

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 ~~snatch~~ 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 ^{is} ~~is~~ scheduled for May ^{at} ~~at~~ 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-48~~ B-FiftyTwos from Guam - hammering away at a

suspected Communist camp some three hundred miles

northeast of Saigon, ^{after which} ~~with~~ air cavalrymen ^{were} ~~then~~ dropped ^{to} 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 ^{this would be} ~~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^{is} 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 -- ^{— and that} 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 ~~mammas~~ 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.

BELGIUM

More than a thousand Belgian students marched on a state police barracks today -- in Belgium's provincial capital of Hasselt in protest against the police killing of two persons -- in a demonstration Monday against the closing of state-owned coal mines.

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 ~~rem~~ 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 ^{crowd} ~~ho~~ 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.~~