Good Evening Everybody:

Mariner-Four bound for Mars, today headed into the home stretch - of its epic voyage through space, with a continuous stream of radio signals - pouring back to earth, as the spacecraft hurtled to within a half-million miles of its seven-month goal.

The Mariner-Four on course - with all systems "go" and with every indication that along about this time tomorrow night it will begin transmitting back to earth, the first close-up pictures of the mysterious red planet Mars.

VIET NAM



The famed American First Division of World

War Two - was back in action today in Viet Nam. Some

four thousand men of the First - landing at Cam Ranh

Bay, about a hundred and eighty-five miles - northeast

of Saigon.

One of the first units to hit the beach in North Africa and later in Normandy, now assigned the job - of guarding huge ammunition and storage dumps necessary to support the increased tempo of fighting in Central Viet Nam.

DEFENSE FOLLOW VIET NAM

Meanwhile, this from Washington. The **Df** Defense Department today disclosing that American troop strength in Viet Nam - will probably exceed a hundred thousand men before the end of summer. As compared with the seventy-one thousand American fighting men -now there.

As for published reports about the possible call-up of reservists - to meet the new quota - the Defense Department said flatly: "There are no plans at this time - to call reserves."

NANTUCKET

After hours of confusion - the coast guard today set the toll at nine dead, seven missing. In the crash of that Air Force Radar Plane - about eighty-five miles off Nantucket.

Early reports indicated that as many as eleven airmen - might have been rescued alive. As an armada of planes and ships - converged on the scene of the crash.

But at latest count - there were just three survivors.

These taken aboard a German destroyer - on joint maneuvers with the US fleet in the Atlantic.

CANADA

A joint U.S. and Canadian study group today advised Canadian officials to avoid public criticism of American foreign policy, except where it involves special fields of Canadian interest.

The report - released simultaneously in Ottawa and at the Texas White House, says that "quiet diplomacy' behind the scenes is vastly preferable to "raising a row".

The study prompted in part by Canadian Prime
Minister Pearson's statement of last spring, in which
he called for a "pause" in American bombing of North
Viet Nam.

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Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen returned to work today after another siege of painful abdominal spasms. The cause of the trouble still a mystery. And Dirksen said he would continue to "sleep-in" the next few nights - at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The man from Illinois added that apart from this - he would simply try to follow his doctor's best personal and professional advice. And what was that?

"They told me to stay away from Tensionville" he said.

The implication obvious. It's easier said than done - "To stay away from tensionville."

New York's highest court today upheld the legality of Mexican divorces. A decision affecting the marital status of more than a quarter million New Yorkers. The court holding that "no social or moral purpose would now be served by ruling that marriages long ago dissolved are still in existence."

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Did you ever feel as if you were walking around in a fog?

Well, maybe you were. That is literally walking around in a fog. For a study released today shows that sudden changes in weather, with accompanying fog, rain and snow, can have a tremendous adverse effect on the human body.

This the salient conclusion of a hundred-page report - prepared by the World Meteorological Organisation in Geneva. The study showing, for example, that during thunderstorms mine accidents rise by twelve percent, premature births by eleven percent, and deaths by a full twenty percent.

Incidentally, the best weather for all-round good health - was found to be sea breezes and fresh salt spray. The worst - hot air - when it's hot, hot!

DROUGHT FOLLOW WEATHER

Speaking of weather, here is a possible explanation today for the all-consuming drought that has enveloped the East coast for the past four years. It's from Dr. Jerome Namias of the National Meteorological center near Washington.

Up to now the drought, many have said, was caused by, oh, volcanic ask from that eruption on Bali; or sunspots; or polluted air. Not so! Says Dr. Namias. According to him the chief culprit is apparently a pool of cold water, just off the coastline from the Middle Atlantic States to the Carolinas.

This apparently Arctic surface water - that winds have blown unusually far south over the last few years. A sort of sea within a sea - that acts as a fly-wheel for what he calls a persistent low pressure zone off the eastern seaboard. The result: rain - that would normally fall on our East Coast is now falling uselessly into the North Atlantic.

The Federal Communications Commission today ordered radio and television broadcasters - to tone down commercials that are "objectionably loud". The command contained in an FCC policy statement, also condemning the delivery of commercials by announcers who speak "in a loud, rapid and strident manner."

Violators to risk the possibility of fines - or loss of their licenses.

And now - meet Warren Moran, who will - well, Warren, show us how it should be done.

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A few weeks ago - I mentioned the plight of the polar bear. The monarch of the north threatened with extinction - under the onslaught of a horde of trophy-hunters, mainly amateurs lured to the Arctic by professional airborne guides, professionals who guarantee cut-rate hills - with little or no effort on the part of the hunter himself.

Here's good news: - the news that something is going to be done about it. Scientists of five nations concerned with the survival of the Polar bear are to meet next month at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. Arctic experts - from Canada, Norway, Greenland, the Soviet Union and the United States. To discuss ways and means of preserving this impressive thrilling giant white monarch of the North from total annihilation.

In the meantime, the State of Alaska has already

agreed to shorten the next polar bear hunting season by a period of at least twenty days. Says Alaska's
State game commissioner Walter Kirkness: "We don't
have a crisis yet, but we want to avoid a crisis."

The ultimate goal - a law such as that in Canada, where Eskimos may kill them for food - as they have for centuries past, but where no one else is permitted to hunt the polar bear, hing of the Polar Sea.

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