

L.T. BUICK, FISHER, THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1965

WEATHER

A two-day blizzard with winds up to fifty miles an hour--continued to pound the Midwest today across the top of the nation from the Dakotas to Michigan.

In Minnesota--the worst storm of the winter--with two feet of measured snowfall--whipped by the wind' into drifts up to twenty-five feet deep. The blizzard so bad that even snow plows were immobilized--throughout most of the state. Schools closed in Minneapolis and St. Paul--for the first time in twenty-five years.

Actually, thousands of schools were closed today in the blizzard area--with many highways impassable--and town after town completely snowed in. With temperatures expected to plummet--to fifteen below tonight in Minnesota.

Meantime, another cold front sweeping from the Northern Rockies--all the way to Florida--all this less than four days before the official arrival of Spring.

## SPACE

That Soviet space spectacular is being acclaimed tonight on both sides of the Iron Curtain -- as a fantastic feat. The Russians' two-man orbital show -- clearly man's greatest achievement in space to date.

Soviet Cosmonaut Alexei Leonov -- the world's first true spaceman; leaving the Russian space ship for twenty minutes -- as it orbited the earth at more than Seventeen Thousand miles an hour. Performing a series of acrobatics -- taking pictures of the earth -- and peering down at the millions below -- while secured to the capsule by nothing more than a lifeline.

Another historic flight -- all of it broadcast by Moscow television. The entire performance seen as a giant step toward the eventual landing of a man on the moon.

Beyond that, the Russian feat once again clearly demonstrating the tremendous gap -- between Russian and American space programs. The U.S. proceeding with plans to launch its first two-man space team -- into a three-orbit flight next

Tuesday. But, actually leaving a space capsule -- that's ~~ed its~~  
something ~~that's~~ <sup>our</sup> astronauts won't try -- until a year from  
now -- at best.

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## VOTING

The President's voting rights bill today cleared its first Congressional hurdle -- and a big one at that.

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**TREASURY**

In Washington, disclosure today that the U.S. will  
President Johnson today named Henry H. Fowler -- to  
succeed Douglas Dillon as Secretary of the Treasury. Fowler --  
a Washington lawyer -- with a long record of government service,  
including a recently term as undersecretary of the Treasury --  
under Dillon -- til he retired to private practice last year.

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on-site inspection.

*Now from one of my on-the-spot  
reports here we are in Singapore.*

BOMB

In Washington, disclosure today that the U.S. will explode an eighty kiloton nuclear bomb -- beneath a remote Aleutian island -- sometime late this year. The bomb to be detonated about half-a-mile below surface -- on Amchitka Island. Amchitka wild and wind-swept -- far from any habitation -- yet relatively close to the Soviet Union -- and thus perfect for the job.

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Now from Singapore to Louisville, Kentucky--  
and the bank bandit with an expensive appetite.

The bandit handing a bank teller a paper bag--  
along with a note stating: "Fill this bag with money."  
Then fleeing the bank with a sackful of currency--but  
captured by police just a few blocks away. When apprehended  
--the bandit actually stuffing a handful of money into his  
mouth. In an apparent attempt to chew it up--and swallow  
the evidence.

The police forcing him to cough up--four  
hundred thirty-two dollars. Some abit worse for wear, Dick--  
The bandit who bit off more than he cold chew.

CAKE

At Fort Knoc, Kentucky a tragedy today in military logistic

-- that is, a culinary tragedy.

A number of mess halls on the post combining their baking talents to produce a huge cake -- a layer cake -- weighing about Three Thousand pounds. The cake to be the piece de resistance -- at services commemorating the observance of Armor Day -- this Saturday at Fort Knox.

But as the cake was delivered today from kitchen-to-table -- a catastrophe. The huge layer cake sliding off an Army truck, and then it became "upside-down-cake."

So the G.I.'s who had expected to shovel it in -- tonight were shoveling it up.