

FLASHES

25 The Rhine between Emmerich and Bonn is reported to be going down at last - not a minute too soon for the unfortunate inhabitants thereabouts. The West German Parliament at Bonn used 10,000 sandbags to keep the water from the ground floor. The cellars were flooded days ago. The members are used to hot air; they don't want wet feet.

Flying to Peking Dag Hammarskjold was received with oriental politeness+ *7 films of behind the scenes & delays in transit* The UNO Secy. Gen. *met* ~~went there to meet the Red Republic's Premier Chou en Lai~~ to negotiate the release of 11 U.S. airmen, taken prisoner and still held on a charge of being spies. ~~In 14 hours,~~ *20* ~~spread over~~ 4 days they talked and talked. No result so far.

25 *On St. Anthony's day of blessed animals in Rome.*

~~Blessing animals day in Rome; on the day of the animals' patron saint, St. Anthony. One horse seemed to have~~

82 ~~Protestant leanings...~~ After being blessed the animals are doubtless ~~mammals~~ on their best behaviour for a bit, though its coming to something if you've got to tolerate a ~~man~~ cat a few inches away!

Flood

(not exclusive)

The Rhine has overflowed its bank.

Heavy snow- and rainfalls together with an invasion of warm air have caused the floods in Central Europe.

The wine-villages and -towns at the Rhine and Mosel are overflowed.

And while our cameraman took in gas standing in the water- the "Bundesgrenzschutz" protected the wet feet of the "Bundeshaus" with more than 30 000 sand-sacks.

Father Rhine did not act paternally on the beginning of the year.