

WEATHER

Tues. Dec. 18-43

An estimated two hundred thousand homes along the Atlantic seaboard were still without power today; the result of that icy blast that swept down yesterday from Canada.

The problem was also heightened by falling temperatures - from the Great Lakes to the Florida Keys, with record lows reported today - in Virginia, North Carolina and Florida; and more ~~of the same~~ ^{due} on tap for tonight.

^{Also} ~~At the same time,~~ a new storm, ^{is heading east from} ~~blowing out of~~ the Rockies. The National Weather Service issuing blizzard warnings - for parts of Wyoming, Colorado, South dakota, Nebraska and Kansas - along ~~blizzard~~ with travel warnings - as far ~~as~~ East as the Missouri valley and as far South as New Mexico.

~~By the way,~~ The town of Silver Bay, Minnesota - today received ^{ed} an additional eight inches of snow. Its snow accumulation since Friday night - ~~now coming to~~ ^{where they now have}

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*forty-three inches; or more snow than fell in Silver Bay -
in all of last winter.*

MOSCOW

The Russians hurled aloft today - another two man Soyuz spacecraft; ~~the~~ their second manned space vehicle in less than three months. ~~Its~~ purpose - not disclosed. Moscow saying only: "The cosmonauts feel fine - the systems on board function smoothly."

There also is
~~But here at home~~ a report that Russia has already orbited a Salyut space station. The magazine Aviation Week - saying the Salyut was actually sent aloft more than two weeks ago. All of which suggests a possible Russian counter-part -- to the current U S Sky Lab program.

EARTH ORBIT FOLLOW MOSCOW

Meanwhile, the men of Apollo Three were continuing ~~to do~~ their earth resources studies. ~~As~~ Along the way - repairing a clogged cooling line; Also, taking time out - to send a ~~to~~ ^{the Russians,} greeting to their new comrades in space. Astronaut Jerry Carr saying: "We wish them smooth ~~sailing~~ sailing."

~~Incidentally, this marking~~ ^{This is} the first time ~~that~~ the U S and Russia have manned missions aloft ^{at the same time,} ~~simultaneously.~~

ANNAPOLIS

The man who was just a heartbeat from the
Presidency
~~President~~ a few months ago - was ~~pleading~~ pleading for
his future today in an Annapolis court room. Former
Vice President ~~Spive~~ Agnew - appearing ^{before} ~~for~~ a special
three judge panel; in effect, admitting professional
mis-conduct in the matter that led to his resignation;
but asking that he be merely suspended for a time from
practicing law - rather than disbarred.

This - he argued - "a reasonable solution- to
protect the integrity of the court, the bar, and the
legal profession; so I can return at some later date"
he continued - "to bring credit to my practice, and the
court."

The case was then taken under advisement.

KUWAIT

Near East Terrorists
The bloodiest saga ever staged by ~~Arab guerrillas~~
~~was~~ finally ^{wound up} ~~ended~~ today in the Persian Gulf Sheikdom of
Kuwait. The five Palestinians who started it all ~~discovered~~
discovering they were unable to find sanctuary anywhere,
agreeing at least to surrender themselves, their hostages
and their hi-jacked jet in return for safe passage out of
Kuwait. The terrorists leaving in their wake - at least
thirty-^{five}three dead.

DAMASCUS

From Damascus ^{camp} an announcement today that Syria plans to boycott the coming Geneva peace conference on the Middle East. A government spokesman citing Israeli "maneuvers" allegedly aimed at "diverting the conference into a discussion of secondary matters."

~~statements~~ Adding that Syria was - therefore, convinced -- the parley would merely lead to "endless ^{digression."} ~~digressions~~

~~digressions~~ The U S still insisting, however - that the talks will go on.

LISBON, MADRID

^{Sec. of State}
~~Henry~~ Kissinger's ^{early} ~~day started out~~ today ~~was~~ in
Lisbon - and ^{later -} ~~ended up~~ in Madrid. ^{It was Sec.} ~~Dr.~~ Kissinger's first
^{Portugals} meeting with ~~President Tomaz of Portugal~~ and
~~Portuguese~~ Foreign Minister Rui Patricio; then flying
to the Spanish capital - for talks with Generalissimo
Franco and ~~his~~ heir apparent, ~~Crown~~ Prince Juan
Carlos.

^{Kissinger}
~~The~~ Secretary of State [^] apparently attempting
to touch all bases - prior to the Friday start of ^{the} ~~that~~
Geneva peace ~~session~~ conference on the Middle East.


Dr. Kissinger planning to fly to Geneva - immediately
^{Thurs. Paris session}
following his [^] ~~meeting~~ [^] with Hanoi's "Le Duc Tho" ~~Thursday~~
~~in Paris.~~

LONDON

The whole of Britain was shocked and stunned today - by two bomb blasts in Central London. /

^ / The first and biggest ~~by far~~ a huge car bomb that exploded next to a government office complex near Parliament. The blast ~~here~~ injuring some fifty persons - including dozens of women.

The second explosion occurring ninety minutes later - just a few yards away - in a mail sorting room at Britain's Royal Horticultural Hall. ^{This one a} ~~One of those~~ "letter bombs"; - injuring at least six more.

Scotland Yard ^{is} blaming the ~~two~~ bombings - on I R A terrorists, ^{and} ~~Further~~ warning Britons [^] there may be more. A spokesman saying: "These people have come to London - to kill and maim." 

ADD LONDON

~~And now the latest~~ ^R - another car bomb ~~did~~
exploding ~~tonight~~ outside London's Pentonville Prison. *Amf*
a 2nd.

MORTON

~~On the energy front~~ Interior Secretary Rogers

Morton today scheduled lease sales ~~on~~ next month - on

three areas in California. ~~This~~ to permit the

development of underground steam - ~~or so-called~~

"geo-thermal power"; - ~~is~~ another energy source. The

areas in question including the clear lake geysers

district in Northern California, - the Mono Lake - Long

Valley District in Central California, - and the East

Mesa of Imperial Valley in Southern California.

WATERGATE

The Senate Watergate committee voted unanimously today - to ~~send~~ subpoena literally scores of White House tapes and reams of ~~the~~ White House documents. The committee acting under terms of a new law - supposedly granting it access to such material. Administration sources ^{say} ~~suggesting~~ ~~however~~, the White House may refuse ~~even~~ to accept the new subpoenas.

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House~~ President Nixon met today with Senator Saxbe of Ohio - the man who will ~~soon~~ ~~soon~~ become his Attorney General. ^{As they} ~~The pair also~~ posing ^{ed} for Photographers ^{ed how the} the President noting ~~that~~ Saxbe's nomination had cleared the Senate by a vote of seventy-five to ten. Adding: "it's very seldom ~~now~~ you get only ten votes against you."

The President also noting that Acting ~~Acting~~ Attorney General Robert Bork will now return to his job as Solicitor General. ^{Said} The President, ~~saying~~ "He's the last man we've ~~do~~ had there for some time."

CREDIT

The nation's largest credit reporting company - was the target of a complaint today from the Federal Trade commission. The giant retail credit company - which keeps tabs on an estimated forty-five million Americans - accused of using unfair and deceptive tactics. These said to include a quota system for investigators assigned to ~~and~~ dig up adverse information. The F T C charging that retail credit thus ~~is~~ put a premium on the number of reports gathered at the expense of their accuracy.

INCOME

For all the problems we seem to have been having lately Americans are still earning more and spending more than ever before. The amount of U S disposal income increasing last month - by nearly nine billion; virtually the same amount of increase - as chalked up the months previous. This ~~account to~~ ^{from the} ~~figures announced today~~ - ~~by the U S~~ Commerce Department.

NEW YORK

From New York - a report today that more and more women - are finally making it as business executives.

This ~~conclusion~~ according to a study - ordered by the President's association of American Management Associations.

The study noting that "women haven't moved into management as fast as feminists would like; nor for that matter ~~as~~ ^{nearly} as fast as newspapers report."

Adding, ~~however~~ ^{that} however, in the past few years enough women have moved into management jobs - to make a dent in the statistics. The study also notes that U S business women - are seeking the same thing as business men; ~~namely~~ - "money, status, power, self-expression, service, ^{money!}"

KALAMAZOO

Have you been in ^{late} lately?
~~This next 455 from~~ Kalamazoo, ~~Michigan,~~
^{in the Michigan city}
~~where~~ An abandoned house ^λ was scheduled to be burned
down today as a firemens exercise; ~~except that~~ ^{but} somehow
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- it caught fire all by itself early this morning.

The fire department's night crew - racing to the
scene - battling the blaze - finally saving the house;
thus enabling the day shift to return later - and ~~finish~~
~~burning~~ it down.