

Environmental War Ban in Works

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We broke the astonishing news on March 18, 1971, that Air Force rainmakers had succeeded in turning the weather against the North Vietnamese.

We cited secret reports that "claimed success in creating manmade cloudbursts over the Ho Chi Minh trail complex." This "caused flooding conditions along the trails," we wrote, "making them impassable" and hampering the movement of military supplies.

This has now led to a Soviet-American agreement, soon to be announced, outlawing certain forms of environmental warfare. The details are still being worked out, but both nations will pledge not to produce earthquakes, hurricanes and the like as weapons of war.

In the backrooms, the U.S. negotiators have acknowledged that our story was correct and that the weather makers produced cloudbursts over the trails.

They doubt, however, that the seeding operations had a major impact on the weather. They believe it was merely a coincidence that North Vietnam in November, 1971, was lashed by the worst storms in four decades. Floods washed out roads, destroyed villages and caused more damage than four years of U.S. bombing.

But these storms, the experts insist, were produced by natural causes.

Sports Scandal—The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating a million-dollar controversy involving more than 100 of the nation's top professional athletes.

The inquiry was touched off by a lawsuit against Profes-

sional Sports Advisors, Inc., (PSA), which represents a host of sports all-stars.

The suit was brought by three athletes—football star Otis Armstrong of the Denver Broncos and basketball stars Ralph Simpson and Mike Green of the Denver Nuggets—who claimed they had been bilked by a clever combination of land deals and tax frauds.

An attorney for PSA called the allegations "all lies" and pointed out that much of the suit has been dismissed. He contended that the litigation is part of a harassment campaign against his client by an unnamed rival organization.

The SEC, nevertheless, is checking into the land deals to determine whether any federal securities laws were violated.

The dismissed portion of the suit, filed in Cleveland federal court, alleged that \$1.2 million was collected from about 100 athletes and invested in a phony land scheme.

The list of investors reads like the starting line-up for an all-star game.

In football, the firm represents such stars as Charlie Taylor and Ken Houston of the Washington Redskins, Mercury Morris and Larry Little of the Miami Dolphins and Terry Metcalf of the St. Louis Cardinals. Plaintiff Armstrong led the American Football Conference in rushing last year.

In baseball, the client list includes Bobby Darwin of the Minnesota Twins, Greg Luzinski of the Philadelphia Phillies, Luis Tiant of the Boston Red Sox and Sandy Alomar and Elliot Maddox of the New York Yankees.

Footnote: the PSA attorney said he wanted to get into some "heavy discovery" to find out who was behind the "false

charges," which he repeated were "instigated by others than the plaintiffs to discredit PSA." The SEC and the plaintiffs' attorney declined comment.

Underworld Whispers—Just before Senate investigators were about to question Sam Giancana about his role in the assassination plot against Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, the Chicago racketeer was shot to death with a .22-caliber pistol.

The word has been whispered around the underworld, according to our sources who have been reliable in the past, that Giancana was shot by a former girlfriend he had abused.

Our sources say Giancana was

a sadist and masochist who got his kicks inflicting pain upon his girlfriends and having them abuse him in return. One of his favorite perversions reportedly was to hook up a hose and use water tortures.

He went too far, according to the underworld report, and hurt a girlfriend who swore revenge and came after him with a .22 Justice Department sources acknowledge that Giancana had strange sex habits and that a .22 is a woman's weapon. But they are skeptical of the underworld story.

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