

WATER

L.T. - Quick, Fisher. Fri. Aug. 13 - '65.

Water - or rather the lack of it - again in the news today. The President sending Congress a special request - for ~~one point three~~ ^a billion ^{300 million} dollars, To plan and build reservoirs for future water storage -- in the drought stricken northeast.

The money needed - said the President - to speed up construction of the Tocks Island Reservoir - to serve New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Also the Beltzville, Blue Marsh, Prompton and Trexler reservoirs ~~is~~ all in Pennsylvania.

RULES

President Johnson today notified the International Red Cross - that the United States will abide by the "humanitarian principles" of the Geneva Convention, ~~In~~ its treatment of war prisoners, civilians and ~~hasp~~ hospitals - in South Viet Nam.

The U S pledge - following a similar guarantee from South Viet Nam. Expressing the hope that "o parties in the conflict" - will do as well. Thus, calling attention, by inference - to the fact that no ~~ex~~ such assurances have yet come from the Communists.

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In Paris - President Ho Chi Minh of Communist North Viet Nam - is quoted today as saying there can be no peace talks on Viet Nam, unless and until the United States meets all of his demands - including withdrawal of American troops. The statement - in an interview published by the Paris newspaper - Le Monde.

VIET NAM

In the battle zone itself - another U S Navy jet was shot down today over Communist North Viet Nam. Its pilot presumed lost. Although surface-to air missiles - used to down a Navy jet yesterday < were not in evidence today. Meant ^{while} ~~time~~, government troops today launched a drive against Communist guerillas - entrenched in the Mekong Delta, marking the first heavy ground action in that area - in a matter of weeks.

Elsewhere, U. S. fighting men fanned out from Pleiku today - in search of a two thousand man guerilla force. The same guerillas who besieged Duc Co - who last night trapped and battered a government convoy near Pleiku, [;] ~~But~~ who now seem to have vanished - into thin air.

KOREA

The government of Korea today gave final approval - to a plan to send fifteen thousand fighting men to Viet Nam. They'll join some two thousand Korean military engineers - already there. Raising Korean troop strength - to the third largest contingent of allied forces in Viet Nam. Behind only the United States- and South Viet Nam.

SINGAPORE

From Kuala Lumpur - a warning today to Singapore. Prime Minister Rahman of Malaysia - asserting that his country would regard the new island State - as an enemy, if it establishes either trade or diplomatic relations - with Indonesia. Promising, what's more, to "take action" if necessary - to prevent such ties. But what that action might be - he didn't say.

STATE

The State Department today ordered the immediate withdrawal - of all U S diplomatic personnel From Brazzaville - capital of the former French Congo.

The withdrawal - based on three cases of "serious mistreatment" of American personnel - in the last nine months. With American requests for an explanation - and for remedial action - said to have been futile.

The ban to continue - said the State Department - until the Congolese government takes effective steps - to protect U S official rights.

ROGERS

Exactly thirty years ago this weekend - a plane crash shattered the Arctic stillness of Northern Alaska.

Two men - killed instantly. The pilot - Wiley Post. ~~And~~

His passenger - Will Rogers - beloved Prince of Wit and Wisdom.

Will Rogers - ^{one of} ~~perhaps~~ the most famous man of his generation. His legacy - a treasure of homespun humor and philosophy.

- how did he
His formula ~~for~~ becoming a comedian? ^{his answer} ~~was~~
by getting kicked in the head by a mule.
~~from a mule kick.~~ Once asked whether there was much

competition he said: "Only when Congress is in session".

Another time - he was urged to fire a shiftless ranch hand. "I will - said Will "as soon as I find out what he does."

Then there's that classic depression story - ~~a fka~~ of how Will was invited to dinner by a friend - and remarked that he had "already et". Said the friend: "You should have said you 'have eaten'." Whereupon Will replied:

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"Well, I know lots of fellers who say 'have eaten' -- who ain't."

It was Will Rogers who said he refused to get involved in politics -- "because"-- said he -- "up to now I've always tried to live honest." Later he admitted he was a Democrat -- "because " as he put it "even the best of us has got to let a little cussedness come out now and then."

It was also Will Rogers -- who could say in one breath -- "I never met a man I didn't like " and in the next "there ain't but one word strong with everyone of us -- and that's selfishness." And he was right, of course -- both times.

The secret of Will Rogers -- that he held a mirror to the face of the world and made us laugh at ourselves -- in spite of ourselves.

APES

Here's news of a budding romance - at the "Honeymoon cottage" - of Chicago's Brookfield Zoo. Mighty Omega - a three year old gorilla - said to be getting on famously with his two new wives - Alpha and Beta.

How can they tell? Well, he's been knocking their heads together - and bouncing them all over the cage. According to zoo-keepers "just like a little boy who sees a girl he likes - and runs over and hits her on the head."

But the ladies - bless them - more than a match for Omega. When ~~they~~^{all three} were ~~at~~^{with} presented a wedding cake on a cardboard plate - the girls each grabbed half and gobbled it down.

The big gorilla ~~ask~~^{ask} what about Omega? He got the plate.

TELEVISION

This next - from Durban, South Africa. Where the ruling Nationalist Party today passed by an overwhelming vote - a resolution congratulating the government for keeping television out of South Africa.

The Nationalist Party further calling on the government - to do everything in its power to prevent the future introduction of television. Because ^{- Warren -} said the resolution - it is "one of the gravest dangers - that ever faced our country," ^{as any country.}

SOLOMON

A novel decision worthy of a Solomon - today ended a family spat in Chicago. At least - temporarily.

The problem - that of a housewife, who ~~saw~~ complained in divorce court - that her husband not only deserted her - but gave his new girl friend a better car than the one ~~she~~ he gave her. The wife's car - an economy model. The girl friend's car - an expensive hard-top.

The solution - an out-of court settlement.

At the suggestion of lawyers - the wife and the girl friend will [^] simply trade cars. And so - until - Mon.