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Sections of four Eastern states - New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware - today were declared Federal Disaster areas - by Presidential decree. A formality that cleared the way for federal emergency action - to meet the severe and continuing water shortage in these states.

Federal plans - already approved by state and local officials - calling ~~for~~ for creation of a "strategic water bank" in upstate New York. Also the tapping of inland lakes and the drilling of emergency wells - to ease the water shortage in northern New Jersey; And a speed-up on construction of the Torresdale intake - on the Delaware River.

These measures sufficient to meet the crisis - said the President - "if they are accompanied by aggressive conservation measures."

## VIETNAM

U.S. Marines struck by land, sea and air today -- in the biggest battle yet fought -- by American troops in Vietnam. Thousands of leathernecks sweeping down at dawn -- on a guerilla stronghold near the Chu Lai Airfield. The Communists put to flight after a fierce battle -- but even so there was no escape. One company of guerillas -- swarming down a cliff to the sea, there to face the big guns of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, and they were all but wiped out. A second company fled through a valley where they were caught in a crossfire and cut to ribbons by Marine jets.

A Marine spokesman later described the combined attack -- as "very, very successful;" with Marine casualties exceedingly light, in view of the size of the operation.

HOME FOLLOW VIET NAM

*These related developments - on the home front:*

*A Senate sub-committee today approving a one-point-seven-billion dollar emergency appropriation - to help fight the war in Viet Nam.*

*The Pentagon disclosing that it ~~is considering~~ <sup>may have</sup> ~~the possibility of~~ <sup>to</sup> drafting married men without children.*

*To meet the manpower needs - caused by the war.*

*Marine commandant Wallace Greene reporting that the Marine Corps - might also be forced to resort to the draft to build up its overall strength, ~~Because~~ of the heavy commitment of Marines - to the war zone.*

*And finally - the full Senate approving special ten thousand dollar insurance coverage - for servicemen assigned to combat areas - such as Viet Nam.*

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## CAPE

*At Cape Kennedy - space scientists searched for hours today - to find an indicated fault in the fuel system of the Gemini-Five. A fault that threatened for a time - to postpone the start of its epic eight-day voyage through space.*

*But in the end - the fault was found not in the spacecraft - but in an earthbound computer. The fuel system - in perfect order. And as of now - all systems are "go" - for lift-off tomorrow morning at ten o'clock -- Eastern Daylight time.*

*Astronauts Cooper and Conrad - to shoot for virtually every record in the books, In this - Man's most ambitious venture ever -- into the black void of space.*

HOUSTON

Speaking of space as we were a few minutes ago - this from Houston. Dr. Duane E. Graveline - today resigning from the U S astronaut program - for so-called "personal ~~xxx~~ reasons."

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Dr. Graveline - one of the space agency's six new astro-scientists, whose wife recently filed suit for divorce - and obtained a court order to prevent him from doing her bodily harm.

He'll return now to his former job in the medical operations office - at the Manned Spacecraft Center.

## EXPLOSION

A two-story apartment building in Sioux City, Iowa - was virtually demolished today; When a ground-floor gun store - exploded in a flash of fire and smoke.

^ The gun store containing about three hundred guns - plus a large quantity of ammunition, That went off in volleys - according to firemen - "like a Chinese New Year's fireworks display."

When it ~~wxxx~~ was all over - three women dead - a fourth critically injured. The building itself -- a total loss.

# TENNIS

*In Tennis today - disaster at Barcelona. A Spanish doubles team - virtually unknown beyond the borders of their own country - completing a rout of the United States, ~~In those inter-zone semi-finals~~ -- of the Davis Cup tennis competition.*

*Manuel Santana and Jose Luis Arilla - outlasting Dennis Ralston and Clark Graebner - four-six, three-six, six-three, six-four, eleven-nine. Today's marathon victory - coupled with yesterday's sweep of the singles - clinching the best of five series - ~~in the shortest possible order~~*

*x with A stunning upset - ~~mark~~ marking the first time America has failed to make the challenge round - in thirty years.*

STEVENSON

*Friends and relatives of the late Adlai E.*

*Stevenson - today announced formation of the Stevenson Memorial Fund. Intended - said the ~~announcement~~ announcement "to continue the late United Nation's Ambassador's work - for world peace and international cooperation."*

*The fund - ~~expected~~ to underwrite creation of an Adlai E. Stevenson Institute of International Affairs, To train officials of emerging nations - in the art of government administration and foreign diplomacy.*



## STAMPS

This next -- from Cuban exiles now in Miami. A charge that Castro Cuba has "deceived millions of stamp collectors" the world over -- in a bid to build its foreign exchange. They say the Castro government has turned out huge quantities of new stamps -- over the last five years; stamps with a total face value -- of more than a hundred million dollars. However, Cuban Nationals -- able to buy only about ten million dollars' worth of the new stamps. The rest -- dumped on the world market; advertised as -- "a good investment" on the ground that "Cuban stamps would be in great demand -- after the fall of Castro." Just as some Nazi stamps increased tremendously in value -- with the fall of Hitler.

The exiles say it's a case of philatelic fraud -- on an international scale.

## MANRY

The City of Falmouth -- a famous Cornish seaport whose men have been noted for centuries -- for their ability to down vast quantities of food and so on -- upon returning from ocean voyages; with the young Yankee.

Robert Manry -- no exception; the American mariner -- who arrived yesterday aboard the Tiny Tinkerbelle -- displaying a gargantuan appetite that seems to have won the admiration -- of even the local seafaring trenchermen.

For dinner last night, for example, Manry downed a meal of chicken soup, fried prawns, a huge grilled steak, peas and brussels sprouts; topped off by peach melba with cornish cream and then cheese and biscuits and mushrooms on toast.

After fifteen hours of sleep -- his breakfast this afternoon -- four fried eggs, a slab of bacon, an order of sausages, some French toast -- plus a platter of mushrooms and tomatoes; followed -- by a dash of bicarbonate? Warren?

TELEVISION

In British T.V. -- as here in the U.S.A. -- too many gun play shows -- nowhere more apparent -- than in the eight to nine P.M. slot; where there are no less than four -- American western and crime shows; along one of a British crime series.

All this duly noted today by Lord Hill -- Czar of British commercial T.V. as he ordered a sharp reduction in the number of American made cops and cowboy programs in prime viewing time.

Lord Hill asserting that he is neither anti-American, anti-western, nor even anti-crime. Just -- anti-boredom -- said he.