

## LBJ Urges Bonn Join In Space Exploration



The Smiles Are Mutual

President Johnson and West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard shake hands at the White House door Monday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson invited West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard to join the United States in "exploration of space."

In a toast to Chancellor Erhard at a White House dinner, the President said he wanted to discuss with his guest an "ambitious plan to permit us to do together what we cannot do so well alone."

Examples would be "a probe to the sun, and another, a probe to Jupiter," Johnson said.

The President also indicated similar invitations would be extended to other European nations.

Earlier, Erhard had told Johnson in a conference that his country wants to share in NATO's nuclear weapons but does not ask to man its weapons or make final decisions on their use.

In his toast Johnson explained the U.S. position on Viet Nam. And he reiterated that "the great effort which my country is making in Viet Nam is in fulfillment of the clear commitment of the American people, the American Congress, and three American presidents."

Johnson said, must be loyal to its commitment because "if it is not good in Viet Nam, who can trust it in the heart of Europe? But America's word is good in Viet Nam, as it is good in Berlin."

Erhard said that the United States was peace in Viet Nam. Johnson said, "We will push on every door for peace. We will go anywhere to talk. We set no conditions and we neglect no hopeful step."

"But it takes two to talk and it takes two, as well, to stop the fighting."

On European questions the President said "The reunification of Germany in peace and freedom is a major goal." He asked for "the best efforts" of all allies to strengthen Atlantic partnership.

On the space exploration Johnson said his invitation also is addressed to governments in Europe wishing to participate in such a project. He said he will

send James Webb, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, to Europe to consult with the German government and other governments on this issue.

The President also announced he will send "a working group" headed by Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall to West Germany in January to study the German antipollution program which, Johnson noted, is said to be among the most effective in the world.

In their talks during the day, Erhard reportedly had told Johnson that while his country wanted to participate in an Atlantic nuclear force, he was not asking for a German niter on its trigger.

As co-owners of such a force, the Germans presumably would expect to have some part in the long-range decisions on strategy such as targeting, circumstances under which nuclear strikes would be considered and so forth.

Reporting on the Johnson-Erhard conference, State Secretary

Karl-Guenther von Hase, spokesman, made this statement:

"Germany, the chancellor stressed, is not interested in national ownership of nuclear weapons, but asks for closer co-determination and for continued consultation" on nuclear matters.

Von Hase declined to go into details and German sources Continued on Page 18; 6th Col.

### Winter Is Here

Winter begins officially at 8:41 p.m. Tuesday and icicles such as this one at 381 Spring St., which indicate freezing and thawing, may be rare for a while. Monday's weather was the most severe of the season, with 6-below recorded at Old Town and 3-below at Portland, Caribou, Houlton, Greenville and Bangor. Tuesday will be mostly fair with continued cold weather. Highest temperatures will be near 20 in the south and in the low to mid teens in northern sections. It will be fair and continued cold Tuesday night with the lowest temperatures near zero. There's one consolation. With the advent of winter, the days will be getting longer, again.



By Staff Photographer MERRILL

## Snipers Fire On GIs Patrolling In Domingo

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Snipers fired at U.S. troops patrolling Santo Domingo Monday after a bloody battle in Santiago Sunday, but no American personnel were hit, a military spokesman said.

Estimates of the dead in the Santiago fighting Sunday between Dominican army regulars and former rebel soldiers ranged from 9 to 13.

In one incident, Monday, two bullets smashed the windshield of a U.S. Army Jeep. The patrol also had drawn snipers' fire Sunday.

The U.S. spokesman said the soldiers did not return the fire. Brazilian troops of the Inter-American Peace Force en-

trenched in a downtown park also were fired on by civilians hiding in a building a few blocks away.

The Brazilian and American troops in the heart of the city were reinforced Sunday after the battle erupted in Santiago, the country's second largest city, 120 miles north of Santo Domingo.

They were withdrawn Monday, leaving one Brazilian and one U.S. company in the downtown section.

The peace force troops dispersed some of the bands of youths who were trying to stir up a demonstration in the breadless district.

The rebels' chief, Col. Francisco Caamaño Deras, appealed

### Traffic Death Toll: 221

## Man, Woman Killed In Millinocket Crash

MILLINOCKET (AP) — Lyons, Anne Michael and her passenger, Raoni Michael and a 1962 Ford Mustang were killed Sunday evening with the death of a man and a woman in a head-on, two-car crash on Route 157.

State police reported that Lola D'Arcy, 42, and Maurice Barnett, 66, of here, were dead on arrival at a hospital here. Both were passengers in a sedan operated by Roy Lyons, 30, of here.

Police said that the Lyons car collided head on with a 1962 auto being operated by Anne Michael, 50, also of here.

### Highway Fatalities

1965	1964
221	191

## 9 Children, 3 Adults Die In Jewish Center Fire

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — building in below-freezing weather. Only four required hospitalization, however.

Ray Cohen, at work in an auto shop down the street from the center, said the children appeared calm on the fourth-floor ledge.

"Some of them came out a window and walked four feet along a ledge to where the aerial ladder was," he said.

The youngsters were attending an after-school music class on the top floor.

Robert Van Rieck, 22, working across the street from the center, said, "The building was burning like a torch. The flames were shooting out 15 feet from all the windows. Close to 30 kids must have run out of the building, holding and screaming."

The tragedy struck the local Jewish community on the third night of Chanukah, the Jewish religious festival of lights. The center had been decorated with menorahs, the traditional candelabra, in observance of the holidays.

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## Pope's Peace Appeal Welcomed, U.S. Ready To Talk Any Time

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House Monday welcomed a new appeal by Pope Paul VI for peace in Viet Nam and reiterated American willingness to move from the battlefield to the conference table "any time the other side is ready."

But Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers sidestepped any direct comment on the Pope's statement Sunday that he hoped the United States "will accept the Communist offer of a halt in fighting on Christmas Eve. The Pope said such a cease-fire could be the prelude to peace negotiations."

The President welcomed this new expression by the Pope of the need for peace in the world and specifically in Southeast Asia," Moyers said in response to press inquiries.

"We share his concern and identify with the objectives the Pope expressed in his statement of an end to conflict and the despair of war. We are doing all we can to bring peace to Southeast Asia, for we are aware of the suffering that is the consequence of aggression. We want to end that suffering, and like the Pope, the President is hopeful that the conflict can be resolved."

Moyers said the U.S. attitude toward peace negotiations has been spelled out repeatedly by the President and remains unchanged: "We will talk unconditionally any time the other side is ready."

## School Committee To Seek \$200,000 In U.S. Funds For Closed Circuit TV

By CHARLES C. SUTTON  
Education Reporter

The Portland School Committee voted Monday night to seek \$200,000 in federal funds for a closed circuit educational television system.

The proposed two-channel system would serve all Portland and peripheral schools on the mainland and the islands, and possibly be part of a Greater Portland system at a later date.

AT THE SAME TIME, the committee voted to seek an additional \$276,377 in federal funds to hire additional remedial teachers, social workers, teachers' aides, and special tutors to help children from low-income families.

Funds for both the special programs for low-income children and the closed-circuit television are available under Titles I and III, respectively, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Mrs. Brian W. Black, federal projects coordinator for the Portland schools, warned the competition for projects under Title III has been keen.

## News, Features On The Inside

**The Weather**

Fair, cold today; partly cloudy, warmer Wednesday. Full report on Page 12.

A POWERFUL international oil embargo is building up against rebel Rhodesia, says Prime Minister Wilson, and Britain is ready to crack down on any oil bootleggers. Page 2.

PRESIDENT de GAULLE, his hand weakened despite his election victory, now faces a stiff fight to retain control of the National Assembly. Page 2.

LITTLE IS RECORDED about Jesus' wanderings and his life in Egypt. Page 4.

PUBLIC SUPPORT IS SWELLING for containment or an end to the Viet Nam war, according to columnist Samuel Lubell. Page 5.

ANTI-VEHICLE BOOMS and small arms fire crackles within earshot of Saigon, throwing a scare into the South Vietnamese capital. Page 6.

THERE IS NO alternative for peace in Viet Nam but withdrawal of U.S. forces, says Premier Cho En-lai of Red China, deriding efforts to arrange negotiations. Page 6.

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1. Remedial reading and mathematics teachers.
2. Social workers with guidance training.
3. Special tutors for emotionally disturbed or brain-damaged children.
4. Teachers aides.

If enough of these specialists can be found, the school committee also approved a series of "back-up" cultural and other programs to use up the funds. That list includes such programs as a new industrial arts program for mentally retarded children, a waitress and food service training program for

### Prayer For Today

O God, be generous for a season or forgiving on occasion is no great virtue. Yet such is the measure of our achievement. At Christmas, we celebrate Thy great gift to the world. He has shown us that Thy grace is constant and Thy generosity unending. Help us to be perfect, as Thou art, in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Paul S. Wright, Portland, Ore., minister, First Presbyterian Church.



**Packing For Caravan**

Mrs. Byron Greenlaw, Yarmouth, selects dresses and a doll for a Press Herald Clearing House Christmas Caravan box. Mrs. Greenlaw heads one of the newer Christmas Caravan units, the Yarmouth Day Extension Group.

## 22 Are Killed In Portugal Train Collision

ALGUEIRAS, Portugal (AP) — An express train carrying Christmas shoppers and a freight train crashed head-on near Lisbon Monday night, at least 22 persons were killed.

The fire brigade chief said more than 30 persons were injured.

Authorities said the freight train was on the wrong track. Most of the dead were in the first car of the six-car train. The impact shoved it over the locomotive of the four-car freight.

A railway switchman said the freight had turned around in the yards to return to Sintra but at the time the engines "just continued toward Lisbon. I started running after him with the flag. I shouted but the train kept going toward Lisbon."

Railroad officials were not available for comment. The line has been criticized for delays and two months ago police were called to the station to quell scuffles by commuters who said their train was two hours late.

## Great Northern Paper May Expand In Maine

By FRANK SLEEPER  
Business Reporter

Great Northern Paper Co. said Monday it's "actively considering" a new paper machine for one of its Maine mills.

Great Northern didn't say what kind of machine is involved, but if housing were included, the cost might run as high as \$20 million. That's about what St. Regis Paper Co. is paying for its new roasting rack stock paper machine and that machine's housing.

At the same time, the company reported it's considering construction of plywood mills both in the North and the South.

Robert P. Vivian, New York, Great Northern spokesman, said there will be no further comment now on such expansion.

**Today's Chuckle**

Small girl's essay on parents: "The trouble with parents is they are so old when we get them, it's hard to change their habits."

**Special Tonight!**

**The Nutcracker**  
Tchaikovsky's  
Enchanting  
Fairy Ballet  
IN COLOR  
7:30 P.M.  
Channel 13