

PARIS

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In the race for President of France -
primary winner, George Pompidou ^{arrived a} ~~another~~ step closer
to final victory today. This by virtue of a French
Communist party decision - not to support his chief
rival - second place finisher Alain Pohrer; ^{They say they'll} ~~but rather~~
~~to~~ abstain from the presidential run-off ~~is~~ scheduled ~~for~~
two weeks hence.

Nevertheless - Pohrer ^{was} still refusing to
withdraw from the race when reminded of voter percentages
on a television program today. -- ^{said and running} Pohrer ~~fitting back:~~
"I don't give a damn about arithmetic, I'll fight to the
end."

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam tells ~~today of a~~

~~devastating series of attacks~~ - ^{by} American B-Fifty-Two's

Over the past forty eight hours ⁺ dropping three hundred tons of bombs, on the Vietnamese Central Highlands. ^{This an}

~~Attempting~~ to thwart an enemy build-up -- now estimated

at some ten thousand men. This - ~~is~~ in the Dak To

area; ^{where} ~~just~~ two years ago ^{occurred} ~~site~~ of one of the biggest

battles of the war.

WASHINGTON

Here ^{at home} ~~on our own shores~~ the war on

~~poverty~~ poverty gets a new lease on life. President Nixon announcing ~~today~~ plans to extend the anti-poverty program for two more years - instead of just one. Purpose - said he - to provide a better framework -- for deciding "what works and what does not."

Later, the President met with Japan's visiting Foreign Minister - Kiichi Aichi. ^{this} In effect recognizing Japanese pressure ^{for} for the return of U S occupied Okinawa. ~~However,~~ a final decision on that ^{is} expected to ^{come when} ~~await~~ Japanese Premier Sato ^{visits} this fall.

PORT AU SPAIN

Port of Spain, Trinidad -- final stop for
New York's Governor Rockefeller - on the second of
his four scheduled fact finding tours of ~~Latin~~ Latin
America. The Governor ^{saying} ~~there asserting today -~~
~~that~~ he has no intention of cutting short his travels.
This despite leftist violence practically ~~everywhere~~ everywhere
he goes.

^{Nelson}
Said Rockefeller: "We now have a clear
analysis of the frustrations and disillusion which
exist in Latin America - and a set of clear suggestions
of how they can be dealt with." ~~And~~ Then he added:
"I am more optimistic now than I was at the start of
the tour."

MOROCCO

Somewhere off the coast of Morocco -
it's smooth sailing today for Thor Heyerdahl and his
reed raft. The Ra said to be ~~fast~~ making good time
in calm waters - a pleasant change from ~~the~~ this past
weekend; which included a battle against high winds
and rough seas ^{when} steering clear of Cape Juby.

Along the way - the Ra's steering rudder
again smashed - its yardarm split in two - its radio
antenna all but blown away. Summing up - RA navigator
Norman Baker telling his state-side listening post -
it was an "extremely eventful weekend" to say the
least.

NORTHEAST LAND

~~Meanwhile~~, Britain's trans-Arctic expedition --

~~having~~ ⁱⁿ trouble. ~~of its own.~~ ^{That} ~~As you know,~~ the British

~~attempting to travel~~ ^{to cross the Arctic} by dog-sled -- from Point Barrow, ^{Alaska}
~~Alaska~~ ^{where I have just been - via} across the North Pole - all the way to Spitzbergen,

Norway. ~~Indeed~~, They are now in the home stretch of

~~that journey~~ - though not exactly as planned.

^{to write they are}
At last report ~~the party~~ trapped on an ice

floe - about four hundred yards in diameter. Headed in

the direction of Northeast Land, outermost of five major

islands in the Spitzbergen archipelago. ^{They've SOSed}
~~But, as yet~~

~~no way to reach shore. This forcing~~ call to the Royal

Canadian Air Force for emergency supplies of food

and gasoline. A British ice breaker ^{is nearby} ~~also handy~~ -

just in case.

INSIDE PASSAGE

If any of you decide to make the trip to Alaska
this summer I suggest you ^{do it via} ~~make the trip up the coast,~~
~~through~~ the Inside Passage, by steamer. As you have read
or heard our 49th State now runs a new ^{fleet of ships} ~~ferry service~~
between Puget Sound and ~~many~~ places along the Alaskan
coast. There's one ^{new} vessel ~~I can touch for.~~ It's called
the Wickersham, named for Judge Wickersham who years
ago played an important part in the development of Alaska,
^{long the} Territorial Delegate in Congress.

This particular ship has just been acquired from
Norway, ~~where it was built.~~ ^{and} It has real class.

You have often heard me tell about the wonders
of Glacier Bay, and you should make that a side trip when
you get to Juneau. Another thrilling adventure is to go
by local boat from Juneau up one of the spectacular fjords
called Tracy Arm at the head of which are two live glaciers
from which huge icebergs are constantly breaking off.

This glacier cannonade is something.

There is so much to see in Alaska! A traveler ought to stay up there for at least three months. After all, it ^{is} one-fourth the size of all the rest of the U.S.A.

But, whether you have time to visit the polar bear, the walrus and the eskimo in the Arctic, ^{where I have been with the} you at least should visit the great fjords of Southern Alaska; ^{also} ~~and then~~ journey ~~out~~ West to Anchorage, Mt. McKinley, and ~~mebbe~~ take a run down the Alaskan peninsula.

^{From the Far Far North} More ~~about this~~ tomorrow evening -- ^{John Shafer,} mebbe.

Rich oil exploration

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SHOW

Paris - East meets West. Place - the

U S Pavillion at the Paris Air Show; where America's
three Apollo Eight astronauts -- finally got together
today with two Soviet Cosmonauts. Going so far as
to check them out - in the actual Apollo Eight space
capsule. Cosmonaut Vassily Shatalov later saying -
he was "very impressed by the American vehicle. But
I do find - many similarities with our own," said he.

TR Now this - a report that the Soviet Union is planning
a major space effort within the next few days. ^{not} ~~Although~~
unconfirmed as yet - ^{but maybe} ~~possibly~~ a moon shot - possibly
manned; - ~~or~~ so we are told.