

GULF PORT

Tues. Aug. 19-69.

The death toll from Hurricane Camille -
~~past~~ ^{The} ~~mark~~ ^{mark} hundred and fifty and still climbing tonight.

As rescue workers continue to probe the ~~muck and mire~~ ^{chaos} -
that was once Mississippi's glittering Gulf Coast. A
Mississippi civil defense spokesman further warn^{ing} -
"we expect the toll to go considerably higher."

Meanwhile, city, county and state officials -
were meeting today at Gulf Port, Mississippi, attempting
to coordinate ~~their~~ ~~to~~ efforts in a massive clean up.

~~However~~ ^{However} ~~the~~ ~~Although~~ at last report, the storm area ^{is described} ~~said to be~~
~~still~~ ^{as} a bedlam of ~~for~~ grief, confusion and wreckage.

DEBBIE - FOLLOW GULF PORT

As for Hurricane Debbie -- third of the season - she continues to churn tonight far out in the Atlantic. Apparently undisturbed by that aerial ~~ex~~ bombardment yesterday -- with silver iodide particles. However, the National Hurricane Research Laboratory -- refusing to give up on its efforts to tame the storm. Announcing plans for a second seeding effort -- as soon as possible. Doctor Cecil Gentry adding it may take months - to determine the relative success or failure of the ^{ia.}~~operation~~.

BANGKOK

Bangkok - an attempt today at clarifying defense commitments - between the U S and Thailand. The Thai government pledging it will never ask for U S combat troops to fight an insurgent war in that country. Thai Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman adding that he had assured President Nixon on his recent visit - "that Thailand is not going to be another Vietnam."

VIETNAM FOLLOW BANGKOK

Speaking of Vietnam - ground action there continued hot and heavy. Communist forces pushing the second week of their "autumn offensive" - mainly in the northern provinces of South Vietnam. In the process - losing more than three hundred men - over the past twenty four-hours alone. As against American losses - set at twenty-five.

GAZA - JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - again - an eye for an eye. Israeli troops hitting today an Arab refugee camp in the Gaza strip -- smashing a so-called "guerrilla assassination squad." While back in Jerusalem - ~~add~~ additional Arab terrorists were setting off two more bombs.

Along the Suez - more of the same. Egyptian and Israeli troops trading "~~extremely~~ heavy" fire in an artillery duel that lasted more than nine hours.

Prime Minister James Chichester Clark

of Northern Ireland - the man on the "hot seat", ^{was} ~~today~~
in London, ^{today} Meeting with British Prime Minister Harold
Wilson - who reportedly demanded swift reforms; ^{as a way} ~~hoping~~
^{perhaps} to end the threat of Civil War in those six northern
counties.

At the same time ⁱⁿ Dublin - Prime Minister
Jack Lynch of the Irish Republic, ^{was holding in check the} ~~slapping down the~~
outlawed Irish Republican Army. Asserting that "no
group has any authority whatever to speak or act for
the Irish people - except the lawful government of ~~Irish Republic's~~
Ireland." This in response to the I R A's earlier announce-
ment ~~that~~ that it was sending "fully equipped" detachments
across the border into Northern Ireland.

This latest: Britain's Harold Wilson announcing
tonight that - henceforth - the British Army will take
over responsibility for all security in Northern Ireland.

PRAGUE

On the eve of the first anniversary of Soviet occupation -- violence tonight in ~~the~~ Czechoslovakia. An angry crowd of about ten thousand Czechs -- massing in Prague near the statue of King Wenceslas, symbol of the nation's resistance. There defying the authorities -- to try and move them. ~~Until~~ finally a volley of tear gas -- followed by another and another - and then a club swinging police charge. The demonstrators driven weeping and choking - down side streets -- shouting back as they ran - "Nazi! Gestap!".

All this - in spite of an earlier government plea for calm. ~~Indecently~~ ^{with} the current Russian installed Czech leader - Gustav Husak - going so far as to blame ~~deposed~~ Alexander Dubcek for bringing on the invasion.

LUEBECK

From Luebeck, West Germany - the story of a daring escape from Communist oppression. That of Alex Mitbauer -- a nineteen year old East German swimming champion recently barred from competition - for allegedly fraternizing with western athletes. So he plunged into the frigid Baltic early today - off the coast of Schleswig-Holstein. Swimming out a distance of twelve miles - until he found an off shore buoy. There waiting cold and shivering -- till he was finally sighted and picked up by a ~~passing~~ West German ferry.

Alex Mitbauer, quite a lad.

GEOGRAPHOS

From the space front - a report today on the minor planet Geographos. This - as you perhaps know - a newly discovered speck of space dust - no more than a mile thick. But ^{one that} ~~it~~ comes closer to the earth - than any other celestial object of known orbit - excepting, of course, the Moon. ~~indeed~~, Geographos scheduled to pass by next week - a scant five point six million miles away. And Doctor Samuel Herrick of U C L A directing a team of observers around the globe - in hopes of finding out all we can about it.

Ultimate goal - we are told : to capture Geographos - to turn it into an earth satellite; for possible use as a space station - or maybe even a way-stop on future flights to Mars and beyond. And

tho it's small - Dr. Herrick warns future astronauts

In fact he says if you were it's not to be sneezed at. ~~Why, a sneeze or~~ on that little planet ~~said he - sufficient for~~ and had to sneeze it, the sneeze would be enough to ~~blast off back~~ ^{blast off} into space.

What with temperatures soaring again ~~the~~ —
 humidity likewise - the government of ~~Iceland~~ Iceland
~~— that~~
 suggests today - [^]it's a good time to start thinking about
 a winter ~~warm~~ vacation. Further suggesting its capital
 city - Reykjavik as the perfect spot! Noting that
 temperatures there average a "balmy thirty-one degrees"
~~ix~~ even in the coldest month of the year - January.

This - we are reminded - a benefit from the nearby
^{north and takes}
 Gulf Stream - that swirls [^]away much of the Arctic chill.

What about summers in Iceland? Not ^{too} much
 different, ~~unfortunately~~. ~~Officials advising that~~

^{in Summer}
 Temperatures [^]average only about fifty degrees in the
 warmest summer months. ~~Under normal circumstances~~
~~a bit chilly?~~ ^{Sounds just right to me}
~~perhaps, but to me - right now - even~~
~~that sounds good.~~