

WEATHER

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Here in the East -- a heat wave. New York sweltering for the second straight day -- in temperatures of ninety-plus. But to the west and south -- torrential rains -- following a savage series of tornadoes. A five-inch downpour reported at Memphis -- including three inches of rain -- in less than six hours. The storm-belt -- extending all the way to the Great Lakes. With the two-day ^{weather} toll now two dead -- and at least twenty-four injured.

DOMINICAN

The United States was under fire from both sides today -- in the Dominican stalemate. The rebels' so-called "phantom congress" -- charging the United States with trying to force a peace; one that would be "openly contrary-- to the democratic interests of the Dominican People" -- said the "phantom congress." At the same time -- this from General Imbert of the ruling military junta: The political problems of the Dominican Republic -- can be solved only by Dominicans -- said he.

Nevertheless, Santo Domingo today continued -- its slow return to normalcy. Also, for the first time since they arrived a month ago -- U. S. servicemen were not fired upon in the last twenty-four hours.

VIET NAM

U. S. warships were directly involved in the war in Viet Nam today, for the first time that is. Navy destroyers of the Seventh Fleet were -- firing on three coastal provinces heavily infested -- with Communist Viet Cong where they are said to have taken advantage of the long Vietnamese coastline -- to smuggle in supplies from the Communist North.

Meantime, Prime Minister Holyoake of New Zealand -- today proposed to send a one hundred-and-twenty-man combat artillery unit -- to Viet Nam, the New Zealanders to fight alongside the nine hundred Australians -- already on their way to the battle zone. The Philippines also expected to chip in -- with another two thousand men.

Queen

Half-a-million West Berliners turned out today -- to welcome Queen Elizabeth to their island of freedom in that sea of Communism. Even two hundred and fifty East Berliners -- turned out for the occasion. But they were driven off -- by Communist border guards.

Berlin the high-spot -- of Elizabeth's official ten-day tour of West Germany. To reach that isolated German metropolis - the great city on the River Spree -- she became the first British monarch ever to fly over Communist territory. Later -- a visit to the Berlin wall. After which she praised the "courage and persistence" of West Berliners -- in their struggle to preserve freedom.

The tour -- a real 4-star success -- ends tomorrow, with the royal party to leave by ship -- from Hamburg.

HOUSE

In Washington -- House Republicans charged today that Americans are getting the run-around -- in current Congressional hearings. Those hearings controlled-- of course -- by Democrats. So the Republicans announced-- that they will hold their own hearings, and try to get at the facts -- in a series of minority sessions to be held in Washington -- and elsewhere around the country.

House Democrats will be welcome -- as guests-- says the G.O.P. But only if they conduct themselves -- in what is described -- 'an orderly fashion.'

COMMERCE

The House Commerce Committee -- today approved a cigarette labeling bill, providing that all cigarette packs bear this warning: "Caution: Cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health."

The Senate Commerce Committee -- has already approved similar legislation. But neither bill is yet scheduled -- for floor action.

HUMPHREY

Hubert Humphrey's former Senate colleagues -- today helped him celebrate his birthday. The Vice President -- fifty-four by the calendar. Although he claims to be thirty-seven -- a la Jack Benny.

In any case -- it was a bipartisan tribute.

Republican Whip Thomas Kuchel, for one -- forgiving what he called Humphrey's youthful mistake. That "of joining your party -- instead of ours."

But from Senator Harris of Oklahoma -- a Democrat -- perhaps the canniest remark of the day. He suggested that instead of sitting there accepting congratulations -- Humphrey ought to call up his mother and congratulate her. Said the Vice President -- "I'll do just that."

FEUD

Russia and Red China -- were at it again today.

An article in the Peking People's Daily -- sharply criticizing Soviet aid to India. Suggesting that Russia's new leaders -- are courting the same fate -- as ousted Premier Nikita Khrushchev. The Kremlin's reply -- asserting that there can be no real peace between the Communist giants -- until they both agree on "peaceful co-existence."

BOLIVIA

That cease-fire in Bolivia -- was shattered today by a wave of terrorist bombings. Heavy gunfire also heard -- in the capital of LaPaz. With Army troops and armed peasant militia -- said to be warring again on the lofty Altoplano -- the high Andean -- trans Andean plain.

The new outbreak of violence -- coinciding with the inauguration of Army Chief Alfredo Ovando -- as "co-president" of Bolivia. General Ovando -- who was forced out of the presidency once before -- apparently not the people's choice.

MARGARET FOLLOW QUEEN

Here's another royal travel note -- from the British Embassy in Washington. An announcement today that Princess Margaret -- will make her first trip to the United States -- this November with visits to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington and New York -- officially and some private stops -- along the way. Marking the first time that a member of the royal family has been here -- since Queen Elizabeth visited Chicago -- in Nineteen Fifty-Nine.

SNOWDON

Over in London -- Lord Snowdon -- he's the husband of Princess Margaret -- presided today at the opening of Britain's biggest and costliest bird cage. It's a three hundred thousand dollar futuristic aviary -- that Snowdon designed himself for the London Zoo.

The aviary described as a complex of steel and concrete tubes -- held together by cables -- and enclosed by a black wire mesh. Said to be way out. At any rate -- it's the product of four-and-a-half years' work. For which Snowdon so far has ^{been} ~~been~~ paid -- only four hundred and twenty dollars.

A labor of love? That zoo cage strictly for the birds? Well, hardly, Dick. Snowdon was asked today -- if he expected to get any more pay. His reply -- "I jolly well hope so."

CABBAGE

Cabbage, comrade? That's the question today in the Soviet Union -- where cabbages are a glut on the market. ~~But~~ Details of the cabbage crisis -- disclosed in Moscow by the Communist Party newspaper Pravda.

It seems that Soviet canneries were ordered to produce -- a billion cans of cabbage last year. And so they did. *And* So now they're stuck with the last two hundred million cans -- and they can't get rid of them.

The hurry-up cabbage so bad -- said Pravda -- that you can't eat it unless you have -- "a zinc-lined stomach."

Cabbage, anyone?