

WEATHER

Mon. Nov. 28-'66.

On the weather front - the upper Great Lakes was paralyzed today by one of its worst storms in ten years. A raging blizzard stacking snow drifts up to seven feet high - stranding ~~nearly~~ ⁵⁰ thousand ~~trav~~ _Avelers - and leaving thousands of homes without power.

Michigan's upper peninsula - catching the ~~brunt~~ brunt of the ~~max~~ winter preview. Measuring up to fifteen inches of snowfall overnight - with another three to five inches still on the way. Forecasters further predicting - quote - "significant" accumulations of snow~~fall~~ ^{east} _A - all the way to the Central Appalachians by tomorrow morning.

VIET NAM

On the war front - a deadly new device was introduced for the first time today - by U S troops fighting in Viet Nam; ~~One~~ that could well play hob with Viet Cong terrorists - who have long spread havoc with their sneak mortar attacks.

The new weapon - a counter-mortar radar device; that zeroes in on approaching enemy mortar shells - computes their trajectory - and instantly pin-points the positions from which they^{re} ~~being~~ fired.

First combat test - in the Central Highlands; with Viet Cong terrorists launching one of their ^{usual} ~~potent~~ hit-and-run mortar attacks - against troops of the First Battalion, ^{Twelfth} Infantry Regiment. A fatal mistake. For

^{Seconds} later - Americans mortars ^{were} returning the fire with deadly accuracy; ^{And with} U. S. artillery and air support - quickly joining the counter-attack. Silencing the enemy weapons - within a matter of minutes.

Another case of American ingenuity - solving ^v_x

a seemingly insurmountable problem.

Here at home - at the L B J Ranch - President Johnson is quoted ~~as~~ today as saying a decision will be made within a "few days" on whether to accept that Viet Cong offer - of a Christmas and New Year's cease-fire in Viet Nam.

Final word is said to await the completion of "consultations - between our government and the government of South Viet Nam." However, the only question - we hear - is how long the cease-fire will last.

BUDAPEST

Hungarian Communist leader Janos Kadar - latest in the Red camp to call for an urgent international Communist summit meeting. Purpose - said he - to restore the unity of world Communism -- in the common interest of helping North Viet Nam. This in a four-hour speech at Budapest -- opening the ninth Hungarian Party Congress.

Kadar specifically inviting Red China and its chief supporter - Albania - to attend the meeting. Nevertheless, denouncing Peking - for "disrupting the unity of the revolutionary forces" - as he put it.

"We cannot wait until the end of time for this comprehensive conference" said Kadar. Adding that "the interests of the international working class movement and of mankind - come before^{fall}."

BONN

Germany's so-called "Grand Coalition" - a planned alliance between the Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats - virtually an accomplished fact as of tonight. Chancellor-designate Kurt Georg Kiesinger winning approval for the partnership -- at a party caucus of Christian Democrats in Bonn, paving the way for joint rule by the two parties that have been traditional rivals ever since the West German State was founded in Nineteen Forty-Nine.

As for the Social Democrats, ^{there is} continued opposition to the deal in party ranks. However, West German Mayor Willy Brandt -- National Chairman of the party ^{is} still confident of approval, with a final decision - expected some time tomorrow.

RHODESIA

A possible break in the long deadlock between Britain and rebellious Rhodesia - is reported in the making tonight in London.

Commonwealth relations-secretary Herbert Bowden - returning home today from consultations with Rebel Premier Ian Smith, bearing what is said to be a firm offer- that progress will be made toward majority black African rule in the breakaway colony. Prompting a series of high level talks at Number Ten Downing Street - extending far into the evening.

Along the way - Prime Minister Harold Wilson cancelling a scheduled statement on the Rhodesian situation. ^{And he} ~~he~~ also ^{is} said to have called off a Wednesday deadline - for taking the matter to the United Nations for sterner action.

WASHINGTON

In Washington - the Federal Space Agency today awarded four contracts - totaling nearly a ^{million} ~~million~~ dollars, for preliminary study of possible manned flights - to Venus and Mars; plus development of advanced launchers -- for a variety of space purposes.

Lockheed-California -- to begin work on a reusable, plane-like launch craft; capable of taking off - and landing - horizontally. North American Aviation - to study the possibility of using atmospheric braking; the better to enable a spacecraft ~~to~~ to orbit around Mars and Venus. Lockheed-missiles ^{to} ~~plotting~~ the overall scope of the proposed missions. And Boeing of Seattle - to begin work on multi-~~purp~~ purpose launch vehicles; capable of lifting up to four million pounds into earth orbit - at a single launch.

PASADENA FOLLOW WASHINGTON

A related item from Pasadena, California - site of Cal Tech's jet propulsion laboratory. Where a top scientist today predicted that space travellers - will be able to make a "grand tour" of our solar system within a few years; using gravitational drag from the various planets - to ricochet from one world to the next - to the next - and so on.

This according to Dr. Homer Stewart - manager of the Jet Propulsion lab's advanced studies office; who said the projected "grand tour" would take about nine years - passing Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. At the same time, providing the possibility for space exploration to the far reaches of the universe - beyond our own solar system.

The techniques for producing the necessary propulsion - already in the experimental stage - said ~~Dr. Stewart~~ Dr. Stewart. Assuring that future spacecraft

will be able to "pick up extra energy for nothing" - as they bounce from planet to planet.

Dr. Stewart concluding that the principle - is really very simple. "We^are getting ready to play what he calls--" interplanetary billiards" - ~~said he.~~

WEST VIRGINIA

Question: Which is the best state - in all of America? Answer -- according to Marine Corporal Bobby Ruble who hails from Parkersburg, West Virginia: What else -- West Virginia.

The young Marine - perhaps a bit prejudiced - you say? Well, you're not alone ^{in that.} Corporal Ruble's combat buddies in Viet Nam - making the same mistake. Telling Ruble to prove ~~that~~ West Virginia ~~was~~ a great State - by having his fellow ~~peers~~ mountaineers send him an American flag -- a State flag - and at least four hundred letters from home.

They thought it couldn't be done -- but little did they know. Once Ruble's boast was made public - Governor Hullett Smith sent ~~him a~~ a State flag -- Senator Jennings Randolph ~~sending him~~ an American flag -- and the ~~great~~ letters are still pouring in. Not just four hundred - but more than seven thousand at last count.

Corporal Ruble reporting today - his buddies
are dumbfounded. Adding: "it's not a duty to fight
for the people of my state." ^{Said he:-} "It's an honor and a
privilege!" - ~~said he.~~

HAVANA

From Havana - some welcome news today
about the ^{fate} ~~date~~ of Baptist missionary Herbert Caudill;
who was jailed last year in Castro Cuba - as an alleged
American spy.

Caudill himself telling American church officials
by phone - that he has ~~no~~ just been granted a conditional
release, ~~from prison~~ With permission to move about
Havana - to seek medical attention for failing eyesight.
His original sentence -- ten years.

CINCINNATI

From Cincinnati, Ohio -- the sad story today of a young escapee from Tennessee state prison; Robert E. Taylor -- twenty-five -- who turned himself in over the weekend, Asking Ohio officials to return him to Tennessee -- where he was serving a thirty-three year sentence for burglary.

Taylor explaining he had no family - no friends - and ~~he~~ was simply lonely for his former prison mates. Obliging Tennessee officials promising - he'll be 'home' before Christmas.

When a couple of newlyweds finally settle down to the trials and tribulations of marriage - it's customary to say: "Well, the honeymoon's over." But now it appears that in many cases - the honeymoon is over even before it ~~beg~~ begins. The evidence in a British honeymoon-survey, results of which were published today in London.

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Five thousand young wives - taking part in the study. Proving among other things - we're told -- that when a marriage is a disaster -- the signs are readily apparent from the start. One honeymooner reporting, for ~~example~~ example, that she knew something was wrong - when her husband left her every night "to go drinking with some men he met." Another honeymooner ~~reporting~~ ^{put it this way!-}
"Before - he had just seemed ~~careful~~ careful with his money - ^{on the Honeymoon} - but then I realized how desperately mean he was. He even objected -- when I wanted to take a small present home to mother."

Be that as it may - the honeymoon is apparently

here to stay. The young brides agreeing almost
unanimously - that a honeymoon is a "must" - regardless
of cost. *and s-l-u-t-m.*

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