

ROCKEFELLER

I wonder if Barry Goldwater appreciates the attention he's getting--from Nelson Rockefeller? The Governor saying, that he hopes that the Senator's idea--will be widely known by election time. In fact, Rockefeller is drawing attention to those ideas--during his primary campaign. Telling his audiences that he wants to analyze the Goldwater position--on basic issues.

Which doesn't mean that Rockefeller is not trying to flatter Goldwater. The Governor hopes to win the GOP nomination--so he says, by proving that the forthright Arizona senator wrong--on unemployment, federal aid to education--and so on and so on.

AUTOMATION

The button that President Johnson pushed today-- means that automation is headed for the high seas. The President, from his office in the White House--starting work on a vessel at New Orleans. The S.S. Louise Lykes-- to be the most highly mechanized ship ever built, with a centralized engine room--where buttons and levers will enable one engineer to do the work of a dozen. And in the wheel-house, a panel with one hundred alarm lights to tell one navigator when anything goes wrong from keel to flagstaff.

It took much collective bargaining between labor and manager--to get construction going, for this ship will have thirty-two crewman--instead of the usual forty-six. Automation for the S.S. Louise Lykes.

Now the flight of the X-15, today:--Test Pilot Milt Thompson, keeping to a uniform speed--instead of attempting to set a new record. Speeding along at only three thousand miles an hour, but, he kept going at that rate--and thereby hangs the tale.

Nine minutes--at three thousand miles an hour. Raising the exterior temperature--to one thousand degrees. Turning the tail fins and the wing tips--bright red. And--they stood the test.

That red hot X-15--as Milt Thompson flashed across the Mojave.

ATOMIC

Today's underground atomic explosion, ~~the~~ the first of the year--at the Nevada testing site, is described as of "low intermediate yield." A technical phrase meaning a nuclear explosion more powerful than--twenty thousand tons of T.N.T. Less powerful than--two hundred thousand tons.

~~The~~ AEC going ahead under the terms of the limited test ban treaty.

WEATHER

With the East settling down to enjoy the aftermath of its storm it's now the turn of the southwest where they have fourteen inches of snow--way down ^{yonder} ~~yonder~~ in the Texas Panhandle. Heaviest snowfall since the Lone Star Weather Bureau began keeping records--more than fifty years ago.

With the storm tonight driving into Oklahoma, Arkansas--and Louisiana.

GLENN

So John Glenn and "Friendship Seven"--now belong to history. Like Christopher Columbus--and the "Santa Maria." By now you no doubt have heard that the first American to go into orbit--has resigned from space program. Astronaut John Glenn, stepping out because of his age--forty-two.

Would he ever make another space flight? Could he never duplicate that epic first flight--of February Second, Nineteen Sixty-two.

So what next--for John Glenn, Dick? The ex-astronaut to run for the Senate--as an Ohio Democrat, probably against young Bob Taft.

RAFT

IN Hawaii, Felix Noble says--"don't try to tell me that the Pacific is pacific." And Felix is an authority--on the subject. After all, he sailed by raft--all the way from San Diego to Hawaii.

He pushed off from California on November Third. Then silence. Felix Noble, drifting and sailing for two months; his only companions--porpoises and sea gulls. The ocean not so pacific, tossing his raft up and down.

When he finally spotted--land he was in desperate straits. His sails--blown away. The heavy surf, carrying his raft--toward the rocks of main island of Hawaii--^{the} threatening to dash it to pieces. Then--a plane spotted him and a coast guard cutter took him in tow. So Felix made it--San Diego to Hawaii.