

A PROCRASTINATOR IS ONE WHO WON'T TAKE "NOW" FOR AN ANSWER.



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WEATHER

WICHITA FALLS VICINITY: Fair to partly cloudy Sunday and Sunday night. Mostly cloudy and windy Monday. A little warmer Sunday afternoon. Light southerly winds Sunday. High Sunday about 55 and low Sunday night 32.

WICHITA FALLS

Weather data in Wichita Falls for the 24 hours ending at 10 p.m. Saturday. Temperature—1969 1968. 10 p.m. Saturday 46 34. Maximum 46 41. Minimum 35 29.

Barometric pressure at 10 p.m. Saturday was 30.00. Rainfall: Trace. Inches precipitation to date: 1969, 2.15; 1968, 4.95. Record temperatures this date: High, 80 in 1959; low, 11 in 1936.

Sunrise and Sunset

Sunday: Sunrise, 7:18 a.m.; Sunset, 6:19 p.m. Monday: Sunrise, 7:17 a.m.; Sunset, 6:20 p.m.

Hired Hand

Rains Herald Coming Spring

By GLENN SHELTON

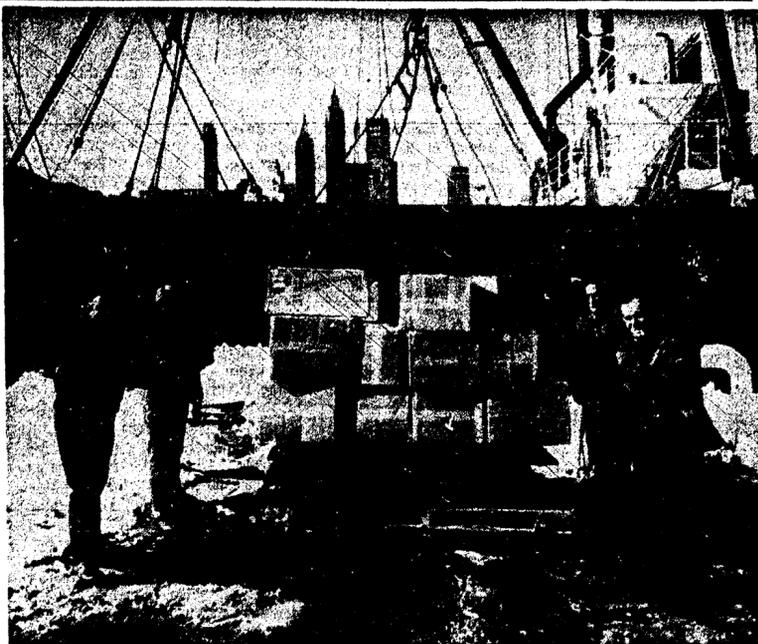
The satisfying rain we had the other day reminds that the spring storm season is near at hand, and that soon the cycle of cumulonimbus clouds looms in late afternoon far to the northwest will begin. It is a season I love; for though storms can be destructive, an aspect I deplore, there is something terribly exciting in drumming rain, booming clouds and flashing lightning. I can be hot and bored in a normal spring afternoon, interested in nothing, and become an entirely new individual when nature throws one of her meteorological tantrums. When the clouds open up and the downpour begins accompanied by the cacophony of thunder and crackling lightning I want to run out into the streets and glory in it all. It's even better at night. Sleep is sweet when a nose is in an open window and a rainstorm is under way outside.



I didn't know until recently that some thunderstorms provide enough vitamin B12 to relieve the symptoms of persons with pernicious anemia. The news isn't particularly utilitarian, however, for Dr. Bruce Parker, who said they did, added that to benefit you would have to stand in the rain with your mouth open for 10 minutes or so.

For me it could be utilitarian, though, for had I pernicious anemia, standing in the rain would be a small price to pay to be rid of it. See HIRED HAND, Page 2A

Wild Storm Rakes Florida



Powerful Winds Ruin Buildings; Streets Flooded

MIAMI (AP)—A tornado-spitting winter storm blasted Florida from top to bottom Saturday, damaging homes and buildings with hurricane-force winds, knocking down trees and power lines, and flooding streets.

The 180-mile-long low pressure system roared off the Gulf of Mexico with little warning, raced across the state at speeds up to 50 miles per hour, and left few areas in central Florida untouched by violence.

Winds gusted up to 90 miles an hour at St. Petersburg and from 75 to 80 in many other communities, the Weather Bureau said. Tornado funnels were reported at Tampa, St. Petersburg, Bartow, Lakeland, Lake Alfred, Melbourne, and Lake Placid.

Part of a wall of a two-story building under construction in Tampa collapsed on top of a truck. Hall and an inch of rain fell on Tampa in 30 minutes. In many cities, there were reports of uprooted trees, damaged homes and house trailers.

Just behind the front, angry tides struck along the Gulf Coast, leaving streets and vacation cottages awash.

"This is an extremely large winter storm, farther south than it should be," said Forecaster Gil Clark at Miami.

Severe tidal damage to roads, motels and homes was reported in other areas, including Clearwater and Sarasota.

Gale warnings flapped along both Florida coasts and northward up the Atlantic coast. Travelers' warnings were issued in Georgia and the Carolinas as the low pressure system spread freezing rain, sleet and snow over much of the Southeast.

One injury and no deaths were reported. Brevard County officials said a chunk of wind-prowled plywood broke the leg of 7-year-old Saul Guerra of Palm Bay.

A tornado hit the Pinewood Inn at Port Malabar, tore off chunks of the roof and knocked out most of the windows. A barmaid said one customer dived under a pool table and one took cover behind a piano. The twisted tossed lawn furniture and garbage cans around in the area.

Another tornado near Titusville broke tree limbs, flipped over a house trailer, and overturned a boat in the Indian River. Four persons in the trailer escaped unharmed.

A tornado at Lake Alfred uprooted 12 large oak trees and dropped them on parked cars.

Allies Ignore Cong's Truce

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnam, with the consent of its allies, announced Saturday a 24-hour truce covering Tet, the lunar new year Monday, and warned it is ready to strike back if the enemy attacks.

The Viet Cong's seven-day cease-fire opened at 7 a.m. but the allies ignored it, pressing 60 large offensive sweeps looking for the enemy and raining more air blows along Saigon's approaches.

Several minor enemy incidents marked the opening of the Viet Cong's truce, and more were expected. But allied sweeps failed to flush any sizable enemy forces.

Wary lest the enemy loose an onslaught as it did during a Tet truce last year, the South Vietnamese government had delayed announcement of its own cease-fire.

U.S. officials quickly concurred in the truce, a spokesman saying: "United States troops will observe the period of the suspension."

As the Viet Cong cease-fire began at 7 a.m., two guerrillas fired machine gun bursts at U.S. positions guarding the Y bridge on the southern edge of Saigon. There were no casualties.

Terrorists set off a bomb near a police guard post in Cholon, Saigon's Chinese quarter. A policeman was wounded.

Two terrorists killed a hamlet chief and a militiaman near Bong Son, a town 280 miles northwest of Saigon.

Previous holiday cease-fires have been marred by enemy violations. The worst was at Tet last year. Taking advantage of the fact that half of the South Vietnamese army was on holiday leave, the enemy launched the biggest offensive of the war against Saigon, the old Imperial capital of Hue in the north and more than 120 other cities and towns.

Scotland Vote Easily Okays Incorporation

SCOTLAND, Tex. — All but one of the 101 eligible voters in this Archer County community cast their ballots Saturday to overwhelmingly approve incorporation as a city.

Unofficial figures showed 94 votes in favor of incorporation and only three in opposition.

The next steps will be an official canvass of the vote and then an election so the residents can choose city officials.

The incorporated area runs along the proposed annexed sector by Wichita Falls on the south side of Lake Arrowhead for perhaps two miles and forms a rough rectangle to the southwest about three miles deep. The Wichita Falls City Council approved an ordinance Feb. 4 that would extend the Wichita Falls boundaries to include the lake and the city-owned property around it. The new ordinance will take effect 30 days from the date of passage.

Lake Arrowhead and the city's adjacent property — for cabin sites and recreation areas — lies in Archer and Clay counties.

Saturday's incorporation election mainly resulted from fears by some Scotland residents that Wichita Falls' annexation of the Lake Arrowhead property could bring their farming community See VOTERS, Page 2A

LONGSHOREMEN BACK AT WORK

— New York — Longshoremen at a snow-covered pier in downtown Brooklyn unload cargo from a ship from Taiwan as they went back to work at the port of New York Saturday. The New York dockers voted nearly 3 to 1 Friday to accept an agreement reached six weeks ago. But the longest and costliest dock strike in history went into its 57th day at other ports from Maine to Texas. (AP Wirephoto)

Battle Looms Over Two Ideas In Connally's School Changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Battle lines are forming over a blue ribbon committee's plan for Texas to grab what it called a chance for first-rate public schools.

Former Gov. John Connally's Committee on Public School Education made dozens of recommendations in its ambitious 10-year plan, but almost all the noise is about two of them.

—Require all but a handful of school districts to have at least 2,600 pupils or countywide boundaries.

—Equalize school taxing efforts and determine a local district's burden of the cost of basic programs according to the actual market value of land.

The committee asserted that rural children are deprived of a good education by small, inefficient, under financed school districts although they get more state aid per child than city districts.

Last week, opponents of the plan's consolidation and financing features made their biggest blasts to date.

A group of landowners, mostly ranchers in South and West Texas, said they have formed "The Little Red School House Committee" to fight against the report in the legislature.

The house member with the strongest grip on the state's purse strings, Chairman W. S. Healy of the House Appropriations Committee, said the plan "would destroy the rural areas of Texas."

Healy, of Paducah (pop. 2,390), said he objected to the committee's director, Glenn Ivy, traveling around the state to "advance a theory that will bankrupt the rural areas."

Legislators' mail has been heavy with complaints from rural areas.

Backers of the plan have been quieter. But the committee staff is still operating although the report was issued five months ago.

Ivy says he knows of no organization formed specifically to drum up support for the plan.

But he cites endorsements from the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, the Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth and Vega school boards, the Houston Teachers Association, the Wichita Falls Mental Health Association and the League for Educational Advancement in Dallas.

The Texas State Teachers Association, one of the state's

strongest lobbies, says its legislative program is backed up by the report. But TSTA's key bill would give teachers bigger annual pay raises and local districts a slower rate of tax equalization.

TSTA took no position on consolidation of schools.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes said consolidation should not be forced but should be brought about with financial incentives. Gov. Preston Smith said voluntary

consolidation should be encouraged, but he also stated the 2,600-pupil minimum district is "too high for practical purposes."

Ivy gives the opponents credit for being sincere in their concern for preserving rural values.

"They also have an eye on the tax problem," he said.

The committee staff has worked up some more statistics, he See BATTLE, Page 2A

Miss Rogers Rejects Controversial Offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Willie Mae Rogers, director of the Good Housekeeping Institute, is declining her controversial appointment as President Nixon's

special consultant on consumer affairs, the White House reported Saturday.

Amid the swirl of debate over her continuing on the institute payroll while working as a part-time presidential consultant, Nixon asked Miss Rogers Saturday to take a leave of absence from her magazine post.

He suggested she become a paid White House adviser.

Miss Rogers declined, the White House announced, and told Nixon she had decided not to take on her White House activities which were to begin March 1. Ever since Miss Rogers was named by Nixon Tuesday, there have been questions raised over a possible conflict of interest because of her continued association with the Good Housekeeping Institute which gives its seal of approval to advertisers' products.

Nixon expressed in a statement "the greatest respect for Miss Rogers' personal integrity and unparalleled experience." He said he regrets "that the integrity of Miss Rogers and the organization she represents have come under unwarranted criticism."

The White House said Saturday she felt "in view of the criticism of her and the Good Housekeeping Institute that has arisen from a misunderstanding of her assignment, she could not perform her task in this sensitive field with full effectiveness" and therefore preferred to return to her Good Housekeeping Institute job.

Anti-U.S. Feelings Increasing In Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peru ordered its Washington ambassador home for consultation and Lima police reinforced guards at American facilities Saturday amid rising anti-American feeling accented by attacks Friday on U.S. tuna boats.

A report from California indicated the U.S. craft were back again Saturday in Pacific fishing grounds off Peru near where at least two of them were fired on Friday by a Peruvian naval gunboat.

August Felando, general manager of the American Tuna Boat Association, said in San Diego that: "As far as we know, the boats are back... where they were when attacked." He said two boat captains told him by radio their craft received extensive bullet damage and that although no Americans were injured one skipper had some near misses.

There was no word from Peruvian authorities on where the U.S. boats were Saturday.

One of the tuna boats was taken to a Peruvian port Friday and released after paying a fine unofficially reported at \$2,000.

Guards on U.S. property in Lima were reinforced after two bombing incidents Friday night. A makeshift noise bomb was tossed into the yard of the Peruvian-American Cultural Institute and two molotov cocktails hit the iron gate of a General Motors Assembly plant outside Lima. There was little damage in either incident.

In addition, leftist students held a small anti-yankee demonstration Friday night. Police arrested about 100 and the crowd.

Russians Warn West Germany

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union disclosed Saturday its warning to West Germany on the consequences of going ahead with presidential elections in West Berlin.

The consequences may be "the most undesirable... for the situation of that area," the official news agency Tass reported.

Tass released the text of a statement, delivered Thursday to West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger, which said the election could adversely affect the "interests of the population of West Berlin." It did not specify how.

Kiesinger rejected the statement, which maintained the election would be "a crying violation of the four-power agreements" on Berlin.

It said West German authorities "must be ready to assume responsibility for all the consequences" if the election is held on March 5 as scheduled.

Ired Pakistanis Step Up Protest

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Demonstrations against Mohammed Ayub Khan and scattered violence continued in Pakistan's chief city Saturday, rousing speculation as to how long the embattled president can hold on.

The new outbreaks, including a reported attempt on the life of Ayub's chief political foe, came a day after a violent nationwide general strike protesting government policies. Five persons were reported killed Friday in riots and gun battles in Lahore, Karachi and Hyderabad.

In Larkana, home of former Foreign Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto 300 miles north of Karachi, supporters of the opposition leader seized a man as he whipped out a pistol and took aim at Bhutto, a spokesman for the former minister said.

Two antigovernment demonstrations were staged in Lahore Saturday, with crowds demanding that opposition parties reject Ayub's invitation for talks Monday to try to end the current constitutional crisis.

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Barricaded Family Pleads For More Food

BORDEAUX, France (AP) — From a barricaded farm house where his father has been detaining him for 15 days, 11-year-old Francis Fourquet Saturday called out to reporters: "Send me some bread please. I'm hungry."

Police officials who watched the farm house from a distance said they believed the boy was told by his father to appeal for food. Police had just left three bottles of milk, cookies and other food in a lane near the farm. The boy had left the house to pick them up while his father, Andre Fourquet, 38, watched with a rifle in his hands.

The father barricaded himself with his three children to protest a judge's decision to leave them in custody of Fourquet's estranged wife. An older daughter escaped several days ago. Francis and Aline, 13, remained.

Charges are being prepared against Fourquet in the killing of a gendarme with a rifle during the siege.

Fourquet was supposed to make up his mind Saturday on whether to surrender. Instead, he shouted to the crowd around his farm that he would not let the children free as long as his wife does not come to see him. She was reported to be refusing to come near the farm house for fear he would kill her.

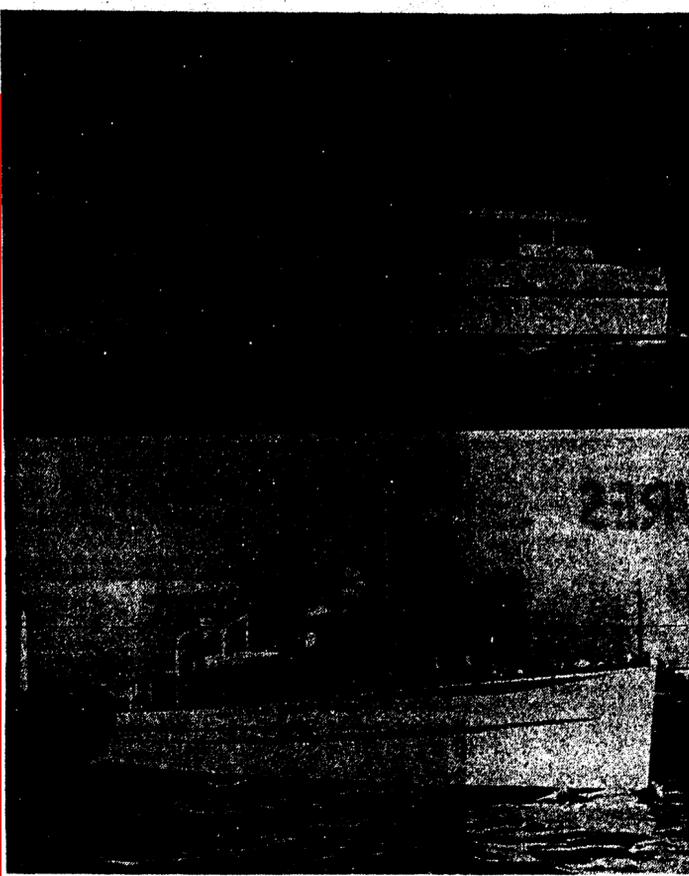
Police and lawyers told Fourquet his boy and girl would be placed in a private institution, but this decision did not appease him.

When a police officer entered the lane toward the farm early in the morning, he saw Fourquet pointing his rifle at him. Fourquet shouted: "I did not ask you to come."

An attempt to free the children was made later in the day by a woman member of the social welfare services. She was turned back.

Police had to increase the watch around the farmhouse to prevent volunteers from trying to free the children. One man was arrested during the night as he was trying to go through the police cordon. He carried a shotgun.

Witnesses who approached the house said the boy and girl did not appear terrified by their father, but instead were helping him with house work.



CABIN CRUISERS RENAMED BY PRESIDENT NIXON
... Julie (top) for Florida use and the Patricia

NIXON'S ACT

Yachts Renamed For 2 Daughters

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has renamed the two presidential cabin cruisers for his daughters Tricia and Julie and plans to make vacation use of the two pleasure boats.

The 92-foot "Honey Fitz," larger of the two cruisers, is being named "Patricia" for Nixon's 22-year-old daughter who lives in the White House.

A favorite with former President John F. Kennedy, who named the boat after his grandfather, it can accommodate about 40 passengers and has a dining room for 11 persons, a lounge, stateroom for two and sun deck.

The 64-foot former "Patrick J." named for Kennedy's paternal grandfather, will now be known as "Julie" for the President's married 20-year-old daughter. It can sleep six and has three small staterooms, a

main lounge, dining area and afterdeck.

Both boats have been popular with chief executives and first were obtained by the Navy at the end of World War II for use by President Truman and his family.

At first they served as escort craft for the 243-foot, ocean-going "Williamsburg," the official presidential yacht used by Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Truman. It was decommissioned in 1953 after President Dwight D. Eisenhower took office because he felt "a yacht is a symbol of needless luxury."

Both cabin cruisers are being refurbished and overhauled at the Washington Navy Yard but there is no redecorating underway, the White House said.

Plans for basing the "Patricia" were not announced.

Nixon Security During Berlin Visit Pledged

BERLIN (AP) — Mayor Klaus Schuetz declared Saturday the dignity and security of President Nixon is guaranteed for his Feb. 27 visit to West Berlin.

The mayor gave this assurance in an interview with the newspaper Morgenpost on a day marked by further street demonstrations by the city's rambunctious New Left.

The leftist student leadership at the Technical University of Berlin called on students and young workers Friday to demonstrate against the U.S. chief executive when he shows up here on his European tour.

A U.S. presidential jet, a Boeing 707, practiced landings at the mid-city Tempelhof airfield despite snowy weather. Witnesses said it touched down and rolled in three times.

Tempelhof is ringed by high apartments and the runway of about 5,000 feet is shorter than those at the outlying Tegel airfield. But if Nixon could land safely at Tempelhof it would save time on his tight schedule.

More than 2,000 leftists marched in the snow, clashed sporadically with police and shouted slogans at the Spanish consulate against Gen. Francisco Franco's regime.

Hundreds of police had prevented them from reaching the U.S. Amerika Haus cultural center and the Greek military mission, the targets of past outbursts.

Mayor Schuetz said the point of Nixon's visit was "to give an unmistakable reminder that the United States looks after its rights in Berlin and guarantees the security of the city."

"The visit demonstrates the close ties of Berlin with the new American government and the American people," he said. "It emphasizes realities around Berlin. Not more—but very definitely nothing less."

The United States, Britain and France share responsibility for the security of West Berlin, 110 miles inside Communist East Germany.

The East Germans, with support from the Soviet Union, dispute the Bonn government's designation of West Berlin as a West German state and object to the arrangements for West Germany's National Assembly to meet here March 5 to elect a new president of West Germany, to succeed Heinrich Lübke.

The East Germans and their Communist allies contend West Berlin makes up a third German state.

They have tightened restrictions on surface travel to block the assemblymen and West German military personnel from West Berlin and have threatened other measures.

The Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda endorsed the travel restrictions, but it did not threaten any specific penalty.

A dispatch from Moscow said the warning was published in a front-page editorial otherwise devoted to an appeal for European security, peaceful coexistence and more East-West contacts.

The first day of the ban against West German lawmakers traveling through the Communist part of Germany passed without major incident.

The ban had gone into effect at midnight Friday.

Traffic in the heavy snowfall was light.

An American military policeman reported the allies' autobahn traffic moved normally, but that "the Germans are catching a little more hell than usual."

Police said border delays did not exceed an hour.

POLITICALLY, MILITARILY Enemy Likely To Continue Pressure On South Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — The enemy is likely to continue military and political pressure on South Vietnam in coming months while making minor concessions at the Paris peace talks, according to an analysis being circulated within the Nixon administration.

No all-out offensive on the scale of last year's Tet attacks is expected during the forthcoming lunar New Year holidays. The 1969 Tet falls on Feb. 17 and the Viet Cong already have

started their version of a holiday cease-fire.

Instead, the U.S. analysis indicates Hanoi is banking on a long-haul strategy which it hopes will wear down the South Vietnamese government and the willingness of Saigon's allies to contribute heavily to it.

The import of the study of the enemy's fight-and-negotiate tactics thus is that no diplomatic breakthrough toward a peace settlement can be expected soon and that military-terrorist activ-

ity will be pursued though at a lower rate than a year ago.

The Paris negotiators met again Thursday in their fourth lengthy session since starting substantive talks Jan. 25. They made no apparent headway, but still none of the four groups at the conference shows any signs of going home.

On the diplomatic front, the Washington analysis anticipates that North Vietnam-National Liberation Front negotiators in coming months will try offering just barely enough to keep alive American hopes for an eventual worthwhile outcome from the Paris meetings.

But it says such conference moves by the enemy are not likely to involve major concessions.

In South Vietnam, the enemy is believed to be intending to undertake enough military action to demonstrate its staying power and maintain the threat of the big offensive.

In the realm of political and terrorist activities, too, the enemy is expected to try to place continued strain on the Thieu regime.

The analysis suggests that Hanoi is aware of risks in this strategy and is willing to take them.

One risk posed is that the allies, vexed by persistent enemy attacks and failure to negotiate peace, might hit back strongly at the North Vietnamese. Another is that even modest progress at the Paris talks might sap combat enthusiasm among North Vietnamese-Viet Cong forces in the South.

The allies of course have been pursuing a fight-and-talk strategy of their own. They have been pushing peace proposals at Paris while keeping up military pressure in South Vietnam and trying to strengthen the Saigon government's hold on the country.

Reds Label U.S. Progress-Mongers

PARIS (AP) — U.S. diplomats were puzzled, and a little bit amused, Saturday by the most recent accusation aimed at them by North Vietnamese envoys.

After having been called aggressors, imperialists and neo-colonialists, the American delegates to the Vietnam peace talks are now facing the charge of being progress-mongers.

This, in effect, was what a North Vietnamese spokesman said after last Thursday's fruitless negotiating session. He was asked about reports that Hanoi's men had had a secret meeting with the Americans outside the conference hall.

Nguyen Thanh Le, the spokesman, replied: "The United States is spreading rumors of private meetings like straws in the wind."

The supposed American purpose, Le said, was to mislead public opinion by creating the illusion of progress. U.S. officials pleaded innocent, and the record seems to back them up.

"I'm sorry to say that nothing really significant emerged," U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge told reporters after the last meeting.

Scarcely spreading optimism, departing Ambassador Cyrus R. Vance chose the word disappointment to express his feeling about the continued deadlock.

For U.S. press spokesman William Jordan the assessment was the same.

As for the secret meeting, a U.S. delegation member who, all last week offered only a "no comment" on the reports, smiled when reminded of Le's charge.

The charge seemed all the more strange since the report originated with Hanoi's own delegation. Moreover, it was picked up and amplified later by the French Communist party newspaper, Humanite.

Last Wednesday, the paper said without qualification that U.S. and North Vietnamese diplomats had a secret meeting "several days ago."

Quoting "sources close to the peace talks," Humanite said the

U.S. spokesmen declined responsibility for the content of Humanite's story.

NIXONS REST AT CAMP DAVID

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon flew to Camp David Saturday to spend the weekend. It was his first visit as chief executive to the presidential retreat in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland.

The President was accompanied on the 60 mile trip by his wife, daughters Tricia and Julie, Julie's husband David Eisenhower, and Charles "Bebe" Rebozo of Key Biscayne, Fla., a family friend.

The presidential helicopter left the White House at 8:58 p.m. est.

WESTY SAYS IF REDS TRY ATTACK THEY'LL BE HURT

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Army Chief of Staff Gen. William C. Westmoreland predicted Saturday the Communists will probably mount another offensive in Vietnam, but said the United States "will most certainly crush it."

"The enemy has come to the conference table, and that was our objective," he said.

The former commander of U.S. troops in Vietnam told a group of educators that "if the enemy chooses again to initiate offensive action, he will do so at a tremendous risk—a risk that would be unacceptable to any prudent commander."

"On the other hand, we must understand the enemy tactics of fight-talk-fight is a lesson we learned well in Korea," he said.

"We must be prepared for extended talks—talks designed by the enemy to test further our patience and resolve."

His remarks came on the first

anniversary of the Tet offensive in Vietnam.

Westmoreland said in his speech "the enemy will probably attempt to mount another offensive. He frequently shells our installations in an attempt to demonstrate his strength and determination."

"These enemy initiatives usually inflict little damage. But they do make news."

The Army chief of staff said he is convinced the enemy "has underestimated American will and determination to keep a moral commitment. It is clear to me that his unremitting propaganda efforts have had little impact on informed public opinion in our country."

"The enemy has failed to recognize that in a free society, the people—our people—have the ability to distinguish the right from the wrong."

Oily Kelp On Beaches

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Oil-soaked kelp washed up on beaches today, but there was no large accumulation of new goo from oily sand permeated by a well blowout two weeks ago.

The dirty kelp was blown ashore from the Pacific by south-southeasterly wind. Cleanup crews raked it up and piled it above the high tide line to be hauled away later.

The Santa Barbara harbor was closed indefinitely. Harbor officials said kelp concentrated heavily against protective booms at the mouth of the inlet.

"Our divers Thursday afternoon reported there is about 5 to 10 gallons of oil an hour seeping up from the shallow sand beds, and a little natural gas," said a spokesman for Union Oil Co.

The seepage rate has remained constant since then, the spokesman said. Union Oil is an operator of the well. "We don't know how long the seepage will continue," the spokesman added.

PUBLIC EMPLOYE STRIKES BLAMED ON STATE LAWS

MIAMI BEACH (AP) — Labor leaders described the rise in public employe strikes as chaos Saturday and pinned blame on what they called a crazy-quilt of laws that deny 10 million state, city and county workers a voice in job conditions.

"This chaos has to come to a halt some day," said President Jerry Wurf of the AFL-CIO State, County and Municipal Workers Union.

Wurf and other union leaders reported the basic problem is that all states but Vermont deny public employes the right to strike on the grounds of "the public interest" and "state sovereignty."

Many states do not permit bargaining by their employes, the report said.

The union leaders urged a congressional study of the situation, and of what it termed special problems of nearly three million federal government employes who they said work under "benevolent despotism."

"Our society can remain vi-

able only if the rights of the public employes who are, after all, citizens too, are not trampled on in the guise of the public good," said the report sponsored by the AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Department.

The report said the increasing number of strikes by teachers, garbage men, hospital workers, police, firemen and other public employes is due to absence of workable labor laws at state and city level.

"The question of the 'public interest' is the one raised most frequently when collective bargaining falls—or fails to take place—and when the normal everyday services suddenly are withdrawn," it said.

"It is a powerful weapon which is turned on the public employe, even though the employe is himself part of that tax-paying service—using public," the report said.

"This is not to deny that there is a public interest," the report continued.

Harvey summed up the tour of the Palm Beach this way: "This was one of the most beneficial days we've spent."

The Pueblo, the Palm Beach and the USS Banner are the only intelligence ships in their class. The Pueblo and Banner are nearly identical, but there are substantial differences between these two and the Palm Beach.

O'Donnell, Mrs. Palm Swap 'Blows'

HOUSTON (AP) — Republican state Chairman Peter O'Donnell Jr. said Saturday he plans to form a new Harris county GOP committee to bypass the current committee headed by Mrs. Nancy Palm.

O'Donnell, a Dallas financier, said Mrs. Palm was irresponsible when she recently blamed him for what she called President Nixon's failure to appoint more Texans to federal positions.

"Mrs. Palm has expressed herself as being unhappy with our committee on federal employment and is going to set up her own committee," O'Donnell said. "By the same token I am not pleased with her demonstrated irresponsibility."

O'Donnell, in Houston to attend a GOP Mexican-American advisory committee meeting, said he does not know when the committee will begin functioning or who will head it.

Mrs. Palm said O'Donnell's plans did not surprise her.

"He is simply continuing a policy he has followed for the last nine months," she said. "He is continuing his efforts to circumvent the legal party organization but he will find that a committee cannot meet the legal requirements of Texas election laws."

Mrs. Palm has also described the appointment of Houston attorney Anthony Farris, a Republican, to the U.S. attorney's job here as "a prime example of cronyism, not qualification."

"On the same day (Feb. 5) that she attacked me for doing nothing about federal appointments of Texans, I was visiting with President Nixon in the White House about appointments of Texas Republicans," O'Donnell said.

"It's not easy to get these appointments," he said "We're working hard on it. Instead of attacking each other we should be out recruiting people and trying to do the job that needs doing."

Albert Fay, Texas GOP national committeeman, said, "There are no procedures for impeaching a county chairman. Mr. O'Donnell is stuck with Mrs. Palm and she's stuck with him."

Pueblo Court Of Inquiry Tours Another Intelligence Ship

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher's civilian attorney said a Navy court of inquiry's two-hour tour of another intelligence ship Saturday gave its members "an appreciation of the situation on the Pueblo" at the time of her capture by North Korean forces.

The visit to the USS Palm Beach—it was the first time any of the court's five admirals had been aboard an intelligence ship—was "educational and instructive," E. Miles Harvey told newsmen.

"It adds to the court's storehouse of knowledge in evaluating testimony," he said.

Harvey, who accompanied the

court members on their tour of the ship, "You can see where they (the Pueblo's crew) destroyed publications...where the Korean guard stood... You could understand the difficulty in going topside...the exposure of the gunmounts."

"We had thought the Pueblo's research spaces were larger than they turned out to be. We know now how crowded the Pueblo was...adding to the confusion."

His tour of the Palm Beach, Harvey said, made him "more sympathetic with the problems Cmdr. Bucher (the Pueblo's skipper) was faced with."

Recalling Bucher's testimony

that he had picked up the wrong telephone prior to the Pueblo's capture by the North Koreans, Harvey said, "Today aboard the Palm Beach we saw how easy this was to do with two identical phones side by side in a crowded space."

The Banner is berthed in Japan, and the court members did not want to travel as far as Japan to inspect her.

The Pueblo and Palm Beach both were converted into intelligence ships at the same time in the Navy shipyards at Bremerton, Wash.

Members of the court, who flew to Norfolk from California Friday, departed on their return flight shortly before noon.

On Monday the court will begin its fifth week of hearings.

were not permitted aboard the Palm Beach, that the first 30 minutes of the tour was spent in briefings on the ship's characteristics by her officers. The court was not briefed on the ship's mission.

Thomas said the five admirals were conducted "on a very thorough tour" of the Palm Beach. Among the things they saw were water soluble paper on which classified material is written and equipment for the destruction of classified material.

An Atlantic Fleet spokesman said some of the equipment was installed aboard the Palm Beach after the Pueblo was captured in January 1968.

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