

THE WEATHER: Cloudy and mild tonight with occasional light rain and considerable fog. Saturday clouds breaking and turning somewhat colder on westerly winds. Thursday's max., 34; today's min., 31.

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## Looters Load Up On Wreck Booty

**FAIRLEE**—The booty from the train wreck in Ely had been filling a lot of larders the last few days.

People are going in to the wreck on snowmobiles and coming out loaded down with groceries and beer from the wrecked cars.

It's a regular picnic. Police Chief Leon Marsh said the biggest problem is that the people are parking their cars along U. S. Rt. 3 and going in to the wreck across the open field near the scene.

"We can't have parking along the highway," he said.

Asked who the food and beer in the freight cars belongs to, Chief Marsh said, "I don't know, but no one from the railroad seems to mind the people unloading the cars."

This morning the Vermont State Police reported that Trooper Douglas Wright was sent to Fairlee to deal with the

problem—but whether the problem was considered to be the parking along the highway or the looting was not known.

Boston and Maine Railroad freight claims official John Carroll in Boston said in his opinion taking food and beer from the cars is "the same as someone coming on your property and taking something that doesn't belong to them."

But he added that was his personal opinion and he could not speak about the legal implications of the public looting the cars. He snapped that he didn't know who owned the stuff—the shipper, the railroad or the insurance company.

He said he was sure that railroad police are on the scene to mind the people unloading the cars.

"We've had no complaints about anyone taking anything," Fairlee Chief Marsh said. "It appears the railroad people are glad to have the stuff hauled away."

And hauled away it is. A freight car full of Miller High Life beer and another of Schlitz are the two most popular stops. But there's another full of frozen food that draws a good crowd. People are getting food, too, the Chief said.

In Rutland a New York man was convicted for taking food from a wrecked freight car on the Delaware and Hudson tracks in April 1967, but no one in Fairlee seems to be thinking much about that. Sentencing is pending in the case.

## Expert Cautions Carriers About N.E. Trip Habits

**BEDFORD, N.H. (UPI)**—A transportation expert says there's no gold in the northern New England hills—not yet.

William M. Altenburg of Portland, Maine, testified Thursday as a Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) hearing concerning the feasibility of an air link between northern New England and the Great Lakes area.

Altenburg, an expert retained by the state to study the feasibility of the east-west route along the three interested airlines, said they should not expect an immediate bonanza. He said the new service would not develop full potential in 1968.

"Travel habits of people in this area do not change that quickly," Altenburg said.

Northeast, Trans- East and Mohawk airlines are seeking CAB approval of a new air route from northern New England in the Great Lakes region.

Altenburg said many air travelers of northern New England are completely at home in Boston or New York airports.

"Consciously or not, they may be reluctant to change known surroundings and it may take a year or two or three before they swing to a new schedule even though the new schedule offers direct service," he said.

Altenburg said Maine and Hampshire businessmen must be broken of the "drive to Boston" syndrome.

Swig O' Beer

"Better to take the stuff than to let it spoil," is the common attitude.

Two freight cars, one loaded with butter and another with meat, were hauled into the station at Ely and unloaded by the railroad, Chief Marsh said. The meat and butter were shipped along by truck.

But no one has come to the wreck of the stuff.

And so, by day and even after dark, the picnic along the tracks goes on. The cops direct the people to keep their cars out of the wreck, have a couple of beers, load up with frozen food and trundle home.

Shopping may be more convenient in a modern supermarket, but you can't beat bargains to be found by crawling around in an upside down freight car. Even if it does belong to somebody else.



**FATAL FIRE**—Mrs. Augusta Reusel perished in a fire which destroyed her home on New Boston Road in Norwich early this morning. The house was once the New Boston school house. (News photo—Larry McDonald)

## Council Speeds Up Its Budget-Making Work

**LEBANON**—City Councilors tripled their pace and progress on the 1968 City budget proposals Thursday night when they gave tentative approval to a number of items totaling nearly \$200,000.

Deciding to leave the large budgetary items until later in the month, councilors gave a first round okay to several smaller department budgets, services and building maintenance.

They also decided to continue the big push toward finalization of figures by scheduling a pre-decision-setting Sunday afternoon session. The Water Department proposals will be considered then.

Monday night, following the regularly scheduled council meeting, the council will tackle the Highway Department budget and meet with an employee union representative.

Thursday night, councilors voted four to three to retain the firm of Tesreau, Stebbins and Johnson as city attorneys. Opposition to the vote came from N. George Papademas, Mrs. Shirley E. Merrill and Carl P. Foster.

Papademas wanted the \$4,000 retainer to be reduced,

## Early-Morning Fire Takes Life Of Area Woman

**NORWICH**—Mrs. Augusta Reusel, 84, died in a fire at her home in the New Boston section of Norwich early this morning.

The elderly woman was found in the bedroom of her home which was once the New Boston District school house. She was pronounced dead at the scene by Medical Referee Dr. William F. Putnam of Lyme.

Dr. Putnam reported the cause of death was asphyxiation and those at the scene said it appeared Mrs. Reusel died in her sleep.

The fire was reported at 6:30 a.m. by Mrs. Harold Cloud who said she could see a red glow in the sky at the bottom of the hill below her house.

Leonard Cook, chief of the Norwich Hose Co., said the house was completely enveloped in flames when two fire trucks and 23 volunteers arrived at the scene ten minutes later.

They pumped water from the small brook that flows past the house but the building was beyond saving.

The fire was investigated by Vermont State Police Cpl. George Strong and M. W. Himey of the State Fire Marshal's office who reported cause of the fire was unknown.

The body was taken to Rand's Funeral Home in Hanover.

## Red Losses Are Huge But Savage Battle Continues Poll Discloses Rocky Is Gaining Ground In GOP

**BOSTON (UPI)**—A Christian Science Monitor poll shows Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York is "fast gaining ground in terms of acceptability within his own party."

The newspaper said Thursday that state-by-state polls of public opinion leaders showed former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who announced Thursday he would run again for president, was favored by leaders in 21 of the 50 states.

But while Nixon held the lead in 21 states, the survey showed Rockefeller's supporters held 245 electoral college votes and 560 delegate votes at the GOP national convention.

Nixon's supporters represented 165 electoral college ballots and 425 delegate votes.

Gov. George Romney of Michigan was rated "most electable" in two states—in his own Michigan and Rhode Island—while California Gov. Ronald Reagan was "most electable" in one, New Mexico.

Nixon and Rockefeller were rated even in "electability" in three states—North Dakota, Ohio and Virginia.

If Rockefeller were teamed with Reagan as the vice-presidential candidate, party leaders saw him as electable in three more states—Hawaii, Tennessee and Texas.

The outcome was "uncertain" in the three final states—Wisconsin, Arizona and Kansas.

Nixon was favored in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Mississippi, South Dakota and Delaware.

Rockefeller was favored in the following states: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

**SAIGON (UPI)**—Allied leaders said today the lives of a Viet Cong invasion of the cities had failed, but the Communists still held Saigon in a state of siege and guerrillas holding the heart of Hue beat back attacks by U.S. and S.S. Marines with heavy losses.

The Communists were paying a fearful price as U.S. and government forces struck in the cities with divebombers and tanks and rolled artillery into Saigon to use against a Viet Cong stronghold near the home of Gen. William C. Westmoreland.

Allied spokesmen said that in the first four days of the battle of the cities the Communists lost 10,000 killed, 3,000 suspects captured and 2,000 weapons seized. They said 917 allied troops were killed and 2,817 wounded—including 281 American dead and 1,195 wounded.

Unidentified thousands of civilians were killed or wounded in the Viet Cong offensive that swept into every major city along the 600-mile line from Quang Tri near the Demilitarized Zone to the Mekong Delta. President

Nguyen Van Thieu put the Saigon toll alone at 1,882 civilians killed or wounded.

A U.S. military communiqué said the thousands of invaders "are rapidly being driven out" of the cities. Thieu, in a nationwide broadcast, said the Red offensive had failed.

The U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker went on the radio to declare that the United States is willing to make a deal with the Communists and get out of the cities.

The heaviest fighting was reported from Hue where UPI correspondent Richard V. Oliver said Viet Cong units entrenched in the ancient imperial capital beat on South Vietnamese and U.S. Marines for the third consecutive day and pinned down one Marine force near the Perfume River.

**Storm Across Bridge**

The Americans stormed across a bridge and into the Communist-held city but were driven back by mortar and machinegun fire from the Communist forces across the center of the city. They were pinned down in a six square block.

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## LBJ Rephrases U.S. Policy On Peace Talks

**WASHINGTON (UPI)**—President Johnson is firmly opposed to stopping the bombing of North Vietnam while he said evidence of enemy reciprocation.

Johnson said in a letter to Sen. J. William Fulbright of Hawaii, as "for others" from Hanoi to enter into negotiations, the President says he will not buy a pig in a parlor, get the Communists to lead us down the road that we don't know where it goes.

Sure and diplomatic nuances and using frequently cliche

son's various policy statements and the: "Rusk and Clifford. In his conversation with Meany, Johnson said: "We are not going to let any of our nations who would be used by treaties and alliances be gobbled up by any would-be conquerors who would be used by us to stand by under an umbrella. Now, if they want to take the peace and they are willing to agree to self-determination in South Vietnam, we are willing to meet them at the conference table tomorrow.



# U.S. Denies All Reports of Pueblo Crew Release

4th Day  
Of Talks  
Begins

From Wire Services

SEOUL — Reports persisted in the South Korean press Monday that the release of the crew of the captured United States spy ship Pueblo is imminent. One such report by the South Korean news agency Hapdong said the body of one crewman had already been turned over to U.S. officials and flown to the carrier Enterprise now off the Korean coast.

But as the reports continued to circulate here and in the truce village of Panmunjom, where U.S. and North Korean officials continue talks on the incident, United States sources continually denied that any break in the impasse over the fate of ship and crew had been effected.

The Korean news agency, citing what it called competent South Korean government sources, said

the body was delivered to the United Nations side at Panmunjom. No word on the name or rank of the dead man was given.

Earlier in the day the news service had quoted South Korean government sources as saying North Korea had agreed to release the crew if the U.S. admitted the Pueblo violated North Korean territorial water when it was seized Jan. 23 and publicly apologized.

Washington "indicated" it would accept the demand, the newspaper Shina Ilbo reported. The U.S. military command in Seoul declined to comment on the reports.

In Washington, State Department sources Monday night specifically denied that the North Koreans had turned over the body of the crewman.

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# Heavy Fighting Flares in Saigon

By THOMAS CORPORA  
United Press International

SAIGON — Guerrillas today fought their way into part of a police precinct in the Saigon suburb of Cholon, where heavy fighting and allied air attacks during the night touched off a blaze that engulfed at least four city blocks.

Other communist forces in Saigon attacked a South Vietnamese battalion at the Tan Son Nhut air base and sniped at the main gate of the huge airfield.

The attack on the police precinct—early reports said it had been at least partly successful—followed raids on two police stations Monday night.

Communist commandos also blew up a power station in Cholon, the Chinese section of Saigon, in the pre-dawn hours.

Military spokesmen said a force of unknown size attacked the South Vietnamese battalion at the air base while snipers hidden in houses across the street from the main entrance fired at American and South Vietnamese sentries.

U.S. warplanes divebombed in support of the battalion.

In the northern city of Hue, scene of bitter street fighting during the past week, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops expanded their areas of control, spokesmen said.

(The Associated Press reported from Da Nang that South Vietnamese government troops said they have recaptured all of the walled Citadel in Hue except for the southeast wall.

(Troops sweeping through the old imperial capital reported they still were meeting heavy re-

sistance from Communist positions near the Citadel's southeast wall as the battle for Hue entered its eighth day.

(The AP in a dispatch from Moscow, also quoted the Soviet news agency Tass as saying the Viet Cong claim to have taken prisoner an American colonel, a U.S. platoon and heads of the Hue city administration during the fighting.)

U.S. military spokesmen in Saigon, meanwhile, announced the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese casualty toll for the mightiest communist offensive of the war has risen to 21,330 killed in the past week.

Allied forces have lost 1729 killed and 7185 wounded, including 546 Americans killed and 3084 wounded, the spokesmen said.

U.S. Marines at Khe Sanh in South Vietnam's northwestern corner watched today as B52 bombers made two raids near their beleaguered camp, surrounded by a hostile force of an estimated 20,000 men.

U.S. Marine officials reported today that American jets have attacked a North Vietnamese supply facility for surface-to-air missiles near Khe Sanh.

It was the first indication that missiles have been smuggled below the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separating North and South Vietnam.

The missiles are North Vietnam's only defense against the high-flying B52 bombers.

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## White Submits

## 'Can Cut' Budget

## Council Backs Police Pay Hike

By ELLIOT FRIEDMAN  
Staff Reporter

"Morale is at the lowest ebb it has ever been," the chairman of the policemen's union told the Boston City Council Monday.

Policemen are being forced to moonlight, Richard MacEachern, said, and "when they come to work with their tails dragging this does affect the security of citizens.

His remarks were greeted with applause, cheers and whistles from the more than 300 off-duty policemen who filled the Council gallery.

While the policemen were asking for a pay raise, Mayor White was submitting to the Council a provisional budget of \$205,067,040.

This is the first time any mayor has submitted a provisional budget. White said he was forced to because the law requires he submit a budget on the first Monday in February.

The mayor said that a month in office had not given him enough time to make a study of the requests.

The policemen wanted Council endorsement for a raise—and they received it. The Council voted to support the policemen in their efforts at gaining a \$9300 a year maximum salary. This is more than \$3000 above their present maximum and more than \$1000 above what Mayor Kevin H. White has offered.

Negotiations between the city and the police are before the State Arbitration Board. The police request would cost more than \$4 million annually.

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ON BALLOT — The nominating committee of the League of Women Voters has proposed Mrs. Lucy Benson of Amherst as national president. Now second vice president of the national organization, Mrs. Benson was president of the Massachusetts League in 1965. Story on Page 2.

## What Is It?

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COVERING THEIR BUDDIES — Marines lie against a roadside ridge in Hue while members of their unit approach a house in search of Viet Cong. Heavy fighting continued Monday. (UPI)

## Taxes Are Urged On Travel, Tickets

By MURRAY SEEGER  
L.A. Times-Washington Post

WASHINGTON—The Johnson administration proposed Monday to tax travel spending outside the Western Hemisphere that exceeds \$7 a day.

In addition, the administration asked that all international airline tickets and steamship tickets for ports outside the hemisphere be taxed at 5 percent.

The administration's program would hold down the amount of tax to be paid by students and teachers, and by

individuals of modest means traveling to visit relatives.

For the average 30-day trip costing \$15 a day, or a total of \$900 including the airline ticket, the new taxes would be \$59.50.

For students and lower-income persons visiting relatives the tax would amount to 45 cents a day since they spend only about \$10 daily.

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## Olympians, De Gaulle Open Games

By MIKE BEATRICE  
Globe Ski Editor

GRENOBLE, France — The world's greatest amateur skiers and skaters, approximately 1500 of them, will parade past the imperious figure of Charles de Gaulle today in opening ceremonies of the 10th Winter Olympics.

Shortly after these formalities, the United States will test its Olympic fortunes when the underdog American hockey team plays Czechoslovakia, second only to Russia as a hockey power.

The subject makes U.S. hockey coach Murray Williamson wince, but some of his players, who just happen to be Bay Staters, think a "tough match" (gross understatement) at the beginning may be a good thing.

"I think it might have been better if we started against one of the teams that aren't quite so strong, the West or East Germans, perhaps," said Williamson late Monday night as he put his squad through its final practice session.

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## Ky to Arm Civilians as Viet Militia

By LEE LESCAZE  
L.A. Times-Wash. Post

SAIGON—Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky announced Monday that the South Vietnamese government is planning to arm civilians.

Ky told a news conference that the weapons will "provide the people the means for their own defense against future attacks by the communists."

The measure is necessary, he explained, because the government's more than 700,000 men under arms are not sufficient to protect all the people from guerrilla attacks.

After taping a television broadcast to the nation explaining the aims of a new emergency task force he heads, Ky also said he expected another attack on the Saigon area.

Tan Son Nhut and Bien Hoa air bases will be the targets of enemy rockets and mortars, Ky predicted.

The vice president said the 7 p.m.- 8 a.m. curfew now in effect was necessitated by the continuing enemy threat poised by "at least three regiments" still in the Saigon area.

Much of the news conference covered statements Ky made to the nation in the broadcast Monday night, including a promise that black marketers and people who try to hoard food during the present emergency will be severely punished.

MILITIA  
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## THE FACE OF WAR

Two faces of the war:

—They said it couldn't happen in My Tho, showplace of the Mekong Delta, seldom attacked by the Viet Cong. But now the city lies in ruins — 5000 homes smashed, mostly by U.S. artillery and air strikes—and more than 200 civilians are dead.

— Massachusetts men occupy more and more sensitive spots in the campaign. A marine colonel from Holyoke is the commander at Khe Sanh. And a general from Swampscott is the Marines' director of combat operations.

(Details, Pages 4 and 6.)

## Cong Won Victory, Ted Kennedy Says

By RICHARD H. STEWART  
Globe Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Sen. Edward Kennedy declared on Monday that the Viet Cong scored "an outstanding political victory" in Vietnam last week, and the United States would be wiser to respond politically than with military force.

"The fact that our nation was taken aback by the ferocity of their actions stems more perhaps from our own optimistic evaluations of progress than from any increasing strength of the enemy," Kennedy said.

"We have, in essence, been relying on barometers that were measuring the strengths and weaknesses of the wrong system."

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## Derailed Train Provides Beer Bonanza

FAIRLEE, Vt. — People are still talking—and perhaps still dreaming—about the derailment of a 28-car freight train here a week ago Sunday.

To a Boston & Maine railroad official, the accident in this town, about 12 miles north of White

River Junction, "took the place of a vaudeville show."

One of the cars contained a top-selling beer. Usually, 2000 cases of the beverage fit into a railroad car.

The car was a prime target for some area residents — plus a number of Dartmouth students

who sped across the New Hampshire border upon hearing the news.

A Dartmouth official denied that a campus fraternity had engaged in wholesale looting but said there were some students "acting individually" in the looting.

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The Great Fairlee Train Looting provided thousands of cans of Schlitz and Miller's for Upper Valley residents late last week.

## *Houses' Innocence Claimed In Looting of Train Wreck*

By **JOHN PARKIN**

Mass looting of beer may have occurred in a train wreck near Fairlee, Vermont, last week, but IFC Chairman James C. Donnelly '68 was "positive that no house was involved in an organized effort."

The *Valley News* reported last Saturday that "one Dartmouth fraternity is rumored to have stocked up 400 cases of Miller High Life and Schlitz in the pre-Winter Carnival spree." Donnelly called their account of the incident "utterly fictitious."

Proctor John O'Connor joined with Donnelly, saying it was a "wild exaggeration." However, O'Connor warned that stealing beer from the wreck is an act of larceny.

Donnelly claimed that there were no large stocks of beer in any house. "It's like hiding two

elephants," O'Connor stated.

There has been no official contact with the College concerning the matter, O'Connor said. The Hanover Police Department has not investigated the matter, either. "It's all hearsay, but we can't prove anything," commented a member of the force.

O'Connor checked with the local beer distributors and discovered that the sale of beer over the weekend was just as high if not higher than any other weekend.

In addition, he didn't believe that any fraternity could organize a beer swiping expedition. "This idea of brotherhood only goes so far. Two things, girls and beer, are privately owned."

"The whole thing is rather embarrassing to everybody," O'Connor said. "I don't expect much to come of it."