

BETSY

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Hurricane Betsy - at last report - headed straight for New Orleans. A swirling giant - five hundred miles wide - packing winds up to a hundred and forty-~~four~~~~ty~~~~five~~ miles an hour. Expected to hit ~~Down~~~~Street~~ with full force and fury - some time late tonight or early tomorrow.

But so erratic the storm - that thousands of coastal residents from Florida to Texas - have already been evacuated to higher ground. Among the first out - virtually the ~~the~~ entire population of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, ~~where~~ some five hundred persons perished in Nineteen Fifty-Seven - in Hurricane Audrey.

DEGAULLE

An unexpected bombshell today - from DeGaulle;
~~by DeGaulle~~ a decision to withdraw all French forces - from
the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, ~~By~~ Nineteen Sixty-
Nine -- at the latest.

"We shall remain the allies of our allies" - said
DeGaulle. But there ^{he added,} must "be" an end - to the subordination
which puts our destiny in the hands of foreigners." ~~Although~~
whether France will quit Nato altogether - he didn't say.

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VIET NAM

From Viet Nam - news today of an American
air strike - within seventeen miles of Red China. U S
jets blasting a railroad bridge - in the ~~the~~ deepest
penetration to date -- into Communist north Viet Nam.

Two more waves of American planes - later pounding a
military complex ~~only~~ ^{within} thirty miles ~~from~~ ^{of} Hanoi.

On the ground - "operation Piranha" ^{was} in its third
day, ^{with} U. S. Marines and Vietnamese rangers - fast completing
~~the~~ their clean-up of the Batangan Peninsula, ~~In~~ a drive
that has already claimed - nearly two hundred Communist ~~lives~~
~~and~~.

~~Just for the record~~ - ^{by the way,} The Marines [^] have also
provided food, clothing and shelter - for some two hundred
and fifty villagers - displaced by the operation.

KASHMIR

Meanwhile, top news charges today - from

Indian troops are reported on the advance in three sectors of West Pakistan, but meeting fierce resistance --

Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai. The United States guilty of supporting Indian "aggression" said he. With that has resulted in "heavy fighting." At the same time,

Russia similarly guilty - of encouraging India's so-called a Pakistani counter-offensive is said to have hurled

"military adventures." The U.S. reply: "defense."

Indian forces back across the border near Lahore.

All efforts aimed at achieving a cease-fire -- so far for naught.

CHINA FOLLOW KASHMIR

Meanwhile, two new charges today - from Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai. The United States-guilty of supporting Indian "aggression" said he. With Russia similarly guilty - of encouraging India's so-called "military adventure." The U S reply: "Nonsense."

MOBS

Here's another tale of two cities:

In Java, at Jakarta, a howling mob of some four thousand Indonesians -- today stormed and sacked the Indian Embassy and an adjoining Library center. The demonstrators destroying virtually every file -- and every stick of furniture they could lay their hands on. Further manhandling an Indian information officer -- and burning a number of Indian cars.

And the reaction -- at New Delhi! There a howling mob of some five thousand Indians -- massed in front of the Indonesian Embassy chanting curses at Indonesia in general -- and Sukarno in particular. But they were more restrained they did not attack the Embassy.

The news says the New Delhi demonstration was sponsored by the Indian Rickshaw Pullers Union; which has also promised to pay forty-two dollars a month -- to the family of any Indian soldier killed in fighting Pakistan.

SOVIETS

Here's a switch. An ~~ata~~ attack today by the Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda -- on the official government newspaper Izvestia.

The editor of Pravda - Alexei Rumyantsev -- defending the right of Russian authors - to show the "seamier" side of Russian life. Asserting that Soviet artists and intellectuals -- should have the freedom to use a variety of forms and styles; ~~And~~ should not be governed by the guidelines - of a bureaucratic government.

The whole episode - resulting from an Izvestia attack - on ~~the~~ popular Russian novelist Vasily Aksyonov, ~~Because~~ his latest book glorifies the antics - of a bitter, money-grubbing, hell-for-leather taxi driver. Nothing at all- like we have here in New York.

GENEVA

Continued wrangling today - at that continuing
Geneva disarmament conference.

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Soviet delegate Tsarapkin ^{this time} charging that
America's demand for on-site inspection - is simply
"a camouflage," ~~To~~ bar any possibility - of a nuclear
test ban. Why? Because the U S -- "wants to perfect
new types of nuclear weapons." So said Tsarapkin.

But from the United States, Britain and Canada -
^{comes the counter}
charge that the conference is deadlocked because of only
one nation: the Soviet Union.

Canada's General Burns, for one, asserting
that Russia - by refusing on-site inspections - is actually
demanding "an act of faith." And faith alone - said he -
is totally "insufficient to provide the basis for a durable"
test ban.

LUK

Next name in the news -- that of Mordecai Luk. Remember him? Yes, "man in the trunk."

The Israeli who was found bound and gagged in a trunk in Rome last year -- aboard a Cairo-bound airliner. A case that caused an international sensation -- at the time. Later to become the basis -- for a play and a movie.

At any rate -- Mordecai Luk later was deported back to Jerusalem and there today -- he was found guilty of spying -- for Egypt. Sentence -- to be set tomorrow; maybe life.

SPACE

At Houston, a news conference today - for the two men who rewrote virtually every record in the space books. Astronauts Gordon Cooper - and Pete Conrad.

Noting that many things - "went wrong" - with their Gemini-Five spacecraft. But ^{not so much} ~~very little~~ in comparison to what went right.

Space officials later declaring the two men = "~~very~~" ["]potential ~~as~~ candidates" for a trip to the moon.

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But first things first - so for the first time in nearly a month they went home with their families.

SHARKS

At the Pentagon -- a move today to pull the teeth of loan sharks -- who have been preying on servicemen.

Commanders of each of our domestic military bases are ordered to facilitate the establishment of at least one credit union; to encourage "reasonable rates of interest" -- and to combat "usury or the patronage of lenders."

The directive is based on reports that loan sharks -- have been charging interest rates up to fifty percent a year.

That, Warren, coupled with world conditions is surely a rate to make even a rugged service man nervous -- fifty per cent!

PIETA

If you ever hope to see Michelangelo's PIETA anywhere but in Rome - better hurry on over to the New York World's Fair. Cause once it's gone - that's it. The Roman Catholic Church deciding today - that never again will it permit Vatican art treasures - to be loaned or moved from the Vatican itself.

No specific reason - for the decision. The Church merely stating, that its art treasures - are "irreplaceable and precious documents - for the history of civilization."

For that matter the Worlds Fair will be over soon, in mid-October - and there are so many superb exhibits and shows that we all should see!