

STORM

L.T.-Odds Tues. Sept. 19 '61.

Along the Eastern seaboard & tonight - thousands
of people are hurrying inland from the beaches, *and anywhere near them,* Moving
out - as hurricane "Esther" moves in.

As usual, the first place to be hit - is North
Carolina. Winds of seventy-five miles an hour -
sweeping across the Outer Banks. Across - the *so-called*
"Graveyard of Ships." Hurling waves ten feet high - onto
the shores. And this is only the first brush of the
hurricane - the outer fringes. By tomorrow, the East
Coast will start feeling - the full force of a killer
storm. Devastating gales - of a hundred-and-fifty miles
an hour.

The hurricane watch is on - from Cape Hatteras to
Cape May, New Jersey. And hurricane precautions are
being taken - as far north as Massachusetts. The East,
getting ready for a visit - from "Esther!"

U.N.

Today's meeting of the U N General Assembly - lasted exactly three minutes. President Boland of Ireland, convening the members - then adjourning almost immediately. Confining his few words from the rostrum to what he called - "The shadow of an immense tragedy." Meaning, of course - the death of the Late Secretary General.

Tomorrow, the delegates will convene again - this time for business. They're expected to name an interim Secretary General - to replace Dag Hammarskjold for the time being. Tonight, the choice appears to be - Mongi Slim of Tunisia.

But the Soviets have already served notice - that they're making their move now to destroy the office of Secretary General. Gromyko, telling newsmen that Moscow will demand - a three-man directorit. The Russian word is "Troika" - meaning a cart drawn by three horses. Any

one of which can stop the vehicle - by becoming balky.

In U N terms - a built-in Soviet veto. During today's

interview, **N Gromyko** repeated over and over - "Troika,

Troika, Troika!"

CONGO

The Congo truce talks that Dag Hammarskjold was to have engaged in - are going on tonight. Replacing Hammarskjold as spokesman for the U N - Mahmoud Khiari of Tunisia. Khiari, conferring with Tshombe - as fighting continues in Tshombe's Katanga.

Latest reports from Katanga - reverse the previous rumors. ^{Now} Putting the heavy losses - on the side of Tshombe's army. The U N casualties - fewer than had been feared.

CLAY

The "Hero of Berlin" - is back in Berlin. General Lucius Clay, who as American Commander in the beleaguered city - played a key role in beating the Red blockade of nineteen-forty-eight. Today, General Clay received a hero's welcome - from ^{a hundred} ~~fifty~~ thousand West Berliners. Crowds, lining the streets - cheering wildly. Women and children, throwing flowers - into the General's car. General Clay, obviously moved - waving and smiling.

The Clay mission - has two basic objectives. First to let everybody know - everybody from Khrushchev to the last refugee - that our committment to defend West Berlin still stands. Secondly, General Clay will help plan Western strategy - to counter-Red aggression.

ADENAUER

The next head of the West German government will be - Konrad Adenauer. And - that's no surprise. Today the old chancellor did what everyone expected - rising to his party's call to stay on. The Christian Democrats, arguing that they're strong enough to form a government - even though they ^{have} ~~are~~ lost their majority in the Bonn Parliament. That is, they're strong enough - as long as Adenauer is leading them.

EISENHOWER

The State Department has decided to delete from its pamphlet on Berlin - that controvertial reference to Dwight Eisenhower. The assertion that General Eisenhower decided not to capture Berlin - during World War II, leaving the city - to the Russians.

Gen. Eisenhower's reply is - that he merely obeyed orders. The decision, not his - but his superiors'.

The State Department now accepting this - ordering the controvertial reference to *the former President* ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ to be taken out of the pamphlet.

DEFENSE

Within the next few weeks, the Administration will make major decisions - that could affect every person on our planet. Subject - weaponry. The arms to be pushed - and those to be dropped. So, the fate of the free world could be in the balance - according to the judgement of President Kennedy and his top advisors.

Not so long ago - the decisions were fairly simple. You adopted the rifle - with the longest range. Or the machine-gun - with the highest firepower. Or the grenade - with the greatest explosive force.

Now - its not simple at all. How do you decide between - atomic weapons and conventional arms? Or the ratio of bombers - to missiles? It will take a lot of expert discussion. - Before the contents of our arsenal - can be decided.

CONGRESS

On Capitol Hill, these are the weary days that come every year - as Congress moves toward adjournment. As usual, only the most important bills - are getting any attention. ~~THEY~~ Their chances - not very good.

Today, two bills - failed to make it. The measure to raise postal rates - was quickly dropped overboard. Democratic leaders, realizing it was hopeless - throwing in the towel.

And the anti-filibuster bill - went back on the shelf. Senator Mike Mansfield, gracefully accepting - defeat. Remarking - "I don't want to fool the Senate, and I don't want to be fooled by the Senate."

Just the kind of oratory we usually hear on Capitol Hill - at this time of year.

SPACE

Today's announcement by the Space Agency means that we are going to build - an enormous complex of space enterprises. An axis running from Cape Canaveral through New Orleans - to Houston. Command center of the complex - the new space laboratory that's going up on land provided by Rice Institute. This Houston lab will do most of the brainwork for Project Apollo - the American Flights to the moon, and beyond. Houston, to design spaceships, train astronauts - and so on.

Cost - sixty-million dollars. Target date -
- Dick -
Americans on the Moon, before Nineteen-seventy.

ANTARCTIC

The first icebreaker to circumnavigate the globe - is sailing south tonight, bound for the Antarctic. The Coast Guard cutter "Eastwind" - getting the jump on the rest of our explorers who are headed for the ultimate South. You can guess the reason. The icebreaker will clear the ice out of McMurdo Sound - so the ships following won't have any trouble reaching the Continental shelf.

The purpose of this seasons expedition - to establish a nuclear reactor on McMurdo Sound. An atomic plant, to provide heat and light for the American base - down there near the Southpole.