
- 30 Halt
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- 35 Seasoning
- 39 Sailor
- 43 Compass point