

WEATHER FOLLOW CONGRESS.

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*In Washington* There was something besides excitement - on Capitol Hill today. Snow - three inches of it. The heaviest snowfall - of the season. Accompanied by the lowest temperature - since last winter. The thermometer, dropping to seventeen - the wind, rising to thirteen miles an hour. The streets of Washington - cold, bleak, slippery, and less crowded than usual.

The Washington weather, part of a pattern - across most of the country. A frigid cold wave, gripping the nation - possibly the worst of the century. Fifty below - in the Western Rockies. Forty below - on the Great Plains. Readings of thirty below - too common to mention.

The deep chill, extending down through Dixie - threatening to kill the citrus crop in Florida and the Rio Grande Valley.

CONGRESS

In Washington, the first excitement - is beginning to subside. The ~~excitement~~ <sup>excitement</sup> that prevails - on the day that Congress reconvenes. As for the excitement of debate and tactical maneuvering - that's just ~~beginning~~ <sup>beginning</sup>.

Today, the members of the Eighty-seventh Congress were getting acquainted - and renewing old friendships. Capitol Hill, buzzing with talk - ringing with laughter. Much shaking of hands - in the cloak rooms. ~~They tell us~~ that ~~no one~~ <sup>who</sup> ~~that has~~ ever served in Congress - ever got tired of the pleasantries that go with the reassembling of the national legislature.

Getting acquainted today - four new Members of Congress. One Senator - and three Representatives. Putting it politically - three Democrats and one Republican. Senator Maurice Murphy of New Hampshire, ~~a Democrat~~ <sup>Republican</sup> replaces the late Styles Bridges. The House has Democrats Henry Gonzalez of Texas - and Lucien Nedzi

of Michigan; ~~The single Republican~~<sup>and</sup> freshman - Joe Waggoner  
of Louisiana.

While the newcomers are settling in - the old  
pross have Congress well in hand. Vice President Johnson  
presiding over - the Senate. Congressman John McCormack  
of Massachusetts - picking up the gavel of the Speaker of  
the House. Congressman Carl Albert of Oklahoma - moving  
McCormack's  
into ~~the~~ old place, as Democratic Leader. Senators  
Mansfield of Montana (Democrat) and Dirksen of Illinois  
(Republican) - are returning to direct their respective  
parties.

The balance of power in both chambers - still top-  
heavy on the side of the Democrats. Democratic majority  
in the Senate - Sixty-four to Thirty-six. In the House -  
Two-hundred-and-fifty-eight to One-hundred-and-seventy-  
four. The Eighty-seventh Congress, wearing a familiar  
look - as it launches the session for 1962.

# TARIFFS

President wants to cut some tariffs - by fifty percent. So says Senator Smathers of Florida - who serves on the Senate finance committee. The Senator adding, that the President wants to help industries - hard hit by tariff reduction. Help them with government contracts, job retraining, relocation - and so on. No subsidies.

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## FLIGHT

A crew of eight American flyers are in the air tonight - on a flight that may bring them eleven new world records. The plane - a B-52 jet bomber. Pilot - Major Clyde Evely of Petersburg, Virginia. Major Evely, taking off from an airfield - on Okinawa, ~~Heading~~ <sup>coming this way -</sup> for Madrid - on the other side of the globe. The B-29, to cover more than twelve thousand miles - flying over Tokyo, Seattle, Fort Worth, and Washington.

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## X-15 FOLLOW FLIGHT

Meanwhile, the X-15 - failed to set a record. In fact, the engine didn't even start today - when the rocket plane was turned loose. It dropped from beneath it's mother plane - at 45,000 feet, over the Mojave Desert. The point at which it's supposed to start moving - under its own power.

This time - nothing happened. A moment later, pilot Forrest Petersen reported by radio - "Malfunction." Meaning - the engine, refusing to come to life. So Petersen put his plane into a long glide - ~~which ended~~ in a smooth landing, *on the* ~~at Mud Lake,~~ Nevada *desert.*

Tonight, airforce mechanics are looking for the "bug" - in the X-15.

## ALGERIA

Peace in Algeria - seems closer tonight. At least - peace between DeGaulle and the Moslem rebels. Reason - today's rebel declaration that they're ready to push the peace talks. Ready to work with DeGaulle toward his idea of - an Algerian Algeria. With guarantees for French interests - and the rights of the European settlers in Algeria.

The fly in the Algerian ointment, of course - is how the settlers feel about it. The Rightwing extremists are still threatening to start a revolution - if the DeGaulle plan goes through.

## MOLOTOV

In Moscow - "the Molotov mystery." Western diplomats are trying to figure out - why the old Bolshevik hasn't returned to his post in Vienna. The official announcement was made on Monday - but no one in the Viennese capital has seen Molotov. Nor has he been seen around Moscow - in the past three days.

The Kremlin repeats - that Stalin's Foreign Minister will leave shortly. But the real question is - why the delay? Is he being held - until he confesses his political sins in Communist fashion? Or, on the contrary - is he continuing his campaign against Khrushchev? *Maybe* ~~possibly~~ making some headway ~~within~~ inside the party?

If we knew the answers to those questions - there wouldn't be any "Molotov mystery."



## GATE CRASHER

The Secret Service is checking - on itself. The problem - how gate crasher Charlie Meeks managed to be walk in last Saturday night, and sit at the President's table. - a pair of olive green Foreador pants, made of best Place - the fairgrounds building in Columbus, Ohio. Occasion - a fund-raising dinner for the democratic party. Guest of honor - President Kennedy. The security, as elaborate as it always is - where the President is concerned. As for Charlie Meeks he simply sauntered past all the guards; on into the dining room - where he saw an empty chair. So - he sat down; stayed - to meet the President - and shook hands with Mr. Kennedy - twice. Also he got - the Presidential autograph, enjoyed the dinner, and the Presidential speech. Charlie Meeks did all that Dick - and he didn't have an invitation.

FASHION

Now here's an item. Picture the historic Barberini Palace - in Rome. Down one corridor of the staid old building - trips a svelte young lady. Her costume - a pair of olive green Toreador pants, made of leather. Topped by a white leather shirt - trimmed with fur. Dropping from the shoulders - an abbreviated leather cape, lined with scarlet cloth. Over one shoulder the lady carries - a hunting rifle.

How's that for an apparition - in the Barberini Palace? Which is a masterpiece of Baroque architecture - hardly intended for glamour shows. But Roman partisans of high fashion - have taken it over. And the huntress in leather - she's today's Roman conception of how the glamorous sportswoman ought to look.