

From New York to Virginia, from the Atlantic Coast to Ohio - rain, rain and more rain. All leading to the worst flooding in the nation's history.

Downtown Richmond, Va. now a virtual lake. Wilkes-Barre and Kingston Pennsylvania - both ordered evacuated. Olean, New York, a virtual ghost town. The Potomac, the James, the Rappahannock, the Appomatto and the Susequehanna Rivers all up to record levels; leaving dozens of communities a shambles. The death toll at last report - more than seventy; with hundreds of thousands left homeless. Taken altogether - says the government chief meteorologist - Dr. Robert White, this the most extensive flood in this country's history. Dr. White - adding that Agnes "will probably now fade away - but not before leaving still more rain." He tells us that for Pennsylvania and New York - "the worst is not yet over."

And now this - President Nixon today declaring disaster areas - all five states hardest hit by the ~~storm~~ ^{storm} -

- Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and Virginia -

where total damage is now estimated in the hundreds of

millions...

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon signed into law today - the ~~the~~² new Nineteen billion dollar aid to education bill; at the same time though - taking strong exception to one of the bill's provisions; the one calling for a limited ban on the use of federal funds - to pay for court-ordered bussing.

"The ~~the~~ moratorium" in question - only "temporary" - said the President. Adding: "The relief it provides - is illusory." And thus - he continued - "confronted with one of the burning social issues of the past decade" - confronted with "an unequivocal call for action from the vast majority of the American people - the Ninety Second Congress has apparently determined to dump the matter in the lap of the Ninety-Third."

The President ^{going on to say: -} ~~further asserting~~ "Not in the course of this administration - has there been a more manifest congressional retreat from an urgent call

for responsibility."

In addition, the President's chief domestic advisor later expanding^{ed} on his official statement.

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- *John Ehrlichman saying: There remains nothing to do
- but to go to the country for a constitutional
amendment." And when asked if this meant by means
of the coming election campaign - ~~John~~ Ehrlichman
replying: "Certainly".*

VATICAN

At the Vatican ~~in Moscow~~ - Pope Paul was taking note of the President's recent trip to Russia and Red China. These - said he - leading to "meetings which, ~~were~~ until a little while ago - no one thought possible." The Pontiff adding: "It is not easy to evaluate or predict the repercussions of such events" - but clearly "something new is happening in the world," said the Pope.

VIETNAM

*On the war front - Vietnam - an attempted enemy
advance today - along the My Chan River north of Hue.*

*An estimated two thousand North Vietnamese backed by
Russian made tanks - again testing South Vietnam's "ring
of steel" around Hue. And, paying for it - dearly.*

*American jets - American warships and American
artillery - quickly zeroing in on the enemy advance;
pounding the Communist troops - with "the most
concentrated bombardment" of the entire war. This to the
point where many - finally threw down their weapons and ran.*

DIR EL ACHAIR

In the Middle East - an overnight shelling attack against the Israeli ~~village~~ village of Kiriat Shmona. Arab gunners also hitting an Israeli outpost - in the occupied Golan Heights. And now - Israel strikes back.

Israeli war planes and Israeli artillery hitting a number of ~~gung~~ targets in Southern Lebanon. The village of Dir El Achair- all but leveled - Israeli Premier Golda Meir later telling reporters - "it's not a question of reprisal - but a protection of our peoples lives."

SANTIAGO

A look at womens rights, South American style - in this ~~text~~ from Santiago, Chile. Labor Minister Mireya Baltra - Chile's only woman cabinet minister - addressing a group of workers at a local food processing plant. Although a Communist herself, ^{she was} ~~she~~ repeatedly interrupted by extreme leftists. One man - in particular, hissing and booing the Senora - till she finally took matters into her ^{own} hands. Delivering what the Chilean government later called - "a proletarian slap;" in other words - a quick belt to the chops.

SWEET WATER

At Sweet Water - Texas - a gathering of WASPS today. The Womens Air Force Service Pilots of World War Two holding their thirtieth annual reunion. Like veterans everywhere - swapping stories about their war experiences. Ex-Wasp officer Dedie Deaton, for example - recalling the story of the Air Force first topless pilot.

The way it happened - said Mrs. Deaton - a Wasp pilot ferrying a cargo plane out west; along the way - a bright sunny day - deciding to get a little sun tan. Up there all alone! So, she took off her blouse; when suddenly out of nowhere - a flight of army air force cadets buzzed her plane. The lady pilot throwing back her canopy - shaking her fist at the cadets - whereupon - her blouse went sailing away. So, for the rest of the flight, Warren - would you say it was bombs away?

SAN FRANCISCO

From San Francisco - the story of one

Larry Lewis, a waiter at ^{The St. Francis Hotel. He} ~~a local hotel, who~~ runs

about seven miles every morning - and then walks

another five miles to work. According to his

doctors - a near perfect physical specimen. All of

which is interesting but hardly amazing - except for

one thing. ^{Today was} Larry ~~is~~ celebrating ~~today~~ another

birthday. At age one hundred and five - still

going like sixty!