

SAN CLEMENTE

Mon. Aug. 25 - 69.

At the summer White House - San Clemente -

President Nixon met today with Vice President ~~Spiro~~

Agnew, ^{getting from him} ~~for nearly an hour~~ ^{wrought} getting a first hand report
on the devastation ^{by} of last week's hurricane Camille.

Later - the President ^{was} quoted as expressing;

"very great concern" - that the Federal Government had
not done a better job of anticipating the storm. He

further instructed the Vice President - to meet with

Presidential science advisor Dr. Lee Dubridge; to discuss
the possibility of using improved weather detecting

equipment ^{from now on.} ~~stronger planes and so on~~ the next time,
around.

On his own - Spiro Agnew observed that the
government "will probably spend more on this storm"
than any storm in history. At least "one half billion
dollars," maybe more. ~~said he.~~

CHESTER

Chester, Pennsylvania -- just prior to sailing -
a record load of fuel today for the giant ice breaking
tanker Manhattan. More than a hundred and eighty
thousand barrels of regular oil -- for itself; another
thirty thousand barrels of diesel oil - for smaller,
accompanying ice breakers. In all, ~~enough~~ enough to
serve the Queen Elizabeth ~~two~~ - for five Trans-Atlantic
~~hexcrossings~~ crossings and they just - may need it all.

The Manhattan - as you know - attempting to
all the way around the top of North America,
open a new Northwest Passage, ~~to Alaska~~. Hoping to take
utmost advantage of ~~newly discovered~~ ^{that huge new Alaska} oil fields ^{way} - ^{up} there
near the North Pole. ~~near the Arctic Circle~~ ^{it will} If it succeeds ^{fulfilling} a dream
that first began nearly five hundred years ago - with

Columbus' quest for a short cut to the Orient. More
than 400 explorers lost their lives
trying to find this northwest Passage.
Amundsen finally made it. And
now if the huge Manhattan gets
thru it may be one of the most
important of all voyages by sea.

One of America's most popular Air Force
Generals today was taken by his comrades and relatives to
Arlington Cemetery in Washington. Lt. General Frank
Armstrong was the man who lead the first raid by American
bombers on the continent, on Rouen with B-17's -- Flying
Fortresses, ^{He also led} during World War Two, ~~and~~ the first raid into
Germany. In fact it was the raids he lead that inspired
the novel and television series "Twelve O'Clock High".

Later he was in command of an Air Force Bomb
Wing based on Guam, flying many missions against Japan
with the Twentieth Air Force. In November 1945 he lead
four B-29's on the first flight all the way across Japan and
across the way to Washington non-stop.

^{Gen. Armstrong}
In the middle 'Fifties ~~he~~ was the Commander of
all our forces in Alaska, one of the most popular Generals
ever to serve in the North.

VIETNAM

On the war front - Vietnam - a report today that the U S is now fighting a "completely different war" in the Saigon area. One that is aimed specifically at avoiding major battles - especially in rugged terrain where casualties are likely to be heavy.

Why the change? In part, of course, to save American lives. However, allied sources credit an apparent Viet Cong switch - with making the tactic possible. The enemy said to have abandoned large-scale attacks -- in favor of small-unit raids against limited objectives.

These - in the words of at least one U S officer - "more practical objectives." And he adds - there's no ^(doubt about) ~~it~~ it -- "the enemy had backed off."

JERUSALEM - CAIRO

In the Middle East - Israel today condemned Iraq for alleged "barbarity." This in the execution of those fifteen supposed spies - two of them Jews. Jerusalem going ^{on} to express fear - that another wave of hangings is in the offing in Baghdad.

Also Pledging all possible measures - to save other Jews residing in Iraq. At the same time - urging the nations of the world to bring pressure on Iraq; also, ^{on} Egypt and Syria - to force the Arabs to let the Jews leave those countries, ^{if they so desire,} ~~too.~~

Meanwhile, in Cairo - a rare display of Arab unity. The foreign Ministers of fourteen Arab League nations ~~getting~~ getting together to map a common strategy against ~~the~~ Israel - a strategy said to include a plan for some sort of retaliatory action - in response to that fire last week at the El Aqsa Mosque.

LUSAKA

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Lusaka, Zambia - a shake-up today in the
Zambian government. Beginning with the resignation -
of Vice President Simon Kapwepwe. Giving President
Kenneth Kaunda a free hand - in shaping major reforms.

Simon Kapwepwe - the now ex-vice President -
one of the chief critics of nearby ~~Rhodesia~~ Rebel Rhodesia;
to the point where he was accused recently - of being
blatantly ~~anti~~-white. However, his resignation apparently
was prompted more by the fact - that he was too much of
a nationalist. His efforts, to forge a single Zambian
people - serving lately only to rekindle old tribal
rivalrys. Kapwepwe saying today - he hopes that his
quitting ~~would~~ ^{will} prevent threatened "anarchy" and bloodshed.

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~~Harvey~~ John Shafer
So said Kapwepwe! What do you say,

SAINT GALLEN

Date line for this ~~week~~^{one} - Saint Gallen,
Switzerland; ~~it's~~ ^{and its} ~~appropriately~~ enough. The story
of a Swiss youth - who came home today with his bride
to be; a young East German girl he smuggled out ^{from} ~~of the~~
~~country~~ ^{behind the Iron Curtain} by hiding her in a dummy gas tank in his little
sports car. A tight squeeze, and ~~just a~~^{only a} ~~precious~~ little
air - we are told. Indeed, the girl was unconscious
said to be turning blue when they ~~so~~ finally reached
~~safe~~ safety. ~~Ah, but love heals all wounds~~ They'll
be married soon; the young Fraulein and the boy from
St. Gallen - who simply said "fill her up". - ^{but only}
one tank please!