

VENUS

Wed. Oct 18, 1967

This was an important day in Alaska. ^{But,} ~~more~~ ^{also} about that later. ~~And~~ it could have been quite a day for the people who live on the planet Venus, if any. But, ^{I guess} ~~certainly~~ there ~~are~~ ^{today's} none - according to ~~that~~ first report ~~from the surface of Venus,~~ ^{telling} ~~which tells~~ us the temperature ~~range~~ ^{ranges} on Venus ~~from~~ from a hundred-and-fourteen to five hundred-and thirty-six degrees, Fahrenheit. As for the atmosphere -- about ninety-eight percent carbon dioxide. Leading to the conclusion that ~~it's~~ ^{Venus is} too hot, ~~on Venus~~ also too lacking in oxygen to sustain human life as we know it.

Thus, in the twinkling of an eye -- Russia's historic Venus-Four has radioed back ~~the~~ answers ~~that~~ scientists have sought for centuries; that philosophers have pondered even longer, ~~than that so,~~ The Soviet "soft" landing on Venus ~~is indeed~~ another milestone in the conquest of space.

~~^~~ All the better in Russian eyes, since it occurs on the virtual eve of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the

Communist Revolution. ~~In the words of~~ Our own U S

space chief, James Webb, ^{says this} ~~it~~ proves ~~that~~ space exploration

"can be a major factor -- in the balance of technological

power among nations." ^{That's} ~~Watch to~~ his somewhat subtle way

of telling ~~Congress~~ Congress and Cape Kennedy - to "get

cracking." Let's not fall behind! ~~So~~ now what about

^{- Uranus}
Mars and Saturn and the other planets?

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam -- a story today of cold death in a steaming jungle, ~~With~~ a band of Viet Cong -- waylaying and decimating a full regiment of the U.S. First Infantry Divison.

Scene of battle -- ~~in that so-called "Iron Triangle"~~ -- about forty miles north of Saigon, ~~Where the enemy troops~~ were waiting ^{ed} in a classic L-shaped ~~ambush~~; -- ~~returning to~~ ^{the} ~~tactics that~~ nearly won them the war two years ago.

By the time the Americans were able to fight their way clear -- they ~~had~~ lost fifty-eight dead; another sixty⁹-one -- wounded. The regiment -- in the words of Lieut. General Fred ~~W~~⁹ Weyand, Commander of the Big Red One -- "as close to destruction -- as it ever has been."

Even so -- the ^{American} ~~vietnam~~ survivors claiming more than a hundred enemy dead. ^{But} ~~Indeed~~ General Weyand call^{s it} ~~ing~~ -- a clear-cut victory; helping ^{any} ~~to~~ smash Viet Cong plans -- for a two-pronged attack on Saigon -- said he.

HOUSE FOLLOW VIETNAM

Meanwhile here at home
~~Here on our own shores~~

a scathing report tonight from House investigators, charging that U.S. troops in Vietnam have experienced "serious and excessive" jamming--with their new M-Sixteen rifles. Further asserting that Pentagon failure to correct the problem--"borders on criminal negligence."

The report also accusing Colt Firearms--of making excessive profits off the M-Sixteen. Conceding, however, that the rifle is--basically--an excellent weapon.

COPENHAGEN

Winter comes to Europe. The story today -- from

Copenhagen; telling of an icy blast -- off the North Sea.

The storm
Sinking a Lebanese freighter and a small fishing boat -- with
loss of some twenty men aboard the two craft. *The storm*
~~before it~~
hitting
~~slammed into~~ Denmark with hurricane ~~like~~ winds, and heavy
snows.

Danish officials later reporting widespread damage --
broken dikes, downed power lines, toppled trees and so on.
All ~~of it~~ adding up -- they say -- to Denmark's worst storm
in fifty years. *The* damage spilling over -- into Holland,
Germany, and most of Southern Sweden; also the scene --
of widespread flooding.

MERIDIAN

At Meridian, Mississippi--an all-white jury is locked up tight tonight; considering the fate of eighteen men--accused of conspiracy in the ~~the~~ Ninety-Sixty-Four ^{slaying} ~~deaths~~ of those three civil rights workers. Both government and defense attorneys telling the jury in closing arguments --that the good name of Mississippi is at stake in the case.

(This later development--just in:)

WALTER REED

Encouraging news today -- from Walter Reed Army Hospital.
Doctors there reporting that former President Eisenhower --
is suffering from enlargement of ~~the prostate~~^a gland; however,
~~the condition is said to be~~ non-cancerous ^{hence} ~~and there are~~
no plans for surgery.

All of which means that seventy-seven-year-old, ^{Gen.} Ike --
will probably remain at Walter Reed for a few more days;
receiving medication -- undergoing further tests, ^{in which} ~~in the~~
~~meantime -- a hospital spokesman reporting the General already~~
"up and around"; ~~obviously~~, in good spirits, -- ~~praise be.~~

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The Jury

STOCKHOLM

Two Americans and a Swede -- friends and ophthalmologists all -- today were named co-winners of the Nineteen-Sixty-Seven Nobel Prize for Medicine. An Awards Committee in Stockholm citing each -- for outstanding work in probing the mysteries of the human eye.

The trio including: Professor Haldan Hartline -- of Rockefeller University here in New York; Professor George Wald -- of Harvard, and Professor Ragnar Granit of Stockholm -- currently working at Oxford University in England.

What does it take to be a Nobel Prize-winner? Perhaps the answer, in part -- from a friends' description of Professor Hartline; who was termed -- a "scientist's scientist." The kind of researcher who has frequently turned aside salary increases by telling his employers -- "you can't afford it and I'm not worth it." *Now he wins the Nobel Prize*

~~Irregardless, all three will now share equally in the Sixty-Two Thousand dollar Nobel cash prize.~~

PEKING

From Peking -- by way of Tokyo -- news today that Henry Pu Yi ^{has} just died in the Red Chinese capital. ^{Remember} ~~The name of~~

Henry Pu Yi? -- ~~perhaps forgotten by most Americans. But~~
~~his life, nevertheless, grimly entwined with nearly all~~
~~that has occurred during the greatest period of upheaval~~
~~in Chinese history.~~

Henry Pu Yi -- the last Emperor of China. Ascending to the throne -- in Nineteen-Oh-Eight; at the age of three -- last of the Manchu Dynasty; which was overthrown by Dr. Sun Yat Sen ~~just~~ four years later. Whereupon Pu Yi ^{retired} ~~vanished~~ ~~into obscurity~~ until ~~his~~ resurrection ^{ed by the} ~~by~~ Japanese conquerors in World War Two; when he was made puppet emperor of Manchuria -- renamed Manchukuo at the time. ^{I had a friend Col. R.V.C. Bodley who was Pu Yi's tutor at one time. Wonder what became of Col. Bodley?}

With the end of World War Two -- Henry Pu Yi again ~~vanished~~ ~~falling into disgrace~~. Living out the last few years of his life -- on sufferance from the new Communist regime. Henry Pu Yi -- at his death -- still only sixty-one.

SITKA

No matter what the weather -- it's a "bright and beautiful day" today in Sitka, Alaska; and -- indeed -- throughout Alaska. October Eighth marking the One Hundredth anniversary of that first "bright and beautiful day" -- when Alaska became a part of the U.S.A.

The scene reenacted again -- atop Sitka's Castle Hill; with the lowering of Russia's old Imperial Eagle flag -- the raising of the Stars and Stripes. A duplicate of the ceremony of a century ago -- that sealed for the United States one of the greatest bargains in history; a giant treasure chest -- for only two cents an acre⁹.

As you have heard
~~True enough~~ there were many doubters at the time;
to them
People who called that enormous, seemingly barren land --

Seward's Folly -- Icebergia -- Walrussia -- Polar Bear Park

-- and worse. Little *did they know of Alaska's* ~~knowing the~~ tremendous potential; *that* untold riches in a vast, exciting spectacular land ~~lay there~~ just waiting for men of courage and imagination

to come and claim it.

SITKA--2

as we all now know
In the years since ~~^~~ Alaska has ~~truly~~ lived up to its
name. Originally -- Al-a-aska; ~~the~~ ^{an} Aleut word -- meaning
"Great Land."

Alaska -Sixty-Seven -- greater than ever and just getting
started; on this -- her Centennial Anniversary. *One hundred*
years ago today the Russian flag was
hauled down - at Sitka.

MANCHESTER

Next up - a story from Manchester, England.

All about a British "Golden Ager" - who prefers to remain anonymous, ~~for reasons that follow.~~

The gentleman in question - a factory worker who retired with a vengeance back in the ^{Fifties.} ~~Fifties.~~ Coming home and telling his wife - he planned to take it easy for a while -- which he did; crawling into bed - ~~and~~ staying there for ~~the next~~ seven years; ^{then} ~~when~~ his wife died - and left him destitute.

Doctors reporting it then took six months - to rehabilitate the ~~golden~~ ^{boy} old gentleman, get his unused muscles working. ~~so that~~ Today he was released from the hospital -- ready once again to face the world.

He shoulda stood in bed? He did - for seven years - ~~he~~ till his neighbors made him get up, Warren!

MANITOWOC

From Manitowoc, Wisconsin, comes a story about Roger Sterwalt; who suffered a broken right hand - fighting off a would-be robber at the gas station where he works.

Now Sterwalt himself has been employed at the gas station - on a work-leave permit from the Manitowoc County jail; where he was sentenced to six months -- as a forger. Ex-forgery fights off would-be robber. So there is "honor among thieves!" Here's to Roger, and Solong until tomorrow.