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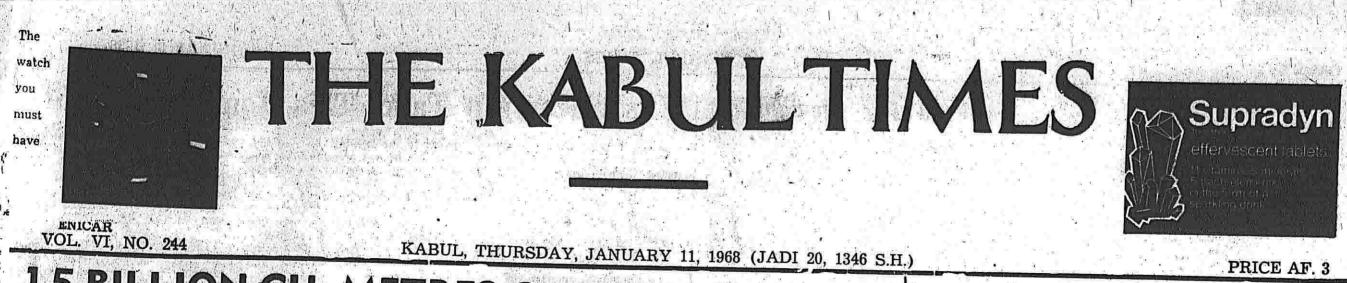
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1.5 BILLION CU. METRES OF GAS TO BE EXPORTED THIS YEAR

KBUL, Jan 11. (Bakhtar).-Afghanistan will export more than a billion cubic metres of natural gas, said Mines and Industries Minister Eng. Abdul Sa-mad Salim revealing a plan for the export and domestic use of natural gas in a Radio Afghanistan interview.

An 18 year gas export plan has been prepared for the Khwa-Gogardak, Yateem Taq and Khwaja Borhan deposits. The

export plan will begin with 1.5 billion cubic metres annually and gradually rise to 3.5 billion cubic metres, the minister said. We will earn \$320 million, from this programme, he added. Gas export will ultimately reach 72 milliard cubic metres. Natural gas has been struck at 1500 metres in Khwaja Gogardak, Yateem Taq and Khwaja Bolan. "Fortunately, in the deeper str-

atas of the earth, between 2400 2600 metres, new and larger na-

tural gas reserves have also been discovered and we are surveying how extensive they are", Salim said.

Natural gas will be used to open a thermo power station with 36000 kw capacity and a chemical fertiliser plant with '105,000 tons annual output. The latter is being built in Emam Bakri, near Mazar and will be completed in two years.

rertiliser sales will gross six million annually Salim said. Petroleum and gas prospecting

in the north and south of Afghalistan will continue during the third Five Year Plan, the minister said. The ministry hopes to export

1.5 billion cubic metres of gas this year. The trial period for gis export has been completed and a number of wells will be .hortly opened, Eng. Salim said. The export programme is starting after 12 years of extensive

work, he said. When petroleum and gas prospecting began 12 years ago, three experts and 12 mechanics along with a few foreign experts began surveying the Angot mountain in Sare Pul. Two years later drilling began in Yateem Taq and Khwaja Gogardak in Sheber-

Today, there are more than 50 foreign and Afghan experts and 1500 workers employed.

During the past 12 years, ten per cent of the area where there may be petroleum deposits has been studied. The remaining area will be prospected according to plan.

Graduates from the technical Schools of Kabul and Khost are employed in drilling operations.

BONN, Jan. 11 (DPA)-France will reduce its 65,000 troops stationed in West Germany by about 5,000 this year, a Foreign Office spokesman said here Wednesday after West German-French consular consultations in Bonn Tuesday. France is still to give West Germany | ned, putting them again in a posiofficial notification of this step.

Duty On Imports TOKYO, Jan. 11 (DPA)-Japan, absolutely opposed to the announced U.S. imposition of tax rebates and special duties on imports, is prepared to take retaliatory steps, according to government sources yesterday in

Japan Prepared

To Counter U.S.

Tokyo. The sources disclosed this following an agreement between Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato and British Foreign Secretary George Brown here earlier yesterday that the U.S. measures run counter to the principle of the Kennedy round Trade Expansion policy.

The sources said that application of the new American steps will result in a reduction in Japanese exports of about \$100 million per year .. Especially, Japanese exports of sundry goods to the U.S., would be

hard hit in view of their small margin of profit, they pointed out. The sources said that the country's exports to third countries would also suffer from strengthened competitive power of their American

counterparts due to the tax rebate.

Tc Discuss **Short**cominas

India's ruling Congress Party is to

yesterday. A non-official resolution condemning political instability created by frequent floor crossings was withdrawn at the party conference here after S. Nijalingappa, the party president, had asured 'members:

"We are entirely in sympathy with the resolution and we are going to have a secret session "

Following close on the Congress Party's decision Tuesday to enter into a coalition government in West Bengal, Congress Party members from Manipur yesterday met the Congress president and asked his permission to from a ministry

Wilson Proposes New Common Market **Excluding France**

PARIS, Jan. 11, (AFP) .- The "Wilson plan" described as a proposal to set up a nine member nation Common Market excluding France outlined in Bonn Tuesday by Lord Chalfont is another effort to break up the Common Market, French government sources said here yesterday.

The sources said the plan had received a cool reception in West Germany and that while some

Intense Cold **Sweeps** Europe

BONN, Jan. 11, (AFP) .--- West German police distributed free sweaters to shivering beatniks Wednesday as biting cold followed the recent violent storms in Europe and North America.

Lowest reported temperatures were shared by Murmansk, on the Baltic, castern Czechoslovakian villages, and Montreal in Canada. In all three areas thermometres

plumetted to minus 32 degrees centigrade (minus 25 fahrenheit). Temperatures of minus 22 deg-

rees centigrade (minus 10 fahrenheit) were recorded in other parts of Czechoslovakia as well as in Bulgaria and the Soviet Union.

In Italy, one died of cold near Salerno, while fifty people, including ten children, were marooned for some hours on the mountain at Terminillo, northwest of Rome. When police got to them snow was already three metres deep,

Anti-Gaullists **Call For Special** Assembly Session

PARIS, Jan. 11, (AFP).-The opposition in the National Assembly Tuesday reached agreement on the text of a document with which they will seek an extraordinary session of parliament for a tripartite attack on the government.

Common Market members "might show themselves favourable to it", others would not.

The plan was not being taken seriously in Paris, these sources added.

West Germany sources last night described the "Wilson plan" as a proposal to set up a new, nine-nation European community excluding France.

It would be composed of France's five partners in the Common Market-West Germany, Italy, and the Benelux countriesand the four countries with Common Market membership applications outstanding-Britain, Ireland, Denmark and Norway.

The German sources said the plan was for close cooperation among these nine countries in technology, armaments, development aid, and patent and companv law.

It would also include the holding of regular consultations on defence and foreign policy.

The French sources said Wednesday night that the plan was not being taken seriously in France, where it was considered to have no other goal than breaking up the Common Market, "as was the case last December."

"It does not appear that this new attempt will have any different fate from that of those that preceded it," the sources declared.

Fierce Blizzard **Creates** Chaos For UK Transport

LONDON, Jan. 11. (Ruter) .-A fierce overnight blizzard paralysed much of Britain yesterday closing London Airport and throwing surface transport into cha-

In the west of Scotland the snow was described as "the worst ever known" there. It took snowploughs 12 hours to reach a bus with 40 people which had been marooned through the night

Heart Too Small For Body ck's only chance for life had been NEW YORK Jan. 11 (DPA)-A second attempt to transplant a hudure. man heart in Brooklyn, New York, ailed early yesterday when 57 year-

New York Transplant Dies;

old retired fireman Louis Block, ied ten hours after receiving a twety-nine year-old woman's heart.

The new heart, transplanted into Block during a nine-hour operaton at Brooklyn's Maimonides Hospital, was too small to sustain the patient's circulation despite aid from a special pump.

The heart of the donor, a 29 year-old secretary who died from brain tumour, was only about half the size of Blocks

He was married and the father of . two sons.

The first heart transplant attempt at the Brooklyn hospital was performed on a two-week old baby boy, who died shortly thereafter.

The world's first heart transplant patient,' Louis Washkansky, died at a Cape Town Hospital 18 days after he had received the heart of a young woman who was the victim of a traffic accident.

Two other heart transplant patients, retired Dentist Philip Blaiberg in Cape Town and retired steelworthrough the heart transplant proce-The major problem in this case was related to the pumping capacity

of the transplanted heart and the poor condition of the lungs due to the patients long-standing heart disease, a hospital statement said.

Heart Surgeon Dr. Adrian Kantrowitz headed the team of 22 in performing the operation.

was taken despite the fact it was too small for Block's body, because But gloom among surgeons over continued hope and determination.

The decision to use Krouch's heart than.

her unusual blood type matched his. Mr. Block's death was mixed with

a newspaper report Wednesday, said doctors in Okahoma City, Oklahoma, were already preparing the world's sixth heart-graft,

Sudan Reiterates Need For Summit KHARTOUM, Jan. 11, (AFP)

Congress Party

HYDERABAD Jan. 11 (Reuter)-

hold a secret session to discuss its own organisational shortcomings in the light of setbacks at the last general elections, it was announced

ker Mike Kasperak are still alive, though Kasperak's condition is reported critical, whilst Dr. Blaiberg was said to be making satisfactory progress.

Maimonides hospital said that Blo-

Departures

KABUL, Jan. 11, (Bakhtar) .-Mohammad Nasim, president of the Afghan Scout Organisation, who went to Delhi two weeks ago to participate in the Indian Naional Jamboree returned to Kaoul Tuesday, Eighteen thousand boy and girl scouts from 14 countries participated.

Dr. Abdul Ahad Emadi, a public ealth doctor in Ghazni, left for mn yesterday under a WHO proamme

Abdul Hamid Shaltoot, a student om the United Arab Republic who ined the College of Letters, Kabul niversity, two years ago under a overnment of Afghanistan cultual scholarship programme left for Cairo yesterday after completing his studies in Dari.

Anglo-Japanese Communique

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (DPA)-Visiting British Foreign Secretary George Brown has told Japanese Foreign Minister Takeo Miki that his country will take special measures to mitigate the efforts of the redeployment of its forces in Southeast Asia.

He also assured Miki of Britain's continuing interest in assuring the political and economic stability of the region.

These remarks by Brown were revealed in a joint communique issued Wednesday following the conclusion of the sixth round of regular Anglo-Japanese consultations.

According to the communique, oth Japanese and British ministers opressed their deep concern about e continuing hostilities in Vietam and agreed to pursue their search in settlement.

They noted with satisfaction that the establishment of normal relations between Indonesia and Malaysia and Singapore had contributed greatly to the stability of the zion.

They hoped that there would be growing trend in China to devep friendly international relations an indispensable requirement for enduring peace and stability in Southeast Asia, the communique said.

remie Mohamad Ahmad Mahgoub told the press Tuesday that "Sudan believes more than ever in the need for an Arab summit conference to study new developments in the Middle East.

The Arab League Council has decided to postpone the Arab summit originally scheduled for January 17. No new date has been fixed.

Mahgoub said the summit's postponement would not affect the work of the committee which was set up to work out a peace settlement on the basis of an agreement reached by Saudi Arabia and the UAR.

"It is for us to continue our efforts to find a permanent solution to the problem and to assure the country's peace", he ad ded.

Angolan Patriots Score Successes

BAMAKO, Jan. 11, (Tass).-In 1967, Angolan patriots have scored considerable successes in fighting against the Portguese co-lonialists, Agostinho Neto, chairman of the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), said here.

He reported that about 1,950 Portuguese men and officers were killed, over 30 armoured vehicles destroyed and two planes shot down last year.

250 patriots taken prisoner by the Portuguese were set free,

At present, Neto said, Angolan patriots control one third of the country.

1968 is going to be a year of new victories, Neto stressed. We shall make a decisive step toward a final victory in our tight for freedom".

Tashkent Anniversary

KABUL, Jan. 11:-The second anniversary of the Tashkent Declaration was celebrated by the Indian Embassy in Kabul when the Charge d'Affairs and Mrs. Brij Kumar held a reception last evening. Among those present were officials diplomats and representatives of the press.

Two films entitled in "Search for peace" and "A Man of Peace" were shown at the end of the reception. The subjects of the films were the signing of the Tashkent Declaration in January 1966 and the tragic death of Prime Minister Shastri a few hours after the signing of the historic document.

Manipur. They said that four congressmen

who had defected had now returtion to form a government.

HUSSEIN FLIES TO SAUDI ARABIA IN SUPRISE MOVE

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (AP)-King military protection," government Hussein of Jordan, in a surprise move, flew to Saudi Arabia Wednesday to confer with King Saud of Saudi Arabia on the Middle East situation.

The King who piloted the plane was accompanied by premier Bajhat Talhoun and other leaders for the three-day trip.

The royal palace announced in Amman that King Hussein will fly to Cairo Saturday for talks with President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

Both trips follow talks United Nations special envoy Gunnar Jarring had recently with Arab leaders over the June war repercussions. Hussein quit Amman within min-

utes after his final session with Jarring Wednesday. ,Other questions likely to be dis-

cussed by Hussein in Riadh and Cairo are the Yemen and the fate of the Arab summit conference.

A DPA despatch from Cairo says the UAR government yesterday denied Cairo newspaper assertions that the 15 ships trapped in the Suez canal would be released under UAR military cover.

"The release of these ships is not a military operation so there is no

spokesman Mohammad Hassan Elzayat told the press.

The spokesman said there was hardly any possibility of Israeli attempts to disturb the release of the ships because of the trouble such moves would bring Israel with the shipowners and their countries.

Asked what the UAR would do if the Israelis float vessels in the Suez Canal, the spokesman replied that this could only be an Israeli attempt to invade the Nile delta "and occupy our country and will be dealt with accordingly.'

AFP reports that Israel yesterday prolonger national service by six months in a bid to make her armed forces younger and more efficient. An army communique said the extension had been decided on "to prevent a bigger call".

Men to be released from the armed forces between January 7 and the end of March next year would now have to serve six months longer, bringing their total length of service up to three years.

Women would not be affected by the new measure and would continue serve only 20 months.

The accord between the Leftist Federation, headed by Francois Mitterand, runner-up to President de Gaulle in the 1955 presidential elections, the Communist and the Centrists, was reached Tuesday afternoon

Text of the request for the extraordinary session will be published today.

Mitterand's party seeks the special session for debate on France's refusal . to agree with her five Common Market partners on opening negotiations on Britain's new application for EEC membership.

The Communist want particularly to attack the government on social and economic measures adopted by Prime Minister George Pompidou's cabinet last summer.

However, despite the successful effort to reach agreement on the text of the request for the special session, it seemed unlikely that one will be held. The next regularly-scheduled session. of parliament will meet in April

To be valid, the request must be signed by half of the deputies, plus one, a total of 244. But observers felt the request had little chance of succeeding, because no member of the Gaullist majority seemed anxious to sign.

in the Glenap Pass, in Ayrshire. The bus engine and heater had been left running to keep the passengers warm.

At London airport gangs of men worked to clear 30 cms of snow from the runways.

Across London the snow halted Billingsgate fish market which kept going even at the height of the 1940 blitz by Hiller's bombers.

Few retailers lorries reached the market and porters could not handle their trolleys on the sloping slippery surface to load those which had got through.

Trains which normally bring commuters into London were de-cimated. "We are running services as and when drivers become available", a spokesman for the western region of Britain Railways said.

London's underground network started up a restricted service on most lines at breakfast time.

Many major roads were locked. some by lorries which had broken down. Lines of abandoned cars hampered snow-ploughs trying to cut a way through drifts up to one metre deep.

Humphrey Leaves Kenya Without Aid Commitment

NAIROBI, Jan. 11, (AFP) .--- United States Vice-President Hubert Humphrey left here Tuesday for Tunis without having made a new U.S. aid commitment to Kenya, according to reliable sources.

In an airport statement on his talks with President Jomo Kenyatta and cabinet ministers. Humphrey said: "Kenya is clearly a country moving forward."

He added that there was a "similarity of the goals our countries are trying to achieve, and a similarity of our concerns.'

Those concerns, he \said were "broadening the base of our educational systems and developing the latest scientific advances for the benefit of our peoples."

"We both share the same ideal -the welfare and happiness of the individual regardless of his origin", Humphrey concluded.

"Both our countries labour to discover how we can adapt our social and governmental systems accordingly to bring greater benefits not only to our own people but also to others."

The sources said Monday's talks centred on aid and assistance but the Kenvans did not put forward a specific project for American back-

Sihanouk, Bowles Favour Strengthening ICC PHNOM PENH, Jan. 11, (AFP) formation to the Cambodian go- orcements to the south.

Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk announced Wednesday that he and Chester Bowles, President Johnson's special envoy, have agreed to seek a strengthening of the International Control Commission to prevent Viet Cong infiltrations into Cambodia.

reporters following a 90-minute meeting with Bowles, said the presidential envoy had informed him that the United States would not adopt a policy of "hot pursuit" of enemy troops into Cambodian territory nor otherviolate Cambodia's frontwise iers. -

The U.S. has agreed that if it has information concerning Viet Cong or North Vietnamese infiltration, it will transmit this invernment, the Prince said. "They forget that their aerial

Cambodia would then send its escalation has brought about the defacto reunification of Vietown troops or those of the ICC to investigate and, if the informaam. Prince Sihanouk continued: "I

its duties to the maximum, and actively investigate all frontier incidents and all possible infiltrations of foreign troops."

On Vietnam, the two sides had failed to reach agreement, Prince Sihanouk said, adding, "we are not on the same wave length on that subject."

He said: "I asked for a halt to the bombing of North Vietnam, but the Americans demand in exchange a halt in the shipment of North Vietnamese rein-

advised the Americans to let the Vietnamese settle their own affairs among themselves, and suggested neutralisation on the international level of a reunified

> He said the U.S. and Cambodia had not reached agreement on a reestablishment of the diplomatic relations broken off in May. 1965

the Americans not to compromise the future relations between the two countries.

sion, we shall be friends after the end of the Vietnam war", he said.

Prince Sihanouk, speaking to

Sihanouk said that the American delegation had been satisfied to learn that Cambodia would ask the ICC "to carry out

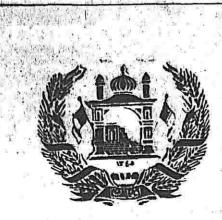
Vietnam.

tion is verified, demand that they leave Cambodian territory.

But he said he had advised

'Unless there is serious aggres-

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COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

The joint communique issued at the end of the four day official visit by Yugoslavia President Marshal Tito to Afghanistan at the invitation of His Majesty the King reflects the community of interest that the two countries have, and the methods that both nonaligned and peaceloving countries use to solve international and regional problems.

The communique covers a wide range of subjects. Views were exchanged on general international problems, disarmament, the plight of the developing nations and the expectations from the UN Conference on Trade and Development to be held in Delhi in February, the United Nations and the need to further strengthen it, and the concerted efforts of the nonaligned nations to decrease international tension and secure a better and prosperous world.

Vietnam and the Middle East, two foci of tension which greatly threaten world peace were studied by the Afghan and Yugoslavian sides. The communique declared that unless Israel withdraws from occupied Arab territories conditions for peace cannot be created. Similarly Afghanistan and Yugoslavia, like many other nations expressed their views that the unconditional cessation of the bombing of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam is a necessary step for the creation of conditions leading to negotiations. Both have formerly said that the Vietnam issue should be solved on the basis of the Geneva agreements of 1954, but that there can be no hope for peace talks unless the bombing is stopped.

The communique attaches great interest to bilateral relations. His Majesty's visit to Yugoslavia seven years ago was a step in strengthening mutually beneficial ties. The return visit paid by Marshal Tito this week coincides with Afghanistan's efforts to seek ways to implement the projects scheduled for the Third Five Year Development Plan. We are pleased to see that Yugoslavia has offered to participate in implementing our Third Plan as far as it is able to.

Food For Thought

There is no royal road to geome-

Euclid

The two countries some years ago agreed to discuss the possibility of cooperating in establishing a tannery plant near Kabul, a rubber footwear factory and other small projects. In light of the present increase in contacts between the two nations, we are certain that further steps for joint technical and economic cooveration will be taken.

The two countries can also seek ways of increasing their volumes of trade with one another. We hope that the special economic delegation from Yugoslavia which will visit here soon will carefully examine the various aspects of economic and commercial ties between the two nations.

Both countries which are greatly interested in the improvement of economic conditions of developing nations can look forward to cooperating with one another and with other developing nations at UNCTAD meeting in Delhi in February.

United Nations statistics reveal that developing nations have not been able to reach the minimum economic goals established for the current development decade. Both nations in concert with other nations call for a second development decade to be initiated in 1970 and urge industralised nations to grant more favourable trading terms to developing nations.

Wilson-Kosygin Talks. This Month Important

THE KABUL TIMES

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson will assess the chances of getting Vietnam peace talks started when he meets Soviet prime minister Alexie Kosygin in Moscow later this month, informed sources said. Details of his visit to the Soviet capital—his third as prime minister —are expected to be announced within a few days.

But diplomatic observers in London said it seemed possible that it would coincide with a lull in the Vietnam fighting during the lunar new year holiday, when both sides have offered short truce.

Britain has a special role to play over Vietnam as co-chairman with the Soviet Union of the 1954 Geneva conference on Indo-China.

Wilson was last known to have made a major but abortive effort to get Vietnam peace talks started when Kosygin was in London early last February, during a similar pause in the fighting. But the sources said he was preparing no special new initiatives for his Moscow talks.

This year the Viet Cong have offered a truce between Ianuary 26 and February 2, and Washington has said it will order a 48-hour pause in its bombing raids on North Vietnam over this lunar new year period.

British officials are interested in a reported statement by North Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh on Hanoi's attitude towards talks with Washington if the U.S. stopped its raids.

But' they said they are awaiting word from the British consul in Hanoi to clarify whether the North Vietnamese leader said that if the bombing stopped unconditionally there would be talks—or merely that there could be talks. In the British view, an affirmation from North Vietnam that there would in fact be talks if the U.S. bombing raids were stopped could mark a clear advance—and provide a more hopeful background to wilson's Moscow visit.

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The British leader is due to make one of his half-yearly trips to Washington for talks with President Johnson in early February, soon after his meeing with Kosygin. In the meantime British Foreign Secretary George Brown will discuss Vietnam and other far eastern issues in talks with Japanese leaders in Tokyo next week.

So far Brown has no firm plans to make any special stops on his way to and from Tokyo, but officials said that some chances on his return route could not be ruled out. (REUTER)

Will Dr. Barnard Go ToPolitics?

In 10 years' time, the amazing hands that have transplanted two hearts will probably no longer be able to operate-they will be knotted and deformed by arthritis, and one of the world's greatest surgeons will be reduced to ordinary general practice or laboratory research. Professor Christian Barnard obviously knows this better than anyone (he has said so himself) but this prospect, like the death of his first transplant subject two weeks ago, does not shake his prodigious vitality, his amazing self-confidence and his optimism in the face of every trial.

Moreover, in 10 years' time, might he not be Prime Minister? At the moment, the idea is only a joke, launched during a press conference in reply to a journalist who asked him if he meant to go into politics.

Barnard replied that if he were offered the premiership, he would think it over, thus skilfully avoid-

ing getting dragged into a political discussion after having unleashed one of the world press's most heated polemics against apartheid by planting a colored heart into a white body.

It was a real "revolution" in this country of race segregation.

Barnard would have a lot going for him in a political career: Apart from being one of the most famous men in the world and a national glory, he is also good-looking, with a slim, youthful figure at 45, and a keen water-skier, in which sport his daughter Deirdre is a world a class champion.

He will probably come over marvelously on television, which South Africa will undoubtedly have in the near future, despite the fears of the government that TV encourages race integration.

Finally, he has travelled a good deal: after brilliant medical studies in the United States, he went to the Soviet Union to study Soviet methods of transplantation involving dogs.

South Africa is one of the world's most anti-communist countries, and a stay in Russia is rare experience for a South African.

But he would probably be ill-served by his youthful spontaneity in a country where politicians tend to be grave and austere. He also gesticulates when he talks, like an Italian or a Greek, something that isn't done in South Africa, where British good manners were adopted with the Calvinistic rigor of the Dutch settlers' descendants.

Anyway, Barnard is clearly too much in love with his career to think about taking up politics, even if it meant adding to the glory of Voniart West, here a good 30 years ago this son of an ordinary Dutch reformed Church missionary ran barefoot with his brothers in the dry countryside of the Karoo, one of South Africa's most desolate but magnificently beautiful landscapes.

(AFP)

HOME PRESS AT A GLANCE

All the premier dailies of the capital yesterday carried news and pictures of the departure of Yugoslavia President Marshal Josip Broz Tito and his wife after paying a four day state visit here at the invitation of His Majesty the King.

Today's *Islah* carries an editorial entitled "Afghanistan and Yugoslavia." Modern diplomacy attaches

make it possible to launch a chemical fertiliser plant and a thermal power station.

The foreign exchange earnings will help in repaying some of our debts and also finance new projects which will be undertaken in the Third Five Year Plan, it said.

In another editorial the paper welcomed the decision of Balkh busito utilise subterranean water resources and to cultivate large tracts of barren land in the area.

The new company can draw on the research work done by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and thus contribute to raising our national income.

The editorial expressed the hope that this initiative would be followed

An End To Hereditary Disease

Two scientists of Stanford University in California announced last month that they had manufactured a simple or primitive form of life in a testtube. How living is this artificial life?

What the Americans—under the Nobel Prizewinner, Dr. Arthur Kornberg—have done is to extract the genetic material from a virus, the simplest of all forms of life, and to devise a method of

If there is a genetic fault in part of the blueprint then that fault need only be repaired in the part of the body where that particular part of the blueprint is used. It will never make the scene anyhow anywhere else, and therefore the defect is harmless elsewhere.

At this point, an example. Take the well-konwn hereditary disease haemophilia, in which Another way of getting a new bit of DNA into a cell is to get it in the form of a virus. All a virus is a bit of DNA with a protective coat round it. When the virus infects a cell its genetic material takes over the controls so that the cell switches to manufacturing what the virus blueprint tells it to make, instead of the things it ought to be manufacturing. If a virus could be

great importance to direct talks between heads of state and leaders, it said.

Our world which is blessed by scientific and technological progress is also threantened by it. Modern technology has solved some of the old problems confronting man but has also created new ones.

It has brought nations closer yet it has also separated them perhaps not in a physical but in an ideological sense. That is why, the editorial said, direct contacts between heads of state is the best means of promoting mutual understanding and cooperation in the world.

The state visit paid by His Majesty to Yugoslavia and the return visit by the Yugoslav president has served this very purpose. The editorial said that during these meetings leaders of the two countries dissussed the possibilities of mutual cooperation and expressed their view on some of the outsanding world problems which will contribute to world peace and international cooperation.

It also mentinoed the fact that a technical delegation from Yugoslavia will visit Afghanstan and discuss the possibilities of Yugoslavian participation in Afghanistan's Third Five Year Plan. It is hoped, the editorial said, that the outcome of this visit will be positive and constructive.

The paper carried a letter to the editor complaining about the rapid rise in the prices of meat during the Eid days and the continually deteriorating quality of bread produced in city bakaries.

It expressed the hope that price control authorities in the municipal corporation will do their best to curb this situation in the interest of the public.

Yesterday Anis in an editorial hailed the news that our export earnings from natural gas will amount to \$230 million. In addition to this our gas reserves in the north will

nessmen to float a new company in other parts of the country.



Mrs. Eileen Blaiberg told a Johannesburg newspaper Tuesday she was "bitterly unhappy" over accusations she tried to make money out of her husband's heart transplant operation. getary assistance for 1968, the *International Herald Tribune* reported Tuesday from Washington. According to the report an informed U.S. official in Washington said: We have suspended what we

"We are just not that sort of people", she told *Die Vanerland* (The Fatherland).

Her husband, retired dentist Philip Blaiberg, 58, underwent the operation at Cape Town's Groote Schuur hospital. Prof. Christian, Barnard, leading a team of 30 scientists, performed the operation—the third in the word.

A wave of bitterness built up round the pioneer transplant when the local newspaper discovered the U.S. National Broadcasting corporation (NBC) had contracted an exclusive agreement with the Blaibergs.

The military-dominated Greek government is considering sending troops to Vietnam, the Greek Cypriot newspaper *Telefea Ora* said in Nicosia.

The Athens regime was studying whether to send a small unit or a whole division, the paper asserted. Troops sent to Vietnam would be drawn from the Greek division sent to Cyprus after the 1964 Cyprus civil war and now being withdrawn under an agreement between Athens and Ankara.

About 4,000 out of some 12,000 Greek troops have already left the remaindar was expected to be completed before the end of this month. A force of 950 Greek troops, provided for by the 1960 treatics giving Cyprus independence, would

remain, the paper said. The United States has told Jor-

our gas reserves in the north will I dan not to expect any direct bud-

getary assistance for 1968, the International Herald Tribune report-

ed Tuesday from Washington. According to the report an informed U.S. official in Washington said: We have suspended what we call budget support for Jordan for '1968. This is in view of their financial situation. They have received a lot of assistance from other Arab states before the emergency and since the emergency and their reserves are very high."

The purported reason for the cutoff was the \$162 million in assistance given to Jordan by three oilrich Arab states to help the impoverished kingdom surmount the economic casastrophe of losing its west -bank area to Israel in the June war.

But many Jordanian officials be-* lieve the real reason was a continuation of Washington's policy of punishing King Hussein.

The United States for the first time is facing a North Vietnamese diplomatic offensive that presents the Johnson administration with truly difficult choices, the *International Herald Tribune* reported from Washington.

Hanoi's offer to trade talks for an unconditional halt in the American bombing is more troublesome for the administration than any U.S. official will admit aloud, the paper said.

It strikes at the weakest point in the public posture of the United States: The Johnson Administration's use of gross oversimplification to win support for its stand in highly complex international situations, the paper said.

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copying this indefinitely. Their copies are produced by means what is called an enzyme, a complex chemical also found in the same virus, which catylyses and controls the copying process.

So in fact they have not created life but only copied it and they can only do this by employing a pre-existing biological copying machine. Each copy has the ability to infect bacteria (which this particular virus feeds on) just as effectively as a naturally produced virus; because a virus consists simply of a piece of genetic material surrounded by a very, simple protecting covering.

Almost certainly it will eventually—perhaps within about 10 years—become possible to redraw the genetic blueprints which control the development and maintenance of the human body when someone has been born with faulty blueprints. And this could amount to the abolition of hereditary disease.

What would be required would be a controlled replacement of any faulty section of the long stands of the molecule of life, DNA (doexyribonucleic acid), which carry the genetic code in every cell in our bodies. Since all these cells, billions of them, originate from one single fertilised, egg, then any defect we are born with will be found in every single cell in our bodies, but it will not be necessary to replace the faulty DNA in every single cell.

The whole of the blueprint, which is laid down in a virtually identical form in the nucleus of each of the billions of cells in our bodies, is never used in any of those cells. Different parts of the blueprint are brought into play, to produce the particular structures required for a brain cell or bone cell or whatever. In any cell large parts of the blueprint are not only unnecessary, and they have to be firmly suppressed.

blood fails to clot so that haemophiliac is always in danger of bleeding to death. Dr. Edward Tatum, a Nobel Prize-winner and pioneer of molecular biology, has suggested that it might become possible to cure haemophilia by providing just one part of the patient's body with the ability to make blood clot.

In a haemophiliac the small part of the genetic blueprint required for proper clotting is missing from every cell in the body. But this is relatively unimportant everywhere except in the liver, because that is the only place where the clotting factor, the chemical which circulates in the blood and helps it to clot, is actuall made.

The liver is, therefore, the only part of the body where that part of the blueprint is used. Suppose that some living cells were to be taken from the patient's liver and grown in tissue culture, technique which is routine for' doctors today. The missing or defective section of the DNA, the genetic blueprint, could be inserted or corrected in some of The corrected cells the cells. could then be multiplied in culture until there were enough of them to be re-implanted into the liver. There they would produce the factor required for proper clotting for the rest of the patient's life. Haemophilia would be cured.

But exactly how would the blueprint be corrected? Scientists used to believe that they would need to know exactly where the faulty factor was situated along the lengths of the strands of genetic material in the cell, and that they would have to snip that bit out and insert a correct version instead.

That kind of molecular-level carpentry may be possible one day but it is still a long way in the, future.

American scientists have done this experiment. They have taken the eggs of fruit flies, and soaked those eggs in a liquid solution of foreign DNA, genetic material. When those eggs grew up into fruit flies, the flies had some of the characters of the foreign DNA solution besides those of their own genetic material. Just simply soaking eggs in DNA makes part of the blueprint carried by that DNA get into the eggs and become an integral part of their own blueprint, as shown by the fact that the characters from the solution go on appearing for several generations.

found which contained the bit of DNA which makes blood clot, then it could find its own way into the cells in tissue culture, and would get to work of its own accord.

Of course some way would have to be found of preventing other, harmful effects of the virus blueprint from manifesting themselves. Another possibility is to use a virus to transfer the right piece of DNA from another cell, since some viruses have the strange property of being able to carry foreign DNA from cell to cell. Or, and this is not as fanciful as it seems, an artificial virus could be manufactured to do the job. A virus is only a string of DNA and a simple protective coat, and we are already able to string a few letters in the genetic code together.

This is where the importance of Dr. Kornberg's work comes in. If a harmless virus which readily infects human body cells can be found, then it may well be possible to string together just the small section of DNA which represents the right version of the faulty part of the blueprint of someone suffering from a hereditary illness, and to join it on to the virus.

Now suppose cells, living cells, were taken from the part of the patient concerned and were to be grown and multiplied in tissue culture, then they could be infected, still in tissue culture with the virus containing the correct blueprint and could be multiplied until there were enough cells to perform their proper function back in the person they came from. And then by a simple piece of surgery, they could be replaced in the body they originally came from, there to live and multiply and do their proper job.

Thorugh this technique, or slightly different versions of it, we should eventually acquire the power to control heredity and the genetic make-up of future generations, and to correct any abnormalities in existing human beings. It is only a logical, and potentially, not too distant, development of contemporary scien-

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But whether something will intervene to stop it happening, or whether if and when we acquire this colossal power we may horribly misuse it—these are matters which are beyond the control of research scientists.

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Aborigine Trackers **Find School** Teacher, Studens

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 11; (Reuter).-Aborigine trackers Tuesday found missing American school teacher Jean Laing and her three child companions on a tea estate about 10 miles from where they disappeared in the jungle of Malaysia's Lameron highland's four days ago.

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Belley, France

the Olympic torch.

Police said the idea was to stop

McCana, giving chase as the rai-

by a shock from her electric too-

seemed to be signalling as they

To avoid any possible incident,

Police believe the warnings are

probably a practical joke-but

Firemen here are threatening

to resign over an order to salute

their superior fficers when off

An 80-year-old retired butcher

Signor Liovio Tencati, whose

nose officially measured 7.2 cen-

timetres (two and three quarter

inches) long and five centimetres

(two inches) across, was crow-

ed under a giant paper mache

nose set up in the plaza of the

The annual contest, which be-

beat more than 50 other contes-

tants to become Soragna's "King

the party altered their route and

skied trough the night.

increased their speed.

they are investigating.

Bayeux, France

Soragna, Italy

Of Big Noses, 1968"

town, near Parma.

ders escaped with his cash.

The senior assistant manager of the estate, R.D. Ouvry told Reuter 30-year-old Miss Laing, of Altuna, Pennsyvania, was sitting exhausted by a jungle stream when they found the party. The three children were in good condition.

The aborigines, who work on the estate and who have been assisting police and British army gurkhas in the rugged search, rigged up a makeshift stretcher and carried her back to their village.

The three children, 14-year-old Sarjit Kaur, 12-year-old Manjit Singh and 11-year-old Lalbir Singh, whom she had taken for a picnic last Tuesday, were able to walk out.

The aborigines also gave them their first food since they finished 'their picnic lunch on Tuesday.

Ouvry said quartet had been following jungle streams and subsisted on water since they got lost.

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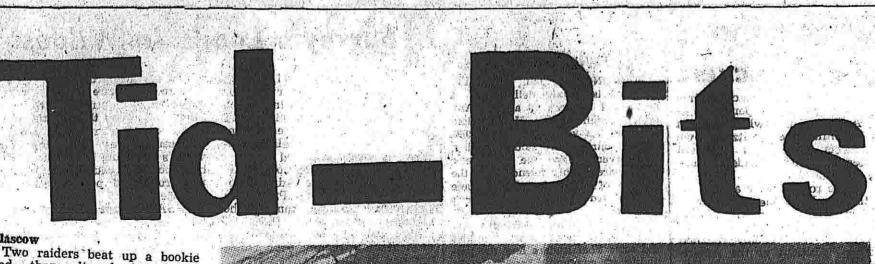
Miss Laing taught in the Dalat Christian Missionary school in the Cameron highlands, nearly 300 miles north of Kuala Lumpur, for the last two years, and the children were the brothers and sisters of a servant at the school.

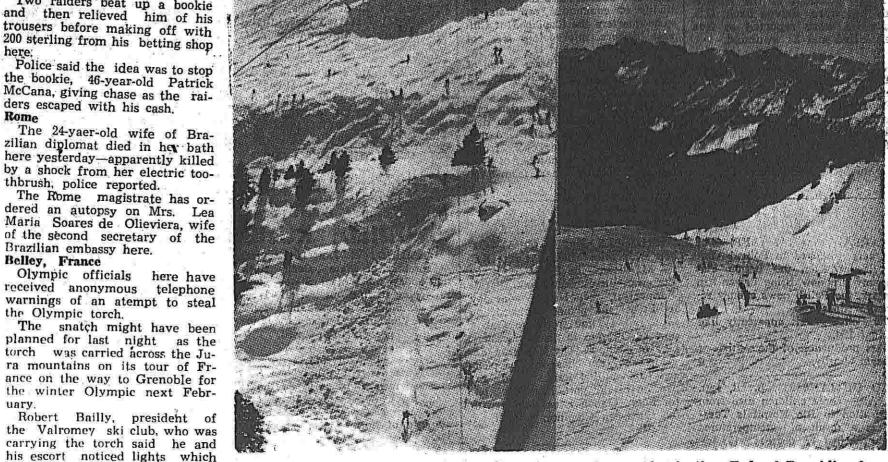
They went missing not far from where American silk tycoon Jim Thompson while on holiday from his business in Bangkok. Not a trace of him was found.

An intensive search has been going on with police, British army gurkhas, civilians, Malaysian and British royal air force planes taking part since Tuesday night.

Hope was fading fast till aborigines announced that they had discovered tracks that appeared o be those of a woman or a girl.

The aborigines followed up the stream till they came across the





The slopes of the 6,750 foot Bebelhorn in the Allgau Alps in the Federal Republic of Germany, are among the world's most popularski runs, suitable for both novices and experienced skiers.

Year after year Oberstdorf ski jump, the world's largest, is the rendezvous of the ski jumping elite. Sun lovers and the sick also head for the fairy tale winter landscape round Oberstdorf and the Nebelhorn.

> southern Italy, in the next few davs.

The international Olympics committee's general assembly in Grenoble may have to make the decision when it handles the tricky details of sex and dope test regulation, a committee spokesman said here.

their genuine

But

The professor said it was not unusually for the heart to stop in such cases, "but the surprising

thing was the frequency with which it happened afterwards." Milan. The barman called on the police when a man walked in his New York, bar in freezing weather for a cup of coffee. The reason: the

man was completely naked. Police took him to a psychiatrist. Boston, Massachuetts supreme court has ruled that bar owners can be held responsible for highway deaths and injuries caused by

drunken drivers. In a decision written by chief his staff were surprised to see an justice Raymod S. Wilkins, the unidentified objects in the sky. It court said the Gregory Adamian, swept across the screen from the a lawyer, was entitled to a trial in a suit he brought against the owner of a bar over a car accident in which his wife was killed by a drunken driver.

The Kinshasa daily, la Tribune Africaine, said it was hoped to bring in several units of the Congolese army to hunt down the lions, which had invaded Kimpese, about 220 miles (350 kms) west of here, from the Bangu mountains.

An unidentified flying object was unwittingly filmed this week by a camera crew shorting a picture on location near Camarillo, California, Universal Pic-Corporation reported. tures

A, spokesman said that, at a routine screening of f lm shot for "A Man Called Gannon," director James Goldstone and

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By Kathleen Trautman

We've been on vacation now for over a week in India and the word to sum up this wonderful land is colour.

Lush green grass, fields of yellow mustard flowers and the brightest and gayest oranges, pulps and pinks in turbans and sarees. The drive from Kabul took three days with overnight stops in Rawalpindi and Lahore. It's a rugged, grueling, yet facinating drive and the Grand Trunk Road is filled with bullock carts and people- a vivid contrast to the highway linking Kabul with Peshawar.

First stop was New Delhi for the Christmas holidays and it included colourful strolling hands who came to our door to serenade us and garlands of flowers hung cermoniously around our necks on Christmas morning.

It seems that everyone came to visit us on Christmas, including snake charmer and a fortune teller.

My experience with the snake charmer only emphasises the perils in traveling with two small boys. The sanke charmer arrived outside the door of the apart ment house in Sundar Nager where we were staying with a basket-full of cobras and a huge python.

I got a little less than hysterical upon opening the front door to see our oldest boy Max with the python wrapped around his neck and our youngest son, Karl screeching with glee. Since the snake charmer spoke only Hindi there were some tense moments between him and one very distraught mother.

The snake act was followed by dancing bear and two monkeys doing sommersaults. Our boys were extatic. India was obviously just meant for them.

A drive to the pink city of Jaipur brought more experiences with the animal kingdom. This time I got into the act too, when our family rode an elephant up the winding road that leads to the Ambe Palace. It was great fun and the view is specacular.

To add to the colour, a local musician dressed in blue and white silks accompanied our elephant playing te Raanhatta-a musical instrument made of bamboo and a coconut shell with goat hide and wire strings. It was played with a horse hair bow and the Indian folk tune he played was enchanting. All this for the price of one rupee.

Reasonable prices are inother feature of India I find attractive. India has her share of touristsbut the number hasn't become so great that the prices are out of proportion. Admission to many of her famous sites are reasonably priced and many times are free. And speaking of India's famed sights-the more I travel through this exciting land, the more I ·ealise the significance of Babur, the first' Moghul to rule India and whose tomb I have visited in Kabul. India is filled with fascinating palaces and mosques erected by his grandsons and their sons. I must say that the rulers of Rijasthan had the right idea when it comes to enjoying life Not only did the Amber Palic: outside of Jaipur that was built in the 17th century have t's own unique system of air conditioning but I found the Chamber of Mirrors absolutely fascinating. They close the doors and light two candles whereupon the thousands of tiny mirrors in the ceiling sparkle and dance and it gives the effect of standing under a night sky filled with the most dazzling galaxy of stars imaginable. And I understand it, was for this very purpose the room was designed.

prove they really are females. The question whether mothers should have to undergo sex tests is already troubling the organisers of next month's winter Olympics at Genuble.

Dope and sex scandals-with spectacular performances by peculiarly muscular continents in women's events casting doubt on femininity-has brought demands from some world sports federations for ser letes.

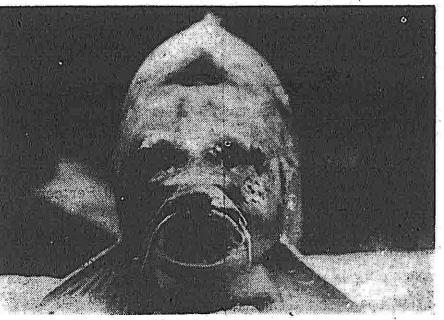
party, whom they led to a roadhead after feeding them. They were picked up by a police doctor and an ambulance who took them back to Tanah Rata in the centre of the highlands.

members of the town's exclusive "Noses Club," founded two years ago.

gan last year, is organised by

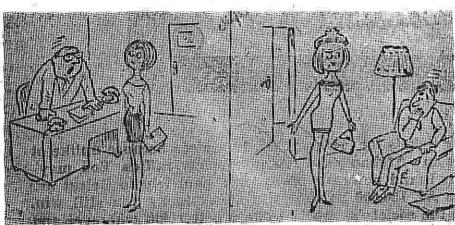
Lanusanne.

Outstanding women athletes with husbands and babies may still have to take sex tests to



William, a 40-year-old female carp; became the number one attraction within a matter of days of her arrival at West Berlin's aquarium. Who is interested in more exotic breeds of sh when a yard-long, 50 pound, popeyed, pounting-lipped carp is on view

A Berliner born and bred too! The mature old lady her, age and sex ascertained by experts-has spent some four decades in woodland waters on the outskirts of the old German capital. The anglar who caught her took her straight to the city aquarium, which has just celebrated its centennia. Delighted by the unexpected addition, the aquarium director declared that had never had such a big carp in the place.



Your clothes are so provocative, the chaps I bought it a bit longer to allow for shrinking can't get on with their work. rom today you'll work in my room!

known sporting mothers as Britain's Mary Rand, long jump winner in the Tokyo Olympics and France's Marie-Yvonne Dupureur, up in the 800 metres? This is the problem facing the IOC.

So ar the IOC medical commission has only recommended that the first three women in each event should undergo a sex test. But the first six athletes in selcted events would probably be tested for dope, the spokesman spid.

Other athletes might be chosen for random, spot checks-the aim being to keep all competitors aware they can not be sure of escaping exmantion.

The games application forms ask all women to agree to a sex test if required-but this is being interpreted as meaning all women must take the test, the spo-'kesman said. This would be impossible.

Just before its general assembly the IOC faces a potentially tough meeting with international sports federations. The federations are understord to want to reexamine the role of the Olympic congress, custodian of the Olympic ideals of amateur sport. Brisbane,

The Braham quins are progressing well and there should be no further concern about their welafre, a medical bulletin said. The quins were born to 36-yearold solictor's wife Patricia Braham at Brisbane's women's hospital on Sunday.

babies were born six The weeks premature and doctors said they would spend up to a They fortnight in incubators. were fed on breast milk, from the hospital's milk bank, for the first time yesterday.

Turin, A 20-year-old Italian girl is good condition in hospital re after her heart stopped beang on 110 separate 'occasions llowing a heart operation, vas disclosed here.

Doctors s'Id the heart of Luca Longo, a student teacher, stopned beating six days after a plasic valve was inserted into it on November 23. Massage and eleccal shocks set the heart beat-

ra agrin. But in the next 12 days it stoped 109 times more, and was

reactivated in the same way. Professor Angelo Actis-Dato. who performed the operation, told reporters Miss Longo now was in good health and would return to her family in Bari,

The court said the bar continued to serve a patron who was already intoxicated. The patron, "greatly intoxicated " according to the court. then drove his car onto a highway and become involved in a fatal accident villing Adamian's wife. Moscow

Seven Soviet girls have won the titles of either "Miss World" "Miss Europe" of 1967. The ewspaper Trud announced their names. Liliya Stryukova won the title of "Miss Stewardressat a costest in Canada. 16vear-old school girl Lena Karpukhina, was called in Copenhagen the world's first grace and the "Russian miracle with pig tails," not simply the world's championess in callesthenics.

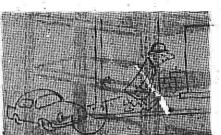
Moscovite Yelena Petushkova, the most elegant horse-rider won the title of "Miss Amazon of Europe" at a competition in the Federal Republic of Germany. Her love for horseriding is backed by her e-thusiasm for biochemistry in which she has recently defended a thesis,

The title of "Madam Batterfly-67" belongs to Maria Bieshu, Moldavian singer, the winner of a contest in Japan for the best Chio Chio San. Trenton, New Jersey

A man drenched himself with petrol and set himself alight, apparently because his wife had left him, police reported.

Anthony Czyz 51, is now in critical condition in hospital. A passer-by rolled him in the snow to put the flames out. Kinshasa.

About 50 lions are terrorising the central Congo province town of Kimpiese, killing and eating cattle and frightening; peasants away from their work in nearby fields, newspaper here reported.



"ght ducked behind star Tony Franciosa's head, and swooped off the screen to the left.

The object was all the more startling because before beginning to shoot the close-up scene of Franciosa, the production c-ew had made sure that no planes, or sound of any plane,

According to Goldstone, "the v was unusually clear-absoluvisibiliy was tely cloudless, unlimited and nothing was in sight in the sky. Only a strong wind was blowing-yet the camera saw something which we e e unable to see with our -vod eyes".

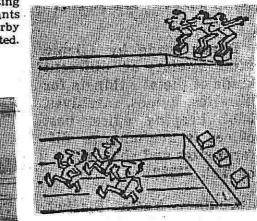
Universal Pictures added that the director also checked the film and verified that the unidentified flying object could not have been dirt or any artificial mark made in the laboratory.

verified too, that the They object actually disappears from view behind Franciosa's head on the film, and appears again until it goes off camera.

Goldstone and Universal Pictures have reported the occurrance to colonel Herb Wurth, of the U.S. air force's "project blue book" division in Washington, which investigates reports of UFO's, Universal have also offored the film to the air force. Tokyo,

Four major gold smuggling rings have been smashed by narcotics agents of the Osaka prefectural police after illicitly importing a total of three tons of gold worth more than \$5,556,000. Up to Saturday, the investigators arrested 15 persons on suspicion of violating the customs

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From Jaipur it's four hour drive to Agra and suddenly there it is-the famed Taj Mahal.

You stand there and look at it and it doesn't seem real. I had a chilling moment inside the tomb when I turned around to see a man carrying Karl up the steps.

It seems that Karl in his exhuberance had fallen down the marble steps leading to the tombs. Happily only his dignity was hurt and in a few minutes he was skipping down the beautiful mall and wanting to see more of India.

The Red Fort at Agra was a favourite of the boys. There were ramparts to climb, imaginary arrows to shoot from narrow medeival towers and huge courtvards to prance about in.

Max was taken with the idea n'l the fabulous gems that are India and conned us into buyg him a smoky topaz (for one pee) so that he could pretend wis a Maharaja. Speaking of . 1 harajas, we actually got to eet one but that comes later. Travelling with Mr. and Mrs. 'mald K')h. who are friends urs, with AID in Kabul we d met them in Agra-we joured to Fatehpur Sikri, the 'host City. If you can't imagine the trouble two small boys can t you intor-add one morehis one named Robbie Keith: We now had three small boys

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"Killer Juniors" Kill 100 **Charging Viet Cong Attackers**

field sweep Wednesday raised to 103 the number of Viet Cong killed in a charging attack that carried them into pointblank range of American artillery, the U.S. command reported.

The attack, the heaviest single action reported during the day in the Vietnam war, occurred, against a battalion of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division about 48 km northwest of Saigon.

It was believed that a battalion of enemy troops, about 350

TID-BITS

(Continued from page 3) law. Another is also wanted on a similar suspicton, "Jiji press" said.

At the same time, they impounded a total of 619 pieces of evidence worth 18 million yen, including seven kilogrammes of gold bars and ingots, 309 gold rings and 37 commemorative medals for the centennial of the Meiji restoation.

Smuggled gold bars and ingots bear marks stamped in Britain, Switzerland, and Hong Kong. The Osaka police suspect the

Japanese groups have connections with an international gold sumggling system.

Police detained a 20-year-old girl who, they said, fired at least ten bullets at two nuns, wounding one in the neck and the other in the shoulder.

The girl. Janet Marie Lazarrus, who has a history of mental illness, has not been formally charged with shooting the Dominican nuns police said.

The nuns, teachers at St. Francis of Assisi elementary school here fell wounded after shots rang out from Miss Lazarrus's third floor apartment window while they were on their way to post some letters.

Sister Mary Leonard, 33, the former Mary Burland, of New Haven Connecticut, was hit twice in the neck Hospital official described her condition as fair.

Her companion, sister Ricarda, 24, the former Anita Burke of Columbus, was wounded in the shoulder and doctor said she was in good condition.

Wuppertal, West Germany.

Some 170 police were engaged in a grisly search for the hands and head of a torso found propped up against a tree by the side of a road near here last night with the words "reenge batch" cut into its back.

The legs of the torso were found further along the same road on December 15 and a police spokesman said the pairs had probably been thrown out of a moving car. He said the name recalled that of Juergen Bartsch, a butcher's apprentice sentenced to life imprisonmet here last month for the sadistic murder of four boys. "The murderer probably just spelt the name wrong", the spokesman said. The words had apparently been cut into the flesh with a knife, but there were as yet too many possibilities to formulate any theories about the murder. A late-night-walker found the torso. The head had been cut off at the base of the neck, and legs in the mid-thigh. The arms were still attached but the hands missing. No one has been reported missing in the Wuppertal area recently.

SAIGON, 11, (AP).-A battle- men launched the attack. They swarmed toward the perimetre of the American unit, which brought its 105-millimetre howitzers down to direct fire level and sent "killer junior" rounds screaming into the enemy.

These rounds have a time fuse that exploded the projectile in the air and spews deadly bits of metal in all directions. Some of the enemy reached

burker positions of the Americans, but were. driven back. U.S. casualties were reported as five men killed and 28 wounded.

Viet Cong forces AFP reports attacked a Saigon-government infantry battalion in coastal Binh Dinh province Wednesday morning inflicting casualties of-ficially listed as "heavy".

According to reliable source, 24 of Saigon's soldiers were killed, 30 wounded and another 15 missing.

WARSAW, Jan. 11 (AFP)-The first cars produced in Poland under licence from the Italian Fiat company are now being driven in Warsaw, the Polish news agency reported Wednesday.

The Polish car is apparently like the Fiat 124. Mass production of the vehicle is

to begin shortly.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 11 (AP)-Three children died from dehydration in Rio Hospitals Tuesday as a result of temperatures which reached 92 degrees (33.4c), The victimss were among 134 children treated for dehydration, while 30 were hospitalised with medium to serious symptoms.

DUBLIN, Jan. 11 (AP)-United Nations Secretary General U Thant will visit Dublin next July to address the International Bar Assosation conference, an Irish Incorporated Law Society spokesman said Wednesday.

ADEN, Jan. 11 (AFP)-Southern Yemen's President Qahtan Shaabi Wednesday told British ambassador Robin Hooper, who was presenting his credentials, that he welcomed the "opening of a new page in the relations of our two countries, based on mutual respect."

Shaabi added: "we attach great importance and optimism to this occasion."

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To Get "Hawk" Missiles

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AFP) Thailand is to take delivery of a battery of between 18 and 36 American ground-to-air Hawk Missiles later this year or early in 1969, official sources here said yesterday. Observers believe the 4.80 metre rockets are mainly intended for the defence of Bangkok, while some may be used to protect the country's air bases.

Thailand has been playing a growing part in the Vietnam conflict and some Thai leaders fear the possibility of communist represals. In some quarters the likelihood of Chinese airborn intervention is not ruled out.

The Hawk Missile has a range of 35 kilometres and a ceiling of 15 kilometres.

Official Washington sources said the Hawk deliveries had been decided some weeks ago and had nothing to do with Bangkok's recent proposal to raise the number of Thai troops in south Vietnam from 3,000 to 13,000 this year.

World News In Brief BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (DPA)-Ga-

bon Economics Minister Emile Kassa Mapsi and the President of the European Investment bank, Paride Formentini, met Herz Wednesday to discuss the planned construction of a railway line from the Gabon port of Owendo to the northeastern city of Bellinga. The European development fund has already pledged 3,300 million francs for the expansion of the port. Mli later left for Bonn. Gabon is associated with the European Common Market.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 11 (DPA)-A zambian army lance corporal was Wednesday detained by Rhodesian police on the border bridge across the Zambesi river after drivng a car over the frontier markation on he centre of the bridge, the Rhodesian immigration authority said in Salisbury. He was handed over to the immigration authorities but returned to Zambia after giving an apology.

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genuine.

(Continued from page 3) ahead of us to see what they could find and it was plenty. The day of our visit with colourful crowds as it was the anniversary of the death of Shaikh Salim Chisti, the Moslem holy man who is buried there, child less women visit his tomb to tie a thread on an ivory screen in hopes of being blessed with children.

Majesty is an outstanding shothis party having bagged 998 ducks in one days shoot during his visit to Bharatpur in 1958. A record of the shoot is engraved on a stone tablet at one of the entries to the game preserve.

A return trip to Delhi brought

Surveyor Lands In Wildest Lunar Area

PASADENA, Jan. 11, (AFP). The American lunar probe Surveyor-7, which soft-landed on the moon's surface at 0106 GMT Wednesday, has already sent back hundreds of excellent pictures, it was announced here.

Scientists of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory here said some of the pictures were of the earth. The others showed the wildest and most desolate region ever photographed by lunar probes.

Surveyor 7 started transmitting the pictures immediately after landing near the giant Tycho crater.

Experts here said the area around the creater was even wilder than the region around the Copernicus crater photographed by the earlier orbiter satellites.

HANOI'S OFFER

STILL BEING

STUDIED: RUSK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)

-Secretary of State Dean Rusk

said today the United States was

stil trying to find out if Hanoi's re-

on the Vietnam war was a move to-

"I have no doubt that if there is

a genuine desire by the other side

to move towards peace in Southeast

Asia, the United States will meet it

more than half way," He told a co-

nference of businessmen supporting

Rusk made his comments to exp-

lain to the conference that the Uni-

ted States still had not determined

whether the recent statement by

North Vietnamese Foreign Minister

Nguyen Duy Trinh that Hanoi will

hold talks if the United States hal-

ted its bombing of the North was

"We shall have to insist that these

nations be allowed to live in peace

without molestation by force from

the outside", he added.

wards a peaceful settlement.

The surface around the 80 kilometre diametre Tycho crater appeared to be strewn with boulders and rocks, the experts said, One of these rocks is only a few centimetres from the Surveyor's landing strip. If it had been nearer it could have toppled

the probe and perhaps smashed its base, NASA assistant lunar programme director Lee Shearer said earlier that the final four metres of the 400,000 kilometre flight had been "under divine guidance". Computers had estimated the probe had only a 43 per cent chance of landing without mis-

nap. Meanwhile, scientists are planning to put the next phase of Surveyor's research programme into action within the next few hours.

On a telecommand from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here the probe's digging appartus will go into action, taking samples of the lunar soil and analysing them chemically. Specialists here believe the prospects for this part of the programme are promising.

NASA scientists here emphasised that Surveyor's programme was strictly scientific and not connected with the planned launching of a manned Apollo craft, the next stage in the Amecent conditional offer to hold talks rican lunar schedule.

Four Surveyor craft soft-landed on the moon before Wednesday's touch-down, and two others failed to do so.

All four were designed to seek a landing place for the first manned mooncraft, scheduled for 1969 but thought unlikely before 1970

The four sites they explored are in a narrow strip straddling the lunar equator and NASA has now reduced the possibilities to the flattest areas of the so-called Sea of Tranquility and Sea of Storms.

Scientists have studied more than 60,000 photographs taken by the four Surveyors after landing

Weather Forecast

Skies in the central and northern regions of the country will be cloudy. Yesterday the warmest area of the country was , Farah with a high of 16 C, 61 F. The coldest was Sharak with a low of -21 C, 70 F. Wind speed in Kabul was recorded at 5 knots yesterday.

The temperature in Kabul at

28 F

in the two "seas". With the possible landing areas adequately explored already, NASA aimed its last Surveyor at another area which seemed likely to be greatly different from the flat "sea" areas.

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The Tycho area where Surveyr 7 landed, in the south-west of the visible lunar surface, turned out to be so rough that scientists here claimed it was "miraculous" that the space vehicle had ma-, naged to land successfully at all.

Surveyor 7, technically more perfect than its predecessors, has a digging mechanism which it is hoped will enable it to excavate a 45 centimetre groove.

An aluminium arm will move "black box" chemical analyser over the lunar surface. The "black box" will bombard the suface with atomic particles and measure their reflection.

NASA experts believe the Tycho crater was formed more recently than the eroded "seas" in the centre of the moon's surface.



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Cassius Clay said Sunday that he lost \$8,200,000 worth of movie contracts, commercial endorseheavyweight title ments and fights since his conviction for refusing to be drafted into the U.S. army.

Clay, speaking on a London (independent) television programme, via satellite from America said he was also \$80,000 in debt. He attributed this to U.S. government taxes,

"The government takes 90 per cent. They have a new law just for me," Clay said.

Clay sparred verbally with programme guest David' Susskind, the American television producer. Susskind called Clay a tool of the black Moslem movement.

Clay replied that he was an ordaned minister and told Susskind: "You keep that jive and you'll fall in five".

Washington. There has been an increase of

50 per cent in the number of persons arrested for threatening the president since President Kennedy's assassination in November, 1963, the secret service has disclosed here.

About 80 arrests for threats were made in a one-year period while Pesident Kennedy was in office, and more than 425 arrests against President Johnson in the 12-month. period ending last June 30.

Some of the threats are made in letters written to the White House, others verbally. Most people arrested are regarded as mentally disturbed, and are sent to institutions for treatment. Their cases rarely receive publicity in the newspapers.

JAKARTA, Jan. 11 (AFP)-Several people accused of being involved in activities to liquidate acting President General Suharto and other government officials, have been arrested.

This was confirmed Wednesday by Jakarta's military commander, Major-General Amir Mahmoud who added that documents carrying the aims of those involved were also seized.

RABAT, Jan. 11 (DPA)-The Aviation Committees of the four Maghreb states Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria and Libya are now holding their annual meeting here. Main topic is the creation of a joint airlines, Royal Air Maroc, Tunis Air, Air Algeria and Libyan Airways.

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With exciting colours for greeting, gifts and home decorations have arrived.

KABUL FLOURIST On the street leading from the Blue Mosque to the French club, Share Nau.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB FRIDAY JANUARY 12th. 8 p.m.

HORSE RACING

ANNOUNCEMENT At the repeated request of Kabul residents the Central Silo is new producing loafs of 500 gram white bread at Af. 5. Those interested should contact Silo sales vans.

2nd floor.

I was a little concerned when Max and Karl emerged from the temple with the information they had tied a thread on for me and wished for no less than 10 brothers. No comment on my part!

The Keiths and the Trautmans had stopped to watch a band of strolling musicians when we were informed by an excited Robbie, Max and Karl that they had hired a local man to jump off one of the high towers into a tank of water for the sum of 5 rupees. It seems this is the way the man earns his living.

"No you can't have 5 rupees", their fathers were heard to say . just in time to see the man hurtling through space with three ecstatic little boys delighted with his performance,

From Fatehpur Sikri we vi-sited Moti Mahal Palace where we stayed overnight as guests of the Maharaja of Bharatpur, Brijandra Singh. If there is nothing more exciting than meeting a Maharaja, it's Maharaja who has shot 150 tigers. This very gracious man kept Robbie, Max and Karl enthralled at dinner with stories of the jungle and the climax of the trip was a visit by jeep into the nearby game sanctuary where they witnessed the shooting of a niil gaay. And I might add that the meat is delicious.

A very beautiful coffee table in lapis lazuli in the living room of the Maharaja caught my eye and I remarked that the lapis lazuli must have come from Afghanistan. The Maharaja said it was a gift from His Majesty the King of Afghanistand and he added that His

the most unbelievable part of this fairy tale vacation.

Rambling through Old Delhi we followed the boys only to discover we had followed a funeral procession into the cremation grounds of Old Delhi.

The people were very gracious and insisted that we stay and watch the ceremony. And I must admit it was fascinating. The body, which was wrapped in white cloth was immersed three times in the river for a spiritual cleansing whereupon it was car-ied back to the cremation block.

The man's face was shown and handful of broken bracelets were taken out from under his wraps. These were his wife's bracelets which she had taken off that morning when he died and placed with him. Sandlewood was then brought to the pyre and the mourners then circled the body carrying small bits of wood which they dropped onto the pyre.

Luckily I grabbed Karl by the collar just in time as he was preparing to join in the circle of mourners in their march and tried to explain that since he was not a member of the deceased's family he didn't belong in the procession.

Yesterday's temperatures: Kabul 2 C -9 C 36 F 15 F Kandahar 12 C -2 C 53 F Kunduz 12 C 0 C 53 F 32 F Ghazni C -15 C 36 F 5 F Jalalabad 15 C 3 C 59 F 37 F N. Salang 1 C -15 C 5 F 34 F

11 a.m. was 0 C, 32 F.



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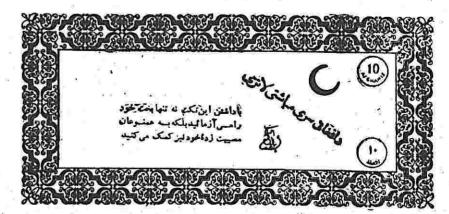
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