

FLOODS

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The floods rolling across northern Yugoslavia - are the worst since before World War One. Especially in the area of the Sava River - which rose seventeen feet above normal. And then sent ^{ding} a wall of water down on - Zagreb. Tonight, thirty per cent of that great industrial city - is under water. Small boats are cruising - through Zagreb's main thoroughfares. While seventy thousand people ~~o~~ have fled to higher ground.

Usually the Sava River - is one of the glories of Yugoslavia. A beautiful stream that rises in the Alps - and empties into the Danube. But tonight the Sava River - is the scourge of Yugoslavia.

SUDAN

That rioting in Khartoum - has spread throughout the Sudan. So reported by travelers - who have just arrived in Cairo.

The Sudanese capital became the center of the disturbances - when President Ibrahim Abboud tried to put down a general strike. We are told that some units of the Sudanese Army - joined the demonstrators, And that there were wild melees - through the streets, Running battles - that apparently are still going on.

The spectacle - contagious, Leading to outbreaks in ^{nearly city} Omdurman and elsewhere. Historic Omdurman - where the Mahdi established his headquarters after overwhelming General "Chinese" Gordon. Where Kitchener won the decisive Battle of Omdurman - in Eighteen Ninety-Eight, And brought the Sudan - into the British Empire.

SOVIET

The big question in Moscow - is this. Did Brezhnev and Kosygin under-estimate the effect of - their conspiracy against Khrushchev? The answer, according to most Western observers - "Yes, they did." Meaning - the new Soviet bosses thought they could get rid of the ex-Premier without disturbing international Communism. And were astonished - at the criticism they provoked in Red Parties around the world. Astonished - and rather frightened.

Hence, the frantic actions - by the ^{is} new firm of B. and K. They went to Poland to give Gomulka their personal assurances - that they will continue Khrushchev's policy of peaceful coexistence. They are stressing the equality - of all Communist Parties. An "Alliance of the Equal" - says Pravda. And they are preparing to defend themselves - before visiting delegations from abroad. In particular, before the French Reds - who have been outspoken in demanding to know what happened to Khrushchev.

Some Kremlinologists believe that B. and K. have

shaken Communism to the point - where it will never be stable again. And might even collapse if the Kremlin explanations about the fall of Khrushchev - do not satisfy the comrades outside the Soviet Union.

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MANEUVERS

Those nine American Marines killed in Spain - were taking part in the greatest amphibious maneuver ever held in peace-time. Operation "Steel Pike One" - which began in Virginia and the Carolinas. The Second Marines and the Second Air Wing - leaving on Columbus Day, Linking up with a combined American and Spanish fleet - in the Atlantic. After which the armada moved in for the landing - under simulated battle conditions.

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GOLDWATER

The Republican candidate for President chose an appropriate place to talk about - "bread and circuses."

Namely - New York's Madison Square Garden. Which has staged - many a circus, ^Q And sold a lot of bread - in the form of pretzels.

But the reference - is political. Barry Goldwater, hitting hard at, in his words - "the bread and circus" approach of Lyndon Johnson. The President, offering material diversions to keep the people preoccupied - while he imposes Federal power on them, Just as Caesars did - in the days of the Roman Empire.

Incidentally, this appearance in Madison Square Garden - is Goldwater's one and only campaign trip to New York. The Senator's backers deny - that he ^{has} written off "the big city." They insist that he planned to hit New York - on the crest of his campaign. A single-shot affair - just before the election. And tonight - is the night.

JOHNSON

President Johnson emphasized his "peace and preparedness" theme - while campaigning through Dixie. L.B.J., telling enthusiastic crowds from Florida to Carolina - that the United States is strong enough to negotiate. Strong enough to stand by - the test ban treaty. Which Mr. Johnson termed - "a triumph of international sense over international insanity."

And he called on the voters of the South to help prevent - "gambling with human destiny." Another reference to the Johnson argument - against his opponent. The argument that Goldwater would be irresponsible - in his handling of nuclear weapons.

SPACE

Have you heard, or read, of the hypothesis about "super civilizations" far out in interstellar space? It comes from one of the world's leading astronomers, Professor Nicolai Kardashev -- of the Astronomical Institute in Moscow. And there are American astronomers who agree with his theory -- reported today by Walter Sullivan of the New York Times.

The Kardashev hypothesis goes like this: --

There is a striking change of pattern in the radio waves -- between the constellations of Aries and Pegasus. The chaotic noises of space, giving way to a steady frequency of nine hundred megacycles - at two definite points. Two stars, close together -- that -- astronomically speaking. Only five hundred light years -- between them. Only.

Here's the point. Nine hundred megacycles offer the best radio beam - for communicating over such a vast distance, and the prevalence of this beam at those two points -- against the laws of chance -- suggests

rational planning, the kind of planning that earthbound astronomers do -- when they send radio waves to the stars.

Hence -- the theory -- one of the most exciting in the history of astronomy. Are two super civilizations communicating with one another -- between the constellations? Maybe, Dick -- Professor Kardeshev says "Yes."

FOOTBALL

Well, it took thirty-five years to produce - another wrong-way run in Football.

I'm sure you've all heard of Roy Riegels - in the Rose Bowl Game of Nineteen Twenty-Nine. Roy Riegels of California, who scooped up a fumble - near the Georgia Tech goal line, ~~B~~ecame - confused. And sped down the field - toward his team's end of the field. Another California player tackled him - on the three yard line. ~~B~~ut the run by the Californian - helped Georgia Tech win the Rose Bowl Game.

That was a unique oddity in the history of football - until yesterday. Picture the Minnesota Vikings playing the Forty Niners - in San Francisco. Viking end Jim Marshall - recovering a fumble. Getting - turned around. And racing sixty yards - across the goal line. His own - goal line. He ~~th~~ thought he had scored - a touchdown for the Vikings. ^{Of course} He was appalled to learn - that he had scored a safety for the Forty Niners. *But the Vikings won anyway!*

They say the football - takes funny bounces. But what

about the football players - who run in funny directions?

~~What about~~ Roy Riegels - ^{now joined by a pro -} ~~and~~ Jim Marshall?
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