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The fall equinox, official tonight, means many things. Literally, "equinox" is defined from its Latin origin as "equal night." Astronomically, it stands for "equal night and day." Meteorologically, the hurricane season in the Atlantic.

Wherever you are tonight, you can see the astronomical fact for yourself, by counting the hours of daylight and darkness. Twelve of each. As for the hurricanes, they are less predictable. At the moment, residents of the East Coast -- are hoping to be spared the ocular evidences.

In other words, the hope is that Hurricane Gladys -- will blow herself out in the Atlantic, and not storm ashore like her destructive predecessors "Cleo" and "Dora."

But Gladys is already causing heavy weather all the way from Florida to New Jersey. Rough seas, high tides, and gales, sending warning flags up along

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the coast -- between Cape Hatteras and Sandy Hook.

FIRE

And now today's "inferno." Not Dante's, but so similar that you might call it another case of -- nature imitating art.

The Sonoma County Hospital near Santa Rosa, California -- directly in the path of a raging forest fire. Two hundred and fifty patients, in their beds -- watching flames fifty feet high through the windows and, of course, wondering what would happen -- if the blaze reached the hospital.

It didn't -- because of some frantic fire fighting by hundreds of volunteers, with an assist from the wind, which changed course. Blowing the flames past the building, instead of at it.

The surrounding countryside is scared with some forty thousand acres of a farmland and vineyards and some two hundred houses -- going up in smoke. Sonoma County Hospital saved. So, no harrowing scene of bedridden patients trapped in the inferno.

REPORT

The report of the Warren Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy -- will be published in record time. The government printing office in Washington to put three hundred thousand words between covers, by this week end.

Also, private companies. Doubleday expects the first hard-cover copies - within a week. With general distribution to the book stores within a month.

No other book of our time - has received this kind of attention. It appears that wide public interest will make a best-seller -- of this publication. The Warren Commission's story of the death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

TAX

There is ~~no need to say~~ much speculation about the reduction of excise taxes. The decrease mentioned by President Johnson was planned for next year. ^{But,} What items will be included? ~~That's the question everyone is asking.~~

~~Answer -- ask,~~ It looks as if the president has the ladies in mind. Because the items most prominently talked about -- are cosmetics, jewelry and furs. Masculine interests like whiskey and tobacco -- they'll probably stay as they are.

What's the distinction? The tax bite on whiskey and tobacco -- is called "socially useful." On cosmetics, jewelry and furs -- "annoying to the public." Which really means -- "annoying to the feminine public." ~~The ladies,~~
~~having the last word -- on the excise taxes.~~

~~And~~ ^{the} When President Johnson says that American families will have more money to spend -- who do you suppose is going to be spending it? *Yes, the gals.*

REPUBLICAN

The Republican candidate for vice-president *today was* defended by -- himself, and ~~by~~ his running-mate. Subject -- the Democrat~~s~~ charge that William Miller is involved in a conflict of interest. The Democratic national chairman, quoting the "New York Herald Tribune" on Miller's supposed relations ~~with a New York~~ ^{(firm,} ~~interests of~~ which he is alleged to have promoted -- in Congress.

Miller's answer -- he never held stock in the company. *And that it* ~~was~~ merely one of several -- that he supported on Capital Hill. Part of the financial complex in his district -- that he was duty-bound to serve.

Barry Goldwater calls the Miller explanation -- "completely satisfactory." And repeats that the really unethical conduct -- is on the other side of the fence. The Democrat~~s~~ side. Exhibit A -- in Goldwater's view -- President Johnson's dealings with Bobby Baker.

DE GAULLE

In Latin America they are taking no chances with -- the safety of their French guest. In rounding up terrorists all along the route -- de Gaulle will follow, they are especially careful about - immigrants - from France, many of whom fled their homeland -- at the time of the Algerian crisis, and still blame de Gaulle -- for the loss of their homes across the Mediterranean.

However, underground activity so far - is attributed to Castroites. For example, the ~~dynamiting~~ dynamiting of the bridge near Caracas -- while the president of Venezuela was playing host to the president of France.

After Caracas -- Bogota, Columbia. Where the authorities hope their crack down on suspicious elements -- will contribute to a peaceful visit by Charles de Gaulle.

POISONING

That food poisoning case in India's Andhra State involved "CARE," the American relief organization, providing meals -- for school children.

Lunch was served yesterday, as usual, and immediately afterward, the youngsters began to keel over. By nightfall - twenty-seven were dead. Ten more fatalities -- today. Scores -- gravely ill.

The officials of "CARE" in New Delhi are appalled. But the Indian authorities believe -- the handling of the food caused the tragedy. Because there hasn't been anything like the Andhra episode among the six million children who received meals from "CARE."

SHIP ~~FOLLOW FIRE~~

Forest Fire News

IF The California ~~Dispatch~~ is a reminder of Dante,

what about this dispatch from South Hampton, England?

Perhaps the best comment would be -- "from the sublime to the ridiculous."

Mick Downes, and Roger Sheroff certainly are ridiculous.

Also, criminally liable. They are the members of the crew --

who set fire to the Queen Mary. Starting two fires in the

bedding of cabins -- on the main deck and the sun deck.

Then piling on the furniture. Ruining the interior of the

cabins, before the flames were spotted and put out.

~~was~~ The ridiculous part? ^{why} They were aggrieved because

they were turned down when they applied for duty with the

fire watch. They couldn't be firemen, so they became

arsonists, aboard the Queen Mary.

Now Dick!

SAILORS

American sailors have never been known as -- proficient linguists. But when four of them went ashore in Catania, Sicily -- they didn't need an interpreter. Not when they saw the sign reading -- "Communista." Meaning, the headquarters of the Communist Party.

What does the U.S. Navy do -- when the enemy comes in sight? Why -- it attacks. And that's what these four sailors did. They smashed the window, - invaded the building, and broke up the furniture.

Result -- two Americans in the Catania lock-up tonight. Two others, escaping. The headquarters of the Communist Party -- a shambles.