

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 S/C & delays in transit} The UNO Sec. 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, 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 ~~mama~~ 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!