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Japanese Floods

Japan: A grim search for survivors highlights the flood havoc on the main island of Kyushu. This followed twelve hours of incessant rain that totalled a record thirty-two inches - that's much more than London's average rainfall in a year.

Sweeping down from the mountains, the raging torrents struck low-lying towns and villages with devastating force.

Over five hundred are dead, with eighty thousand left homeless - while the search goes on for more ~~hundreds~~ victims.

Kayak Racing

West Germany: As if the swift current was not test enough, strong winds and pouring rain made it really tough going for men, and women, in the World Kayak Championships - at Augsburg.

Experienced canoeists from eleven European countries (including Britain) competed... Though many seem to have travelled a long way just to explore the river bed...

The Kayaks, by the way, are based on the light ~~wooded framed~~, skin-covered canoes still used by the Eskimos... So, in raging waters, you just set your course - hoping that it doesn't upset you.

IN SPITE OF THE HAZARDS, SOME DO MANAGE TO FINISH THE COURSE.

Gina's Baby

Father

Rome: A proud ~~son~~ carries in his son to share his first-close-up with Mother... Camera-shy? Not a bit of it - for Mother (as you've guessed) is Gina Lollobrigida, Italy's famous Queen of Glamour...

Father is Dr. Milko Skofic. They were married in 1949...

At present, they are hoping to call their first child, Milko - though Italian law bars a child from having its Father's christian names...

AirShow

The U.S. Air Force celebrates its Fiftieth Anniversary with an impressive line-up of supersonic jets to salute the pioneers of powered flight ~~the~~ **YES - IT'S THE** famous Bleriot Monoplane **(OF CROSS-CHANNEL FAME)** and the 1910 Curtis Pusher...

The Jubilee celebrations were staged at Andrews Air Force Base - and those ~~sprightly~~ **sprightly** veterans showed how they led the race for aerial supremacy...

Finally, ~~a~~ **SPANNING** fifty ~~years~~ years of progress...

A FLY - PAST OF JETS