

BEULAH

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Big, bad Beulah from the Gulf of Mexico -
a hell-for-leather terror today in Texas. The killer
hurricane touching shore at Brownsville - before heading
up the coast, spawning a plague of tornadoes in her path -
along with torrential rain. Causing widespread death
and destruction -- up to sixty miles inland.

The worst of the tornadoes - sweeping through
Palacios, El Campo and Louise. Killing at least five -
injuring eight more. Two more ~~in~~ deaths from drowning -
raising Beulah's toll to near - forty; since she was first
spawned -- two weeks ago.

One encouraging note. The weather bureau
asserting tonight - that Beulah is weakening fast. In the
meantime though - Governor Connally calling up more
than a thousand national guardsmen. President Johnson -
ordering full federal assistance. In the face of what they're
now calling - "one of the worst Gulf hurricanes of the
century."

HONG KONG

Explosion in Hong Kong. Reports from the British Colony telling tonight - of a wild series of guerrilla-like raids. Biggest outbreak of violence - since the beginning of leftists demonstrations last spring.

Communist terrorists striking with homemade grenades, fire bombs and other explosives ^{in various parts of} ~~throughout~~ the Colony.

These attacks - clearly anti-British. But the victims - all Chinese. New raids tonight leaving at least eighteen wounded - three of them children. Raising the total number of wounded to nearly fifty - just in the past twenty four hours.

VIETNAM

On the war front - American bombers and U S heavy artillery rained tons of explosives today - on that Red-infested demilitarized zone. Trying again to silence enemy guns - pounding U S Marine positions just south of the D M Z.

The combined attack - following two days of non-stop shelling that left at least four marines dead and more than a ~~hundred~~ hundred and thirty wounded L in their isolated, water-logged bunkers.

Back in Saigon - South Vietnamese police today assigned special bodyguards - to "certain important Chinese personalities" stationed in the capital, To protect them further ~~from~~ peril -- such as that bomb attack yesterday at the Nationalist Chinese Embassy.

This apparently a reflection of fears - that Saigon may be in the midst of a new Red guard type wave of terror.

SHARP FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home - secret testimony last month before the Senate preparedness sub-committee - finally released today. In it - a formula for speedy victory in Vietnam -- from Admiral Ulysses S. Grant Sharp, U.S. Commander in the Pacific.

Ingredients including: One - more men - for increased ground operations in South Vietnam. Two - more planes -- for a stepped-up air war over North Vietnam. And three - closing of Haiphong harbor with mines - to cut off the enemy's supply route from the sea.

So far though - Admiral Sharp has been over-ruled by the White House - on all three counts.

WHITE HOUSE

Speaking of the White House - that noble building itself was under siege today; from a group of demonstrators -- representing the women's strike for peace. This apparently a group of women who want peace so badly they're ~~little~~ willing to fight for it.

In the end - about four hundred of the ladies - trying to break through police barricades; whereupon they were hurled back by National Park police, ~~many of them~~ brandishing billy clubs. Later, about seventy of the women -- sitting down in the street, blocking traffic - for about half-an-hour, only to disperse - when threatened with jail.

WASHINGTON

Another big step today - toward making air travel safer than ever. With President Johnson announcing plans - for development of a new and costly U S air traffic control system.

The idea - said the President - to improve every aspect of air traffic control -- from take-off to landing. With initial cost of the program - set at seven million. And the public eventually expected to share in total expense -- through higher fares.

This ~~news~~ on the heels of new and costly safety regulations - ordered last night ~~as~~ by the Federal Aviation Authority. ~~New rules~~ Hopefully ^{to} improving a passenger's chance of staying alive - if he is involved in a plane crash.

CLYDEBANK

A moment of hushed silence today - at Clydebank, Scotland. Some thirty thousand spectators - straining to hear the new name of Cunard's new super-liner.

Then - the voice of Queen Elizabeth the Second - loud and clear. "I name this ship - the Queen Elizabeth The Second" -- said she. Adding quickly - "God Bless her and all who sail in her."

Thus, tradition winning over sentiment - in choice of a name for the world's costliest ship ever. Company officials sticking with established policy - naming the ship after the reigning sovereign; rather than calling it the "Winston Churchill" -- the "Brittania" - or even the "John F. Kennedy" - as ^{some}~~many~~ had hoped.

Be that as it may - the crowd voicing thunderous approval of the final selection. The new Queen - for her part -- splashing majestically into the River Clyde.

Looking toward the day ~~when~~ once more - when Brittania rules the waves of Transatlantic travel.

CAROLINE FOLLOW CLYDEBANK

Reverse side - here on our own shores.

~~WEEK~~ News today from Washington that the famed Kennedy family plane - the Caroline - is soon to be retired.

Perhaps to a museum - or some other appropriate place where old airplanes are set out to pasture.

The Caroline - a twin-engine Convair Two-forty.

Veteran of nineteen years - and six hundred ~~ax~~ and fifty thousand miles; carrying the late President Kennedy and dozens of members of the Kennedy clan - not to mention friends reporters and assorted ¹pets.

But now - the Caroline - is simply tired and obsolete. The ~~no~~ demands of a new jet ~~no~~ age - writing "fini" to her famous career.

PRINCETON

At Princeton University in New Jersey - a new school year is about to begin. Bringing with it the annual problem - of a fifteen percent loss in silverware, dishes and so on, that are "borrowed" from the school cafeteria - and never returned.

Ah, but this time - University officials¹ hoping to stem the tide. Presenting each new ~~is~~ student - with a special "care" package; containing plastic knives, forks and spoons - salt and pepper shakers -- and a tin beer mug. In hopes - they say - that students may "think a little - before borrowing things."

If that doesn't work - plan B set to take effect around the Thanksgiving holiday; when the cafeteria will post signs - telling students; "bring back our dishes and silverware - and we'll wash them for you."

No ho! and Okay, Alan B. Bink

MOUNT HOLLY

A new rule for civil servants was put into effect today - at the Burlington County office building in Mount Holly, New Jersey. Henceforth, female employees to be banned from wearing minⁱ-skirts - during working hours.

County officials explaining the ban - on the grounds that male employees were in danger of losing their heads over the mini-skirts - literally. A staff memo noting that two ~~men~~ men were nearly "beheaded by an elevator" last week -- while trying to get a better look.

And s-l-u-t-m.