



MILLION DOLLAR GREETING

United States President Lyndon B. Johnson reaches for the hand of Joseph Hirschhorn while the First Lady greets his wife in the rose garden at the White House. The occasion was the President's acceptance of Hirschhorn's collection of contemporary sculpture and paintings valued at upwards of \$50 million. The chief executive said he would ask Congress for legislation to build a gallery in Washington to house the collection. Hirschhorn has an estate in Greenwich, Conn.

136 Survivors Found Ship Lost In Typhoon

By GEORGE McARTHUR
MANILA (AP)—A small trading ship Wednesday picked up 136 survivors among 262 persons aboard the steamer Pioneer Cebu, sunk Monday by typhoon Irma. Some told of panic, screaming mothers and battles to the death with sharks in raging seas.

As the search was pressed for others aboard the doomed, 740-ton vessel the government launched an investigation into rescue operations to see why it took more than 40 hours to find the survivors.

The trading ship Diana rescued them from lifeboats, rafts and even from the half-sunken hull, north of Cebu Island in the central Philippines, said reports from the scene. Yet rescue craft had searched the area Tuesday and reported they sighted nothing in the stormy waters.

The Philippine news service correspondent in Cebu, quoted Ramon Aldaneze, 39, as saying the ship capsized about 30 minutes after radioing she was abandoned on a reef.

He said Capt. Floro Yap, still missing, ordered the passengers to abandon ship shortly before she sank.

"Panic ensued," Aldaneze said. "I heard many yell 'God please save us.' Children shrieked and several passengers made a dash for a lifeboat but this also sank."

Aldaneze said he grabbed a life jacket and climbed aboard a life raft. Two other passengers, including a young boy, tried to get into the raft but were carried away by the huge seas.

Another survivor, Manuel Remora, 19, a mess boy on the ship, found water on the raft was up to his waist. He said he could hear persons shouting in agony as sharks attacked them.

Mixed Marriages Study Planned

VATICAN CITY (Reuters)—The Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches are to study jointly the issue of mixed marriages between Roman Catholics and other Christians, it was announced Tuesday.

This was stated in a communique issued here and in Geneva after a four-day meeting of a joint working group of the Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches at Bossey, Switzerland.

The communique listed three special commissions, to be established on particular subjects, then added: "The theology of marriage and the question of mixed marriage will also be the subject of study."

The World Council of Churches groups some 340 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox churches in 80 countries.

Roman Catholic restrictions on mixed marriage ceremonies and the upbringing of children from such marriages have caused friction with other churches.

The communique said the three special commissions would discuss "catholicity and apostolicity," the nature and task of ecumenism (Christian unity) and proselytism.

The group also discussed joint consultation on emergency aid for social and economic development.

Accidents Probe Sheds New Light

MONTREAL (CP)—Abraham Ribicoff, Democratic senator for Connecticut who last month completed an inquiry into automobile defects and deficiencies, said Wednesday the information he gathered shatters the myth that accidents are invariably caused by bad driving.

Senator Ribicoff was addressing the annual convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

He commented the response of the four major U.S. car manufacturers after he asked for information concerning product defects and deficiencies over the last six model years.

"I think the information was startling. It indicated that 18.5 per cent of American automobile production in the last six years was composed of cars which were subsequently involved in so-called 'recall campaigns' to check them out for defects."

He added: "From now on we must be concerned—not just with the 'nut behind the wheel' but with the nut in the wheel itself—and with all the parts of the car and its design."

There was substantial evidence that procedures had been sloppy, that workmanship had been neglected, that defects had been far too common.

Space Trip Rescheduled For May 31

By HOWARD BENEDICT
CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)—The Gemini 9 rendezvous and space-walk flight has been rescheduled for May 31.

Project officials made the disclosure today as an investigation board looked into Tuesday's failure of Gemini 9's Atlas-Agena target rocket. The failure, which saw the Atlas booster rocket tumble out of control two minutes after launching, wiped out the attempt to launch astronaut Thomas P. Stafford and Eugene A. Cernan in pursuit in the Gemini spaceship.

There is a possibility that when the investigation board pinpoints the reason for Tuesday's failure the launch date could be delayed. But experts feel that whatever happened was of a random nature and would not hold up the firing beyond May 31.

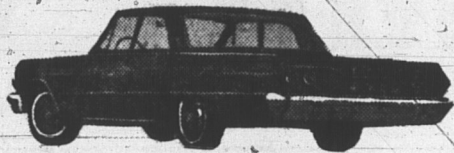
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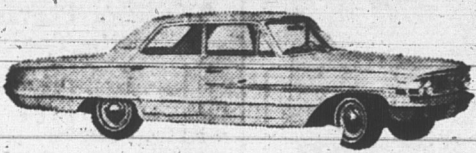
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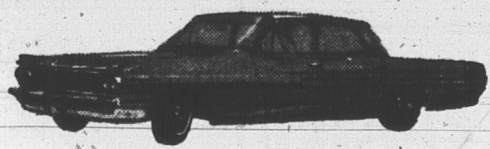
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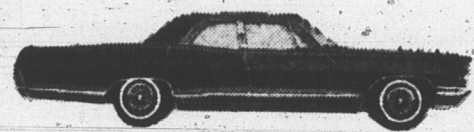
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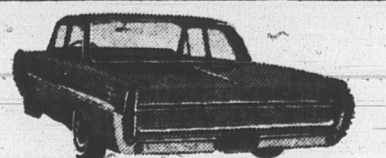
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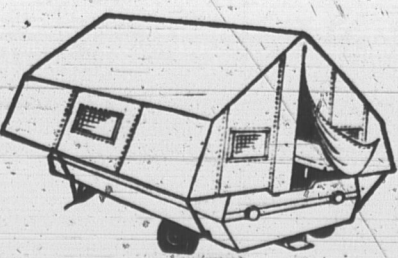


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