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## That Was Year That Was

As a general rule, nothing happens during the last week of the year. It is as if nature herself cooperated in the stillness of public affairs, so as not to get in the way of the holidays. Sometimes it doesn't work: indeed, there are nefarious spirits who take advantage of our preoccupation with the holidays. They used to say, in England a generation ago, that Neville Chamberlain took his weekends in the country, while Adolf Hitler took his countries in the weekend.

And of course the rules do not now apply in Cuba. There, puzzling over how to eliminate the Christmas slow-down in harvesting the winter sugar crop, Fidel Castro has figured it out: He is eliminating Christmas. From now on "Christmas" will be in mid-summer, after the summer harvest. Castro tends to go in for half-way measures. Why not declare that the month of August will henceforward be called December?

But mostly we can assume that the events of the year are behind us. What were the big ones?

Well there was Vietnam. In the spring the North Vietnamese launched a great offensive. There have not been as many tanks mobilized against a small country since Hitler marched into the Lowlands. We had, apparently, no intimation, of the offensive, even as ten years ago we had no intimation of the sudden appearance of the Berlin Wall, though one would have thought that such a stand-by accumulation of bricks and mortar would not have escaped the notice even of the CIA. A dozen years ago someone remarked that the weekend's attempted assassination of Sugarno had all the earmarks of a CIA operation: every one in the room was killed except Sukarno.

Having survived the surprise, President Nixon ordered the blockading of Haiphong Harbor, and it was quite popularly supposed that this measure would lead to a cancellation of the Moscow visit, the indefinite postponement of the SALT talks, the appearance in Indo-China of Chinese troops, and at least a little world war. Critics of Mr. Nixon were gravely

disappointed a) that international diplomacy continued on its chartered course; and b) that the North Vietnamese offensive was stopped. It would have been so very much easier if the North Vietnamese had won. If the North Vietnamese continue to fail in their aggressions against the south, they may very well wake up one day and find they have lost the support of American liberals.

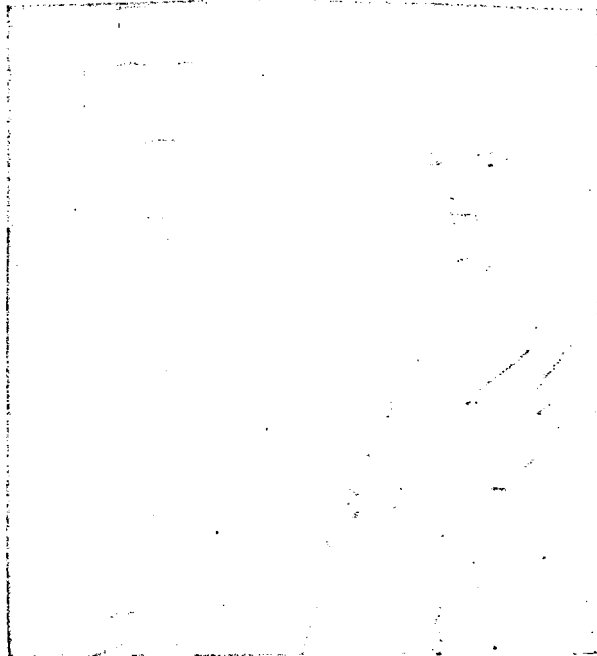
On the domestic front it was of course a presidential election year. George McGovern was, really, the man of the year. It was a great surprise that he won the Democratic nomination, but no one anticipated that he would fight his way into the pages of American history as principal sponsor of the greatest upset in political history. Richard Nixon — Richard Nixon! — carrying every state of the Union except Massachusetts. Nobody could have accomplished that except George McGovern, and already the John Birch Society has figured it out. Nixon, who of course is the tool of the Communists, has tools of his own. It was he who contrived McGovern's nomination. Next time around, McGovern isn't going to play so easy to get for the Republicans. His price will be much higher. He is a proven performer, after all.

The colleges were quieter, and the atmosphere generally irenic. True, the reactionaries at Yale University did not permit General Westmoreland to speak, but they exhibited moderation, after all. They might have spirited him away and shipped him to North Vietnam, an overdue return for all those secret documents we have taken from them over the years. Yale is slowing down.

Oh yes, there was the 55th Annual Drought in the Soviet Union since the Bolshevik Revolution. It brought on great food shortages except in the little bits and pieces of Russia where people are permitted to grow their own vegetables. There the sun and rain were abundant. The Soviet Union will try the guilty parties, but not in time to prevent the 56th Annual Drought, which will take place next year. That's what the Marxists call dialectical certitude.

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# WALTER SCOTT'S Personality Parade



HITLER WITH EVA BRAUN WHOM HE FINALLY WED

**Q.** Is there any proof that Adolf Hitler was a sex pervert or that his murderous behavior was motivated by sexual inadequacy?—J. H. Knowles, Berkeley, Calif.

**A.** Russian pathologists who autopsied Hitler's remains, reported in 1968 that he was a victim of "monorchism," a man born sexually incomplete. A 1943 study of Hitler's personality by the Office of Strategic Services, wartime predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency, reveals that Hitler was a masochist who could achieve full sexual satisfaction only as a result of sadistic punishment by a female.

Dr. Norbert Bromberg of Tarrytown, N.Y. and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York City, is preparing a popular book on Adolf Hitler which will reveal in detail Hitler's sex life. At a recent meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association in New York City, Dr. Bromberg gave a paper entitled, *Further Observations on Hitler's Character and its Development*.

Another outstanding reference is *The Death of Adolf Hitler* by L. Bezymenski, published in this country by Harcourt, Brace in 1958.

There is a great deal of evidence that Hitler was also a syphilitic, a sociopath, and of course a hypochondriac who was an easy mark for medical quacks of all types.

Dr. Bromberg hopes to alert the public through his future book to the symptoms of paranoid behavior in potential governmental leaders.

**Q.** I would like to know if Nikita Khrushchev has ever seen the American version of his book, *Khrushchev Remembers*. If so, what does he think of it? Also are U.S. tourists permitted to bring into the Soviet Union copies of *Khrushchev Remembers* and *Dr. Zhivago*?—Herbert Kendall, Burlington, Vt.

**A.** Two copies of *Khrushchev Remembers* were delivered to the Khrushchev dacha outside Moscow early in January. Reportedly Mr. K. was surprised and delighted at the structuring of his reminiscences after the book was translated to him.

According to Alexander Evstafiev, press attaché of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., "American tourists are allowed to bring into the Soviet Union any type of personal belonging including copies of *Khrushchev Remembers* or *Dr. Zhivago* just so long as these books are not disseminated to Soviet citizens for anti-Soviet purposes." In other words, if a tourist brings such books into the Soviet Union, he should also bring them out.

**Q.** I see that William Bundy is becoming editor of the highly respected magazine, *Foreign Affairs*. Was not this the same Bundy who was responsible for advising Presidents Kennedy and Johnson to get into and escalate the war in Vietnam?—Carol Ames, Iowa City, Iowa.

**A.** Bundy, during his working time in the State and Defense Departments, was regarded as a war hawk of the top stripe, although he was most tactful and diplomatic about it. Along with his brother, McGeorge Bundy, President Johnson's special assistant for national security affairs, he was, as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, an important architect of U.S. policy in Vietnam.

William Bundy is currently a research associate with the Center for International Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His academic fate has been more prestigious than that which befell his colleagues, Dean Rusk and Walt Whitman Rostow.

**Q.** Does the CIA run Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty?—Ellen Gage, Charlottesville, Va.

**A.** These West German-based radio stations are largely operations of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency whose director is Richard Helms.

