

WEATHER

Mon. Jan. 8 - '68

From Florida to ~~the~~ Canadian border - from  
New Mexico to New Zealand -- <sup>yes</sup> ~~it's~~ <sup>Baby,</sup> it's cold outside -  
as if you hadn't noticed by now. The mercury hitting  
sub-zero readings today - in no less than thirty-five  
states. <sup>This</sup> Matching or smashing previous all-time lows -  
clear across the land. International Falls, Minnesota;  
reporting thirty-five below - Glens Falls, New York -  
thirty-three below -- Fort Wayne, Indiana, seventeen  
below - Cleveland ten below - Detroit eight below.  
Ten below outside my studio.

In addition to the cold - snow, sleet or  
freezing rain adding to the havoc across two-thirds of  
the nation. With the death toll - mounting rapidly;  
and new storm ~~wave~~ warnings posted tonight - from New  
Mexico to Louisiana. Also ~~new~~ cold wave and hazardous  
driving warnings - in Eastern and Central Montana.

## VIETNAM

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On the war front - a gallant stand ~~today barely~~  
fifteen miles from Saigon, ~~With~~ a handful of American  
troops - pouring out a steady stream of bullets against  
almost hopeless odds, ~~Through sheer courage and~~  
~~determination~~ - finally beating back a massive enemy  
attack from across the nearby Cambodian border.

This the bigger of two enemy thrusts today -  
with the Viet Cong attempting to seize control of a  
provincial capital. Fighting raging through the ~~streets~~ streets  
of Khiem Cuong - from just past midnight till dawn.  
Attacking guerillas overrunning <sup>several</sup> ~~the~~ sections of the town -  
~~killed~~ killing thirteen and wounding twenty-six - half of them  
civilians. But unable - try as they might - to take the  
U S command post. In the end - allied forces killing  
at least nineteen; while capturing five more <sup>of</sup> the  
fleeing enemy.

PALO ALTO

*At the Stanford Medical Center - Palo Alto, California - a sudden setback today for America's first adult human heart transplant patient. Doctor's reporting ~~at mid-morning~~ that former ~~star~~ steelworker Mike Kasperak was suffering from internal bleeding; also - liver trouble. The bulletin further saying - his condition is now "critical."*

*Exact cause of the bleeding - hard to pinpoint. Doctors noting that Kasperak suffers from chronic lung disease -- in addition to heart trouble. Adding only that they hope to combat his present condition - with massive blood transfusions.*

*Ironically, the heart of that dead California housewife -- apparently still beating firmly in Kasperak's breast. Doctors earlier reporting nothing at all - to indicate that his body was rejecting the new heart.*

CAPE TOWN FOLLOW PALO ALTO

*Better news - from Cape Town; where dentist Philip Blaiberg - was finally permitted to leave his oxygen tent today. Dr. Christian Barnard reporting himself "ninety-nine and nine-tenths percent satisfied" - with the condition of his own second heart transplant patient. That remaining "one-tenth of one percent" - said he - "simply the element of uncertainty."*

*Dr. Barnard adding that he has already started preparations - for his third human heart transplant.*

~~*The ~~was~~ planned patient - a man suffering from "cardio-myopathy;" a form of heart disease - restricted almost entirely to black Africans.*~~

## NAIROBI

America's latest goodwill Ambassador to Africa - on tour today in Kenya. Vice President ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey - mixing business with pleasure, Getting up around dawn - for a tour of Nairobi's <sup>nearly</sup> national game park, Watching lions and other wild animals -- roaming free in their natural habitat, <sup>this</sup> Before a scheduled hour-long meeting -- with Kenya's president Jomo Kenyatta and his cabinet.

<sup>the day ended</sup> Before ~~he was done~~ Hubert Humphrey promising to send a number of <sup>additional</sup> American experts to Kenya, to assist in solving that country's - long and short range water problems, also asking Kenyatta for a check-list of Kenya's needs which the United States conceivably could fill.

At the same time - the Vice President stressing the importance of cooperative self-help projects; such as road, power and communications links - between Kenya and neighboring Somalia and Ethiopia.

LBJ RANCH FOLLOW NAIROBI

Here at home - at the L B J Ranch - President Johnson conferred again today with Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol. White House Press Secretary George Christian - reporting their talks had "covered the waterfront", including, ~~and~~ in particular, a discussion of U N peace efforts in the Middle East - where there was still another border clash today. In a later statement - referring to an Israeli request for additional U S arms - the President promising solely to give the matter his active and sympathetic examination.

Looking ~~for~~ to the future - the Texas White House announcing a scheduled visit from British Prime Minister Harold Wilson - early next ~~month~~ month; to be followed by a visit from Mohammad Ibrahim Egal of Somalia - some time in March.

CHICAGO

Turning to politics - the Democratic National Committee held a brief meeting today in Chicago; -

Against a background of bitter cold  $\overline{\wedge}$  laying the groundwork for next summer's Democratic National Convention.

Along the way - Democratic National Chairman John Bailey brushing aside talk of an apparent party split; over the peace candidacy - of Senator McCarthy of Minnesota. Bailey preferring instead - to talk about Republican dissent.

Said he: "When the Reagan forces get through with Romney - when Nixon's friends ~~fix~~ finish with Reagan - when Percy reveals his inner-secret thoughts about Rockefeller when Rockefeller lowers the boom on Nixon and Reagan, like he did on Goldwater; - on that day" - said Bailey - "on that day there will be less talk about splits in the Democratic Party."

LANSING FOLLOW MICHIGAN

In the meantime though - Bailey himself  
was under fire today in Lansing, Michigan; for refusing  
to permit McCarthy - to appear before the National  
Committee. This - according to McCarthy supporters  
in Michigan -- "one more ~~xxx~~ reason for all Democrats -  
to reconsider their commitment to the National Party  
and its candidates this year." Later - Sen McCarthy  
warning that Bailey's conduct could lead to a  
3rd party movement  
"The making of a President - Sixty-Eight" -  
Warren.  
off to a flying ~~xxx~~ start, it seems,



TAIPEI

*This next - a literary note, ~~is~~ of sorts.*

*It comes from Taipei -- on the island ~~is~~ of Formosa;  
where Nationalist Chinese police put a padlock today -  
on Taipei's world-renowned hot springs literary inn.*

*Hot Springs in hot water - we hear - because  
of a picture published last week in an American  
news-magazine; a picture showing two young Chinese  
women - bathing an American G I apparently all three -  
in the altogether. <sup>This</sup> drawing a storm of protest - from local  
Chinese.*

*Be that as it may - police sources indicate  
the closing will be only temporary. <sup>This</sup> strictly a  
face-saving measure -- is the way they put it. <sup>And</sup> S.L.-U-t-m.*