

JOHNSON

President Johnson signed the Foreign Aid Bill today for a lot less--that the White House had asked for. He did win the showdown--over the so-called "wheat amendment." Some Congressman wanted to forbid--government underwriting of firms selling wheat to Russia. The President opposed that--and finally Congress went along with him.

So, Mr. Johnson signed a measure he says he can live with. Three billion dollars--to help friendly nations. But, with no Congressional conditions--that would tie his hands in dealing with those who are not--so friendly.

CONGRESS

The Senate and House--convening at noon and then recessed until tomorrow noon--because of the death of Representative Howard Baker of Tennessee.

What can we expect--when Congress gets down to this years business? Democratic leaders promise a battle--for a tax cut. They want to get a bill--reducing taxes by eleven billion collars; on the President's desk--by the end of next month.

We are warned not to expect--any reform of the Senate; no change in the seniority system. Committee chairmanships will still go to the veterans who have been on Capitol Hill for a long time.

GOLDWATER

Senator Barry Goldwater said today that what we need for fighting the Communists--are ideas. That we have to come up every time--or as often as possible--with a better idea than theirs.

The Senator from Arizona beginning his campaign as a Presidential candidate--in the New Hampshire primary; replying to questions as to how he would--deal with the Communists.

As for Cuba, he would help the Cuban exiles--with training and supplies, and would even consider giving them ~~that~~ air cover--if they launched an invasion of their homeland.

The G.O.P. primary, off to a fighting start--at Concord, New Hampshire.

ROMNEY FOLLOW GOLDWATER

Governor George Romney of Michigan was also talking today--about his party's presidential nomination. Without saying so he made it pretty clear in a speech before the National Press Club in Washington--that he is available for the Republican nomination. Furthermore he wants the Republican Party to launch a new political epoch--in nineteen-sixty-four. ~~That~~ is he wants it to lose the "holdback, stand still" image of the Republican Party of the nineteen thirties.

ROCKEFELLER

The New York delegation to the G. O. P. Convention will go for -- the Governor of New York. At least -- on the first ballot. This was decided today when the Republican State Committee voted unanimously -- to support Nelson Rockefeller. Two counties were not present at the Albany meeting -- but all the rest voted "aye" when the Governor's candidacy came up.

New York Republicans unanimous for Rockefeller.

ALBANIA

That Adriatic submarine base at Valona from which the Albanians ejected the Russians over two years ago--is being re-activated--with the help of--RedChina.

The Soviets withdrew from Valpna--in nineteen-sixty-one, Because Albania turned to Peking--in the ideological dispute.

Albania is Red China's satellite--outside Asia, and experts think Chou en-lai wants to use it's strategic position--to set up a campaign headquarters, for infiltrating Europe and Africa! Infiltration of the Stalinist brand of Communism that Chou and his comrades prefer. Hence Chou's visit to Albania, with a party of fifty advisers.

JAPAN

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X-15

The key phrase at Edwards Air Force Base, California - "Mach Six Oh Six." Meaning - more than six times the speed of sound. Precisely - four thousand and eighteen miles per hour.

That's what Major Bob Rushworth did - in the X-15. The test pilot, gunning the rocket plane - to the edge of space. Then hurtling down faster than any human being has ever traveled - in a winged aircraft. The Major, flashing along - at four thousand and eighteen miles an hour. The X-15, breaking the sound barrier - at "Mach Six Oh Six."

WEATHER

If you are near Teton Pass, in Wyoming, you'd better not try to go over it tonight. The whole Rocky Mountain area-- is being battered by a blizzard. Teton Pass blocked, also the Snake River Canyon. The mountains of Wyoming, tied up--by the heaviest snowfall so far this Winter.

In fact all through the Rockies they are getting it. ~~Schools~~ Schools closed because of five foot drifts in Idaho. In Colorado, the highway patrol checking cars--abandoned by motorists who couldn't get through, Dick.

BAROGRAPH

A dispatch from Washington describes -- a new American intelligence system; based on -- the barograph. An instrument that keeps track of -- disturbances in the atmosphere; so sensitive that it can record the launching of a rocket -- hundreds of miles away. Moreover, the barograph can tell the difference between rockets, atomic bombs -- and jet takeoffs; just by noting the way the air moves -- within a radius of a mile or so. That being enough, in the case of a rocket -- to determine size, speed, direction and probable target.

We are told that barographs have been set up -- in many allied countries; and that this constitutes the best mechanical intelligence system -- ever devised.

SEARCH

The Coast Guard have found that balloon they've been trying to locate since yesterday when Mrs. Barbara Keith took off as a contestant in that balloon race. The lady balloonist soared--out of sight. And--hadn't been seen since.

Coast guard helicopters were flying over the route--all day long. No clue until tonight, when the body of balloonist Barbara Keith and her nylon equipment were found--in the Pacific Ocean, five miles off the California coast.

FASHION

We seem to be headed for an Oriental Spring this year--
in the world of fashion at any rate.

The big Italian designers unveiling their secrets--
in Florence, with a kaleidoscope of color--and glitter. Harem
pants encrusted with--crystal beading. Palace pajamas--and
sarongs. Calling up visions of Sultan's harems--and veiled
Indian ladies. The Oriental splendor of--silks and satins. And--
bikinis; Dick--as brief as ever--if not briefer. The Florence
unveiling.