

WATER

L.T. - Buick, Fisher. Thurs. Aug. 5 - '65

President Johnson today ordered a crash program of ~~the~~ federal research - to find an effective and economical means of desalting sea water. This following a report from Dr. Donald Hornig - the White House science adviser, ~~On~~ the disastrous effects of ~~that~~ ^{the} continuing four-year drought - along the nation's east coast.

Dr. Hornig told to launch an "around the clock" effort - aimed at solving the many problems connected with the project. Told to do it, what's more - "as if we knew we were going to run out of drinking water in the next six months!". ~~That - from the President.~~

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment in the United States - lower last month than at any time in nearly eight years. The ~~jobless~~ jobless rate for July - as reported today by the Labor Department - only four point five percent.

Total unemployment - up by more than a million over June. The ~~unemployment~~ improvement attributed largely to recent high school and college graduates = who have had surprising success in finding jobs, ~~instead of proving~~ instead of proving a glut on the market - as they have so often in the past.

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CHURCHES

*Just out - the annual yearbook of churches,
With a sobering report - on the growing shortage of
clergymen.*

*At last count - some seventy thousand more
churches in this country - ~~more~~ than there are pastors ~~to~~
to fill them. The manpower crisis blamed in part - on
the recent proliferation of churches. But more so on the
steady decline of dedicated young men - willing to devote
their lives to the ministry.*

*According to at least one noted theologian -
the cream of the crop now goes - to the Peace Corps.*

FORD

House Republican leader Gerald Ford - today asked for a face to face meeting with President Johnson, To straighten out once and for all - their feud over who said what to whom, And whether Ford really did violate a Presidential confidence - following a ~~Q&A~~ White House briefing on Viet Nam.

The request contained in a note to the President - along with a copy of a letter from a Washington newsman. The letter asserting that Ford was not the source of an article - that started the controversy last week. Adding that Mr. Johnson was apparently - "erroneously informed".

The White House later ~~was~~ reporting however, that the President 'has no plans' at ~~present~~ present - "to see Congressman Ford".

VIET NAM

From
~~the~~ Viet Nam - ~~that~~ *a so-called* Communist sneak attack on
an American storage depot - credited today with destroying
forty percent of our fuel supplies, ~~for~~ *For* the big U S base
air base - at nearby Da Nang. American officials
emphasizing, however - that the loss will not curtail the
American air offensive in Viet Nam.

To prove ~~the~~ *which* point - U S Air Force and Navy
jets today blasted two sets of Army barracks in the Communist
north. ~~One~~ *One* on either side - ~~of the~~ *of* Hanoi.

Meanwhile, scattered ground action southwest
of Saigon, ~~with~~ *With* the Viet Cong said to have launched an
offensive - against three government outposts. Government
casualties reported heavy in one engagement - but ~~casualty~~
how many - not disclosed.

HIROSHIMA

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More than thirty thousand persons from the world over - met today in Hiroshima, For a memorial service commemorating the twentieth anniversary - of the world's first atomic attack.

The ceremony within sight of a single burned out building - in Hiroshima's peace park. The building - ~~near what was once ground zero~~ left standing in ruins as a permanent reminder of the one bomb that killed nearly eighty thousand people.

JUDGE

At Palermo, Sicily - a crusading Italian judge today asked for the extradition - of four American citizens of Sicilian descent. Said to direct the U S end of a tremendous narcotics traffic - between the Mafia in Sicily and the Cosa Nostra here in America.

Judge Aldo Vigneri - asking the return of Joseph (3-Finger) Cerrito, Gaetano Russo, Santo Sorge and Gaspare Maggadino. To stand trial along with ten alleged confederates - arrested Monday in Italy.

MASSACRE

In London - a Roman Catholic newspaper today headlined the story - of an alleged African massacre of appalling proportions; Said to have occurred ^{recently} ~~early last~~ month in the Sudan.

The death toll - put at some fourteen hundred black Africans - living in the south ^{ern} ~~of~~ Sudan. These mainly christians and animists - said to have been cut down by ^{Sudanese} Moslem Arabs from the north; In the worst outburst of to date - of the religious terrorism that has swept the Sudan - ever since it first gained its independence.

According to one Sudanese priest - "innocent people were hunted down like wild beasts - and either shot or tied in sacks - which were then set afire." The attackers themselves - escaping virtually unscathed.

COBRA.

A grim tale today from the Indian village of Hazaribagh -- in Bengal -- near Calcutta. Six members of the same family -- said to have been killed by a cobra, that apparently slipped into their hut during the night -- when all were asleep.

Their bodies found by fellow villagers -- who also found the cobra -- and promptly killed it.

All of which reminds me that some 50,000 people die yearly in India from snake bite and man-eating tigers, so we were told several years ago when we were on the trail of a man eater in Assam -- northern India.

HEALTH.

Four goals for national health were also set today by the President, in remarks at the White House signing -- of a new community health bill. The President calling for an increase in the average life expectancy -- from seventy years to seventy-five. Also a reduction in infant mortality -- from the present rate of twenty-five per thousand -- to just sixteen per thousand. Plus virtual elimination of polio, diphtheria and typhoid fever -- as well as tuberculosis, measles and whooping cough.

And finally a twenty percent reduction -- in deaths resulting from heart trouble, cancer and stroke. So-called "killer diseases" -- that now account for one-third of all American deaths.

These goals -- certainly ambitious -- said the President. But nevertheless realistic -- and clearly attainable -- in light of recent medical progress. I only wish, Warren, he had added that as nation we also need more physical exercise to offset all the buttons we push!

BANK.

From a New York Bank -- of all places -- a report today on the high cost of high living. Detailing penny by penny -- the cost of a night on the town in each of the four pleasure capitals -- of the world.

In Rio De Janeiro, for example, a gay night of revelry -- said to consist of a lavish dinner for two -- a round of at least four night clubs -- then a trip to Sugarloaf Mountain -- and maybe breakfast later at Copocabana Beach, all for about -- thirty-eight American dollars. Quite a night too.

The cost of a comparable evening in Hong Kong -- dinner at The Mandarin, night club at Kow Loon and so on all for about forty-four dollars. In Paris, Maxims, the Lido and so on -- about a hundred dollars. But in New York -- the same kind of night out, including "21", Hello Dolly, The Latin Quarter -- from baby-sitter to bicarbonate is now said to cost roughly one hundred and eighty bucks.

The moral -- stated by the bank in these words -- "no

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matter where you roam -- the cost of living it up -- far,
far exceeds the cost of just plain living." So -- let's
just stay home tonight!