

IMP

*Here's news of another revelation in space--the discovery of a magnetic shock wave on the sun-side of the earth's magnetic sphere. That calls for an explanation--and here it is.*

*For years, scientists have thought of the earth as a planet revolving within a symmetrical invisible magnetic sphere--that magnetic sphere - an electric zone enveloping the earth uniformly on all sides.*

*But thanks to IMP, that's all changed. I-M-P - stands for Interplanetary Monitoring Platform--the most sophisticated satellite ever flown. Launched a year ago, IMP is still sending back signals. The latest findings are reported by Doctor Norman Ness of the National Aeronautics and Space Center at Greenbelt, Maryland.*

*Today's reports disclosing that the earth's magnetic sphere resembles nothing so much as a magnetic comet. The tail of the comet - wagging out from the dark*

**side of the field -- as if by centrifugal force -- for hundreds of thousands of miles.**

**Conversely, a shock-wave on the sun-side of the field--flattening the magnetic sphere to within fifty thousand miles of the earth. This shock wave trapping sun particles as they bombard the earth--diffusing them into the earth's atmosphere--if you follow me.**

**That's what causes the mysterious Gegenschein-- ever hear of that?--the faint glow in the midnight sky-- that man has observed for at least two hundred years without knowing what caused it. More important, a clue perhaps to the origin of the Van Allen Radiation Zones-- trapped in the earth's magnetic sphere. I don't understand it either.**

**Another milestone-in the conquest of space.**

## COMSAT

*Speaking of satellites, you have read and heard about Comsat, the Communications Satellite Corporation--the firm created by the government, and destined--or so many believe--to play a key role in space communications of the future. What you may not know is that Comsat has been one of the most volatile issues on the New York Stock Exchange. Sold to the public earlier this year, at twenty dollars a share--stock in the corporation was up to seventy-and-three-quarters yesterday. Today, the Stock Exchange halted trading in Comsat--in an effort to halt the wild speculation. Then--before allowing trading to resume--slapped one hundred per cent margin requirement on the stock. That means you can still buy other stocks on credit--only seventy per cent down by government regulation. But for Comsat--the Space Age wonder--it's strictly cash and carry.*

*Ironically, Comsat at present has no earnings--pays no dividends--and won't even have any ground stations in operation--before Nineteen Sixty-Seven.*

## WEATHER

The weather is with us again -- and how! A massive Arctic air flow sweeping down from the north -- bringing cold and snow to much of the nation. In Montana -- a near-blizzard, closing hundreds of schools and clogging major highways. In Michigan -- up to ten inches of snow. Six inches more -- in up-state ~~State~~ New York. And sub-freezing temperatures as far south -- as New Orleans. The forecast for tonight -- continued cold -- with heavy snow warnings for the Northern and Central Rockies and the Upper Midwest.

## CHRISTMAS

**Today the President disclosed plans for his annual State of the Union Message to Congress. January Fourth, the date--opening day of the Eighty-Ninth session of Congress. The timing, however, is almost unprecedented--the President scheduling his talk for nine o'clock--in the evening. Press Secretary George Reedy explaining that the President chose the evening hour--because it's "prime time" for television viewers across the nation. Reedy saying, "the President considers this not only a report to Congress, but a report to the American people."**

## FAIR

There's good news for those of you planning to visit--the New York World's Fair next year. The New York World Telegram reports sweeping changes in the Fair's physical layout--and its whole transportation system--designed to help fair-goers get around quickly, easily and more cheaply. Those four-passenger tour cars--priced at Nine dollars an hour--they're out. Instead more of the popular tour trains that carry scores of tourists at a quarter apiece.

Best of all, Fair officials say they are trying to find some way -- to see that fair-goers no longer have to spend most of their time - waiting in line.

Hard on the heels of <sup>that</sup> a tongue-lashing by U.S.

Ambassador Adlai ~~W.~~ Stevenson -- the independent nations of

black ~~Africa~~ Africa came in for a second verbal attack today in the

~~Mr.~~ United Nations. Lord Caradon, British representative to

the U.N., telling the African nations 'to set their own house in

order -- or there can be no hope for the Congo. The Briton also

challenging African condemnation -- of the U.S.-Belgium airlift

to Stanleyville. To have refused the mercy mission -- to have

left the Congolese hostages to almost certain death, said Lord

Caradon, would have been an act of cowardice -- an act of

callous inhumanity to man.

And, then, the first break--in Black Africa's

solid front. The Nigerian ambassador telling the

General Assembly that if Nigerians had been involved--

Nigeria itself would have joined in the rescue operation.

## SUDAN

Meanwhile, reports from Sudan tell of another slaughter. As many as 500 persons reported slain in rioting in Khartoum last Monday and Tuesday. Many of the victims beheaded--their bodies floating down the Nile through the heart of <sup>the</sup> Sudan--Africa's largest country. Cause of the riots--racial conflict between Arabs of the North and Black Africans of the South--the Black Africans reportedly suffering the bulk of the casualties--by far.



## JUSTICE

In the American legal profession, there's an old adage to the effect that -- justice delayed is justice denied. But in at least one court in Great Britain -- the saying is completely out of date. Twenty-six-year-old James Mahon going on trial in Manchester, England, today -- charged with strangling a lady friend. Pleading guilty to murder -- and sentenced immediately to life imprisonment. Total elapsed time -- twenty-five seconds. Something of a record. Dick, would you call it -- instant justice?

## MARRIAGE

The course of true love never runs smooth -- so the poets say. But, then, the poets never knew Glynn Wolfe -- the so-called "marrying preacher" of Las Vegas, Nevada. For Glynn Wolfe -- an ordained minister -- true love is as rough as a -- well, as rough as a washboard, with just as many ups and downs. Sixteen times he's been married - and sixteen times divorced. Things got so bad that in Nineteen Sixty -- a Las Vegas judge revoked his license to perform weddings -- calling the marrying preacher's own marriage record -- "disgusting."

Be that as it may, the fifty-year-old Wolfe took out his seventeenth marriage license today -- announcing plans to remarry eighteen-year-old DeMerle Rankin -- who divorced him only three weeks ago. The couple already planning - a second honeymoon. Where? Why, at Disneyland, of course.