

FLOODS

1. - @lds. Thurs. Sept. 27 - '62,

Yesterday, the report from Barcelona said - "the worst floods that Spain has had in this century." Tonight, they are being called - "the worst floods in Spain since the Middle Ages."

The toll, as far as it can be determined - more than a thousand, dead or missing. Perhaps double that number - injured. Many thousands - homeless. Damage - in the hundreds of millions.

One casualty of these devastating floods - the Spanish textile industry. Two cities near Barcelona - ~~used to~~ turn<sup>ed</sup> out most of Spain's domestic textiles. Tonight, both cities - are under water. Their textile factories - ruined.

The situation in Northeastern Spain, so desperate - that Madrid has asked the U S Air Force to rush men and planes<sup>n</sup> from our Iberian bases.

## YEMEN

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The news from Yemen indicates - that another of the world's historic dynasties is about to disappear - the Imam of Yemen, overthrown - by a sudden coup. Seif El Islan El Bader -who inherited his throne from his father, only a week ago.

This revolt, evidently - a palace revolution. The insurgents, storming into the palace - in Taiz. Seizing the Imam - proclaiming a Republic.

The uprising, said to be - anti-Communist. The young Imam, accused of ~~being~~ trying to put his principality - inside the Soviet sphere of influence. If so - the political significance is obvious. Yemen, down on the coast of the Arabian Peninsula - commands the entrance to the Red Sea.

A strategic spot on the map <sup>in which</sup> ~~that~~ Khrushchev <sup>could be</sup> ~~just might be~~ interested. ~~in~~ The rebels, forestalling the Kremlin - by ~~an~~ deposing the Imam of Yemen. The ~~an~~ fate of the Imam - a mystery tonight.

## BOYCOTT

That boycott of a Yugoslav freighter in Houston harbor - will cost Uncle Sam a storage bill. The ship was supposed to leave for the United Arab Republic - with thirteen thousand tons of flour.

But, she arrived at Houston - after carrying a Russian cargo to Cuba. Result - picketing by Cubans and Americans. The Houston Longshoremen, respecting the picket lines - refusing to handle the freighter, which means, that those thirteen thousand tons of flour - will have to be stored. The storage bill, going to - the U S Treasury.

One big question about Cuba tonight - the meaning of the new wave of executions, Castro, cutting down seventy-five prisoners - in the past month. More work for his firing squads ~~/~~ than at any time since the abortive invasion. And the bearded Dictator promises to keep his firing squads - at work.

The ~~obvious~~ inference - growing opposition to Castro inside Cuba. *So say his* ~~And that's what Castro's~~ enemies outside Cuba, - ~~are saying~~. The exiles, insisting - that only the Reds are still supporting Castro. The rest of his former followers, *with* disgusted ~~/~~ his subservience to the Russians.

In fact, we are told to watch for - a coming battle for Cuba. A battle between the Cubans - and the Russians.

## COMMANDOS

The U S Army is going in for - more commandos.

Anti-guerrilla forces - to meet brush fire wars. Uncle Sam,  
to have - a thousand more of them. Making almost seven thousand  
- ready to go into action, <sup>any where.</sup> ~~around the globe.~~ Their specialty -  
jungle warfare.

This, the result of - our success in South Viet  
Nam, <sup>where a</sup> ~~A~~ small detachment of American specialists - help<sup>ed</sup>  
~~to~~ turn the tide against the Red guerrillas. <sup>And</sup> ~~That is why~~ the  
Army wants ~~to have~~ more commandos.

## INTEGRATION

On Capitol Hill, the debate over Mississippi -  
is not along party lines. It's along - the Mason-Dixon Line.  
Northerners, backing - strong federal action by the President.  
Southerners, warning the President to go easy - ~~because~~ <sup>that</sup> the  
South can handle its own problems; ~~including~~ the problem of  
integration - at the University of Mississippi.

Two Senators from the North - Keating of New York,  
and Douglas of Illinois - want a resolution supporting the  
President, ~~Even~~ - if he has to send troops ~~into~~ Oxford,  
Mississippi. But the Southerners in the Senate - led by  
Eastland and Stennis of Mississippi - say ~~that~~ they will  
fight such a resolution right down the line.

The Southern governors - agree with Eastland and  
Stennis. The most vocal governor - Patterson of Alabama, who  
backed Kennedy in Nineteen Sixty. Governor Patterson has  
warned the President in a telegram - not ~~to~~ to use the army  
in Mississippi, ~~or~~ - in any other southern state.

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approached the President and handed him a letter

which



## FARM

The President ~~XXXX~~ signed the farm bill at the White House - in a formal ceremony. Vice President Johnson, was there. And, of course - Secretary of Agriculture Freeman. Also, the congressional leaders - who shepherded the bill through Capitol Hill. ~~Congressional approval, of the farm bill, giving President Kennedy - one of his biggest legislative victories.~~

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## GOLD RUSH

My favorite newspaper - The Cripple Creek Gold Rush - reprints an item from a newspaper that was published in what was then called "the world's greatest gold camp" back in Eighteen Ninety-Eight.

It reads:

Last night the Miners Union Hall was filled, to hear the debate on the proposition that a man should have five hundred bucks in cold cash or property before taking unto himself a wife.

Let's see, five hundred dollars in Eighteen Ninety-Eight. In buying power would that be about Two thousand Dollars today? Which side would you ~~prefer to~~ take, today, if you were debating that, Dick? I was flat, busted, only a week ~~or two~~ before I <sup>got</sup> married. ~~my wife~~.

## SPACE

Here's what sounds like - an appropriate nautical expression. "The Mariner - is riding the surf." But this particular mariner - has never been ~~ya~~ near the water.

Mariner Two - our space probe toward Venus. And the surf - has nothing to do with the sea. It's what the astronomers call - "solar surf." Vast waves of energy, following one another - from the sun across the solar system, creating turbulence in space - like surf at the seashore. ~~in short~~ - "solar surf."

~~Let's go back to - the original phrase.~~ "The Mariner ~~is~~ riding the surf," <sup>S</sup>Meaning, that Mariner Two has run into cosmic turbulence. ~~Our space probe,~~ Bouncing up and down on "solar surf" - ~~almost~~ five million miles from the earth. Knocked off balance - until its automatic guiding system <sup>went</sup>~~quicker~~ into action, Putting <sup>it</sup>~~the capsule~~ back on ~~course~~ <sup>target.</sup> *Heading for Venus.*

~~Like someone riding a surf board toward the shore~~  
~~Mariner Two riding the "solar surf" toward Venus.~~