

GULF

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In Lower Texas and on into Mexico - a time of waiting tonight - and praying; against the threatened onslaught -- of Hurricane Beulah; a monster storm -- now packing winds up to a hundred and thirty five miles an hour.

For a time today - Beulah herself played the waiting game. Coming to a virtual dead stop in the Gulf of Mexico - about a hundred and seventy miles from Brownsville, Texas; a kind of - reluctant dragon.

Weather officials predicting, however, that Beulah- will soon strike again. Perhaps tonight - ~~around~~ ^{near} the mouth of ~~and about~~ the Rio Grande.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations in New York - the U N General Assembly today reconvened for its twenty-second annual session. This one opening with a warning from Secretary General U Thant -- that a new war is inevitable in the Middle East; unless - said he - unless the U N can find a solution- to the present Arab-Israeli impasse.

Toward that end - U Thant called for private talks in the U N Security Council, ~~As~~ provided in the U N charter - but never before held. The U S delegation -- one of the first to endorse the idea.

At the same time - a call for a general strike on the Jordan River's occupied west bank. Arab leaders hoping to paralyze the area - as a demonstration of massive opposition to the Israeli conquerors.

ADEN

Still in the Middle East - renewed fighting today in the strife-torn Federation of South Arabia. Reports reaching Aden telling a clash between rival Arab Nationalists - at Jihaf Hill near the Yemen border. The battle said to have left at least five dead, - ~~including a~~ ~~South Arabian policeman.~~

This on the eve of a deadline - set by the South Arabian Army; for all sides to get together - to discuss formation of a United Front, ~~One~~ Arab organization - capable of taking over when the British leave in January.

That deadline now set to expire - at midnight tomorrow. And with it - all hope of maintaining the present shaky truce. The army pledged to take matters into its own hands - if the rival politicians are incapable of working together.

VIETNAM

Latest from Vietnam tells today of an apparent plot - to wipe out Nationalist China's top delegation in Saigon. Enemy terrorists blowing up the Nationalist Chinese embassy - under cover of rooftop snipers; while a young girl was attempting to assassinate a Chinese press official ~~in his home, clear across town~~

The sudden violence leaving at least two dead - twenty-seven wounded. But the plot itself failed. Of the top echelon of Chinese officials - not one seriously hurt. And police quickly seizing three Chinese - suspected of ties with mainland China's notorious Red Guards.

Meanwhile, on the fighting front - American B-Fifty-Twos struck three times today - into that supposedly demilitarized zone. Attempting to silence enemy artillery - making life miserable for rain-soaked U S Marines.

Earlier, Radio Hanoi claimed to have shot

down two of the giant bombers - during a raid ~~again~~ Sunday

in the same area. ^{But,} ~~however, this immediately denied by~~

~~the Pentagon~~ ^{says} ~~which~~ said that none of our planes were

missing.

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - President Johnson played host today to top Democrats in Congress. Chief topic - possible cuts in federal spending, ~~The~~ price that many Congressmen have demanded - in return for approval of the President's requested ten percent tax increase.

When it was all over - ~~the~~ Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield saying the President ~~has~~ had promised to "see what he can do" as soon as Congress completes action - on this year's appropriations bills. ^{Sen.} Mansfield adding though - that there are only a few ~~are~~ areas of possible pruning. And these - said he - in "projects that usually are pretty dear to the hearts of members of Congress."

AGED

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - a complete about-face today by the administration, clearing the way for establishment of a sort of -- domestic peace corps for the aged.

Only yesterday - an administration spokesman telling a senate Labor Subcommittee - that such a program was economically impossible at this time. Now, however, Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz telling the same subcommittee - that the program can be started in about three months; and no need - said he - for Congress to vote additional funds.

The idea - to build a new community service program - run for and by older persons. Wirtz setting an age limit for prospective staff members - at sixty years, minimum.

FLYING

From the Federal Aviation ~~Exam~~ Administration

-- a sweeping new set of safety rules tonight; hopefully ^{to} improving a passengers chance of escaping alive - in the event of an ~~airplane~~ crash.

The new rules starting with a ninety second time limit - for evacuation of a fully loaded plane; also specifying more fireproofing - and more and better emergency exits. A spokesman for the F A A calling these - "the most expensive rules" ever issued the nation's airlines.

HOUSTON

America's newest eleven astronauts made their public bow today - at the U S Manned Space Center in Houston -- voicing confidence that the U S space effort will continue full speed ahead - despite a recent cutback in federal funds.

Dr. F. Storey Misgraves, for one, basing his faith on what he called - "the basic nature of man."

Adding that man "will want to pursue space" -- even as he has always pursued the unknown on our own planet.

Dr. Anthony England further contending that every discovery in space - will pay off many times in practical application right here on earth.

INDIANAPOLIS

For a man who once could do no wrong,
Governor Romney of Michigan seems to be ~~doing no wrong~~ ^{having his}
~~little right~~ ^{problems} these days. At least - in the view of some
of his critics.

Latest of these - Indianapolis Republican
Chairman John Rowe; who today accused Romney of
displaying "extremely bad manners" by visiting
Indianapolis on his current tour of big city ~~flums~~ slums. Rowe
contending that Romney "should have come later - in
November" - after local elections.

~~By the way~~ Governor Romney himself was
questioned today in St. Louis; about his ~~pick~~ opinion
on recent polls - showing a marked decline in his
presidential rating. The Governor's reply - ~~one~~ ^{one} word -
"interesting."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW INDIANAPOLIS

More on the subject of polls - from Vice President

Hubert Humphrey, who said today in Washington that polls notwithstanding - President Johnson will be re-elected next year -- by a, quote, "substantial" majority.

Then why does the President appear to be slipping - even among members of his own party? Because - said Hubert Humphrey -- "Democrats always enjoy a little self-inflicted misery - about a year before the election."

ALBANY FOLLOW WASHINGTON

As for Governor Rockefeller of ~~New York~~

he was busy again today denying any presidential aspirations, ~~The Governor~~ telling reporters at Albany - he "no longer has the ambition to make the run -- to be President of the United States."

Next question: Would the Governor accept the Republican nomination - if it were offered him by party leaders? His answer: "They have not asked me - and I do not consider it likely." The Governor adding there's only one candidate - as far as he is concerned; and that's Governor Romney.

DIRKSEN FOLLOW ALBANY

Senate minority leader Everett Dirksen - another who disavowed any presidential hopes today. Dirksen withdrawing himself from consideration ^{even} λ as Illinois' possible "favorite son" presidential candidate in sixty-eight. This - said he - to clear the way for "~~some~~" making Senator Percy - the favorite son from Illinois."

What if the Illinois delegation were to refuse his withdrawal - what about a draft? Dirksen laughed and answered. "I catch cold easily."

PADRE ISLAND

We started with a hurricane tonight.
end with it. Speaking of Hurricane Beulah -- as I was a

~~moment ago~~ - a footnote to the hurricane story ~~is~~ in this

next; from Padre Island - off the coast of Texas.

The storm - as you know - well-advertised

in advance. With the result that the million-dollar Padre

Island Inn - was almost totally deserted. All its guests

fleeing to the mainland -- except two. These ^{- oh} ~~are~~ ^{couple of}

newlyweds - on their honeymoon, and ready

for anything! And here's Alan Burns -
ready I hope - & o-l-