

MOON L.T.-Buick, Fisher. Thurs., Feb. 3, 1966.

After four attempts that ended in failure - Russia today achieved mankind's first "soft landing" on the moon. The event heralded by Moscow Radio - confirmed by western tracking stations.

The astounding Luna-Nine -- immediately ~~started~~ sending back television pictures for twenty minutes. Even now - in radio communication with the earth.

The achievement - a giant ~~so~~ first step toward manned flight to the moon. America's first attempt at a "soft" lunar landing <sup>is</sup> scheduled for May <sup>at</sup> the earliest.

## PASSPORTS

In Washington -- the State Department today revoked the passports of seven Americans, who visited Communist North Viet Nam last year -- in violation of government regulations.

Among them -- Yale Assistant Professor Staughton Lynd, and two who accompanied him -- on a self-styled peace mission to Hanoi: Herbert Aptheker, prominent member of the U.S. Communist party -- and Thomas Hayden, founder of a far left organization called Students for a Democratic Society.

VIET NAM

Halway round the world - another combined air and land assault today in that massive "operation Masher".

~~B-52~~ B-FiftyTwos from Guam - hammering away at a suspected Communist camp some three hundred miles northeast of Saigon, <sup>after which</sup> with air cavalrymen <sup>were</sup> ~~then~~ dropped <sup>to</sup> in the area - to finish the job.

At last report - the body count in that week-long operation - a total of seven hundred and eleven Communist dead. For the Viet Cong <sup>this would be</sup> the second highest toll in a single operation - through all the long years of the war in Viet Nam.

Meanwhile U S Air Force jets struck today at military targets - about sixty miles north of Hanoi. Their deepest penetration of the Communist North - since the end of that thirty-seven day bombing lull.

## INDIA

Communist-led food riots in the south Indian state of Kerala -- the first major crisis to face Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi. The second crisis -- on outbreak of cholera reported today -- in that same area.

At least fourteen cases of the dread disease -- in the picturesque tropical Malabar coast city of Alleppey. Two of them -- already fatal. With a growing danger that the minor epidemic -- may quickly reach major proportions.

Cholera long the scourge of that vast subcontinent of Hindustan -- because of primitive medical and sanitation facilities. The problem even worse today -- because hundreds of thousands have been left weak by hunger, and thus -- more susceptible to disease.

## YUGOSLAV

*Communist China today accused of the "strongest move yet" - in its propaganda war with the Soviet Union. The charge by a Yugoslav news agency - with offices in Peking, Based on an article -- in Peking's official peoples Daily.*

*The Chinese article blasting Russia point by point - for ~~all~~ alleged interference in the affairs of India, Pakistan, North Viet Nam and Outer Mongolia. Also for negotiating "recent agreements with the Japanese. Adding that Russia is working hand-in-hand with the United States = where Vietnamese policy is concerned.*

*Conclusion! - said the article - that Russia and the United States are both equally hostile to Red China.*

YELLOW FOLLOW YUGOSLAV

*Incidentally, Soviet citizens of the Far East were told to look to the skies today - for signs of any approaching "yellow menace."*

*The<sup>is</sup> yellow in the form of grains of sand - gathered by hurricane winds in western Mongolia, ~~Now~~ filtering slowly back to earth - in the midst of heavy snow storms.*

*Indeed, many sections in the Soviet East - already reporting a blanket of yellow.*

## DROUGHT FOLLOW YELLOW

Here at home - a warning today that recent heavy  
snows have done little to relieve that long-standing drought  
along the East Coast. Precipitation in January well above  
average -- <sup>and that</sup> a welcome change, to be sure. But according  
to the Delaware River Basin commission - hardly enough  
to make a dent in the water shortage.

"The ~~do~~ real danger" - said the Commission - "is  
in the sub-surface moisture - or lack of it - "four" and  
five feet below ground." The commission therefore  
extending its drought emergency ruling - at least through  
March. "We are assuming" said a spokesman - "that  
Nineteen Sixty-Six will be the fifth straight year of the  
drought."

## WEATHER

The world's first full-time space-borne ~~was~~ weather-watching system - an accomplished fact today, ~~via~~ the nation's eleventh -- Tiros storm-hunter satellite.

The new, improved weather-eye launched from Cape Kennedy - into a near-perfect polar orbit. From which it will scan the globe's weather pattern - and hopefully help ~~to~~ ~~do~~ improve long-range weather forecasting.

Tiros-Eleven - six years in the ~~making~~ making. ~~With~~  
~~More~~ like it - soon to follow.

## POPE

*At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul today named a French prelate - to one of the highest posts in the Catholic hierarchy,*

*^ Archbishop Gabriel Garrone of Toulouse, ~~France~~ appointed pro-prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries.*

*The appointment seen as first step - in a sweeping internationalization of the Roman curia. Vatican sources predicting the Pope will soon elect another non-Italian -- as number two man in the congregation for "the doctrine of the faith". This the ~~formal~~ holy office - that serves as Church watchdog over faith and morals.*

PITTSBURGH

BELGIUM

Approach of the Social Space achievement - like  
More than a thousand Belgian students marched on a state  
-- in a demonstration Monday against the closing of state-  
owned coal mines.

The car designed - said a steel spokesman - to  
To begin with -- the police were confined to quarters in  
an effort to prevent violence. This until the students  
began to call them "murderers" and shouted other insults.  
Whereupon a hundred armed troopers finally stormed out of  
the barracks -- under a barrage of tear gas, chasing the  
students in all directions.

PITTSBURGH

Appropos of the Soviet space achievement - this next from Pittsburgh at the continuing international conference on Urban Transportation, ~~Where~~ U S Steel today unveiled a futuristic railway car - billed as a "practical solution" to the urban transit problem.

The car designed - said a steel spokesman - to solve the ~~ix~~ riddle of our age - to wit: Why - when we are learning to conquer space" -- we ~~we~~ remain "trapped in traffic prisons here on earth", Warren.

## CHARLES

Do you remember that incident - a few years ago?

When Britain's Prince Philip turned on a water sprinkler -

~~thereby~~ dousing a <sup>crowd</sup> ~~hoop~~ of trailing photographers?

Oh that was an accident, ~~of course~~ - said Philip. At any

rate, a similar accident today in the Australian bush,

where some sixty newsmen were on hand - to record Prince

Charles' first day in his rugged new school.

Along the way - the young Prince decided to "have

a go" at a pump used for firefighting. Sure enough -

he quickly showered a trailing group of photographers.

The Prince apologizing profusely - and yet - like,

Father, like son"? ~~I wonder.~~