

HOUSE

On Capitol Hill - after two weeks of debate and one favorable vote - the House today finally reversed itself.

Killing for now a Republican move - to force President Johnson to cut Federal spending. This supposedly the price he would have to pay - for approval of that requested ten per cent hike.

The showdown vote - two-thirteen to two-oh-five. This mainly on the strength of an impassioned plea - from House Appropriations chairman who said the bill would leave the President free to start his cutting - on some of Congress's most favored programs. Be that as it may - the President's tax increase is still in trouble. The House Ways and Means Committee - later voting overwhelmingly to shelve the tax proposal, until both the President and Congress - can agree on cuts in Federal spending.

TAMPICO

Hurricane Fern - on a collision course tonight with Northern Mexico. The little sister of Hurricane Beulah - expected to hit somewhere between Tampico and the Soto La Marina River. Earlier, a sudden change of direction sparing South Texas the full brunt of Fern's fury. Even so - the storm is expected to unload heavy rains north of the border. Raising the specter of another flood- second in two weeks- along the lower Rio Grande.

VIETNAM

A brief lull in the ground war in Vietnam was suddenly shattered today by six enemy attacks. Including a Viet Cong Border barrage - against the ancient imperial Capitol of Hue. First reports indicating - heavy loss of life.

At the same time radio Hanoi - reporting heavy U.S. air strikes today; against both the North Vietnamese Capitol - and the key red port of Haiphong. Hanoi further claiming seven U.S. planes - shot down.

On the political front - a swelling Buddhist revolt today, against the government - of South Vietnamese President-Elect Thieu; marked by the fiery suicide of a young Buddhist nun - in the city of Can Tho - in the Mekong Delta.

HONG KONG

Thousands burned alive - in Red China. So says the story published today - in a right wing Hong Kong newspaper.

The alleged incident - said to have occurred late last month near Nanning - Capital of Kwangsi Province.

Travellers from the area quoted as telling of a violent clash - between pro and anti Maoists. The latter finally winning out - chasing the pro Maoists into a forest area North of Nanning.

From there though - the pro-Maoists reportedly carrying on a Guerilla type campaign, until their adversaries decided to end it - once and for all; setting fire to the forest - with the pro-Maoists trapped inside. Death toll from the flames - some three thousand - we're told.

MOSCOW

Today in the Soviet Union - the beginning of a giant celebration. Russians in the USSR - hailing the tenth anniversary of the space age, which began October Fourth, Nineteen-Fifty-Seven -with the successful launching of a Sputnik One.

At the same time - Russian Scientists and Cosmonauts were turning their thoughts to future space flight. Hinting that one of the next Soviet Space feats - could well be the construction of a terminus orbiting space laboratory and rocket-fueling station. Beyond that - the Russians looking to a time "not far off" - they say, when Soviet Cosmonauts will "blaze new trails - to the Moon, Venus and Mars."

SCARBOROUGH

For British Prime Minister Harold Wilson - a solid victory today at Scarborough, England. Wilson winning approval of his tough economic program - by a vote of nearly two-to-one. This his first showdown with rank and file rebels - at the annual Conference of The Ruling Labor Party.

In later balloting - Wilson also winning nine of ten related resolutions challenging his position of party leadership. The only one he lost, a rebel resolution expressing regret that the government had been unable to hold down prices, rents and dividends.

ALASKA FLOOD


SOME-TIME AGO, WE ~~ALL~~ HEARD HOW THE PEOPLE OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA WERE HOPING WINTER WOULD NOT COME TO^o SOON--~~THE WEATHER GAVE THEM A CHANCE TO CLEAN UP AFTER THE GREAT FLOOD.~~ LUCK HAS BEEN WITH THEM. ~~OUTWARDLY THE PEOPLE~~ ^{They} HAVE CLEANED UP TO THE POINT WHERE THE ~~USUAL~~ ^{Casual} OBSERVER ~~NOW~~ SEES ALMOST NO SIGN OF WHAT ~~WE ALL KNOW~~ WAS THE MOST DEVASTATING FLOOD IN THE HISTORY OF OUR LARGEST STATE.

HOWEVER, WHEN YOU GO INSIDE ~~THE~~ BUILDINGS, ON THE FIRST FLOOR, AND, ~~OF COURSE~~ IN ~~THE~~ BASEMENTS, IT'S ANOTHER STORY.

AT ANY RATE, ~~THE~~ ALASKANS ARE ~~ALL~~ RUGGED PEOPLE. OTHERWISE, THEY WOULDN'T BE THERE; AND, NO WHERE DO YOU FIND ANY MOANING OR COMPLAINING.

ALASKA IS A YOUNG MAN'S COUNTRY, AS WE ALL KNOW. THE MAYOR OF ~~Fairbanks~~ ^{Fairbanks} IS A YOUNG EX-NAVAL OFFICER, NAMED RED BOUCHER. ~~HE IS~~ MARRIED TO A ~~BEAUTIFUL~~ ^{lovely} BLONDE, FROM ICELAND. THE FLOOD HIT THE MAYOR, JUST AS IT DID NEARLY EVERYONE ELSE IN ~~FAIRBANKS~~, COSTING HIM ~~A LOSS OF~~ SOME \$20,000 OR SO.

I HAVE JUST BEEN SPENDING A LITTLE TIME IN BOTH HOUSES OF THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE, WHICH IS HOLDING A SPECIAL FLOOD SESSION. ^{and} I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED, FIRST BY THE YOUTH, AND ^{by} THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE MEMBERS; ^{also} ~~AND~~ THE SPEED WITH WHICH, THEY WERE PUTTING THROUGH EMERGENCY LEGISLATION. ^{By} ~~IT~~ DOING IT ON A NON-PARTISAN BASIS. ALMOST EVERY BILL PASSING ~~WITH A~~ UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE VOTES RECORDED BY FLASHING LIGHTS ON A BOARD. WHEN THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, OR THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, CALLED FOR A VOTE, EACH LEGISLATOR PUSHED A BUTTON ON



HIS DESK, AND ~~IN FURTUALLY~~ IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE THE LIGHTS
~~TOLD YOU~~ THE RESULTS.

I HAD DINNER WITH SEVERAL OF THE LEGESLATORS, ONE A YOUNG EX-
FLYER OF PAPPY BOYINGTON'S OUTFIT. YOU ALL REMEMBER PAPPY. THIS
CHAP WAS FROM NECKNECK, FAR DOWN THE ALASKAN PENNINSULA. THE OTHER,
A FISHERMAN AND HUNTER FROM NUNICHIK ON THE KENI^a PENNINSULA. ~~REALLY~~
RUGGED MEN. I SUSPECT THIS ALASKAN LEGISLATURE IS MADE UP OF THE
~~best~~ ^{ablest} GROUP OF ~~THE~~ ANY STATE LEGISLATURE IN THE COUNTRY.

^{as everyone in the North knows,}
AS FOR THE GOVENOR, WALLY HICKEL, HE HAS A ~~most~~ DYNAMIC PERSONALITY.

MY WIFE AND I HAD BREAKFAST WITH THE HICKEL'S, AT THE GOVERNOR'S
~~house~~ ^{Manion's} ~~and~~ THE GOVENOR ^{did the cooking,} ~~COOKED IT HIMSELF~~

^{AFFORD}
EVERY AMERICAN WHO CAN ~~AFORD IT~~, SHOULD MAKE A TRIP TO ALASKA.

^{Alaska}
~~ALASKA~~, FOR BIG GAME, ~~IT~~ IS SECOND ONLY TO AFRICA, AND FOR ~~OUT-~~
~~STANDING SCENERY~~ ^{Scenery} IT IS SECOND TO ^{none} ~~NOTHING~~ ^{Warren} ~~IN THE WORLD.~~

ARTIC

From U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, word of two more ice breakers crashing their way to the side of the Cutter Northwind; in an attempt to escort her to safety - some four hundred and fifty miles thru the Arctic ice pack. The Northwind - after a record penetration toward the North Pole, lost one of her propellers and suffered a crack in her hull; in danger of being marooned for the winter.

With help - now on the scene, the U.S. icebreaker Statton Island and the Canadian Breaker MacDonald hope to make a path for the Northwind, thru the heavy ice now building up around the Pole.