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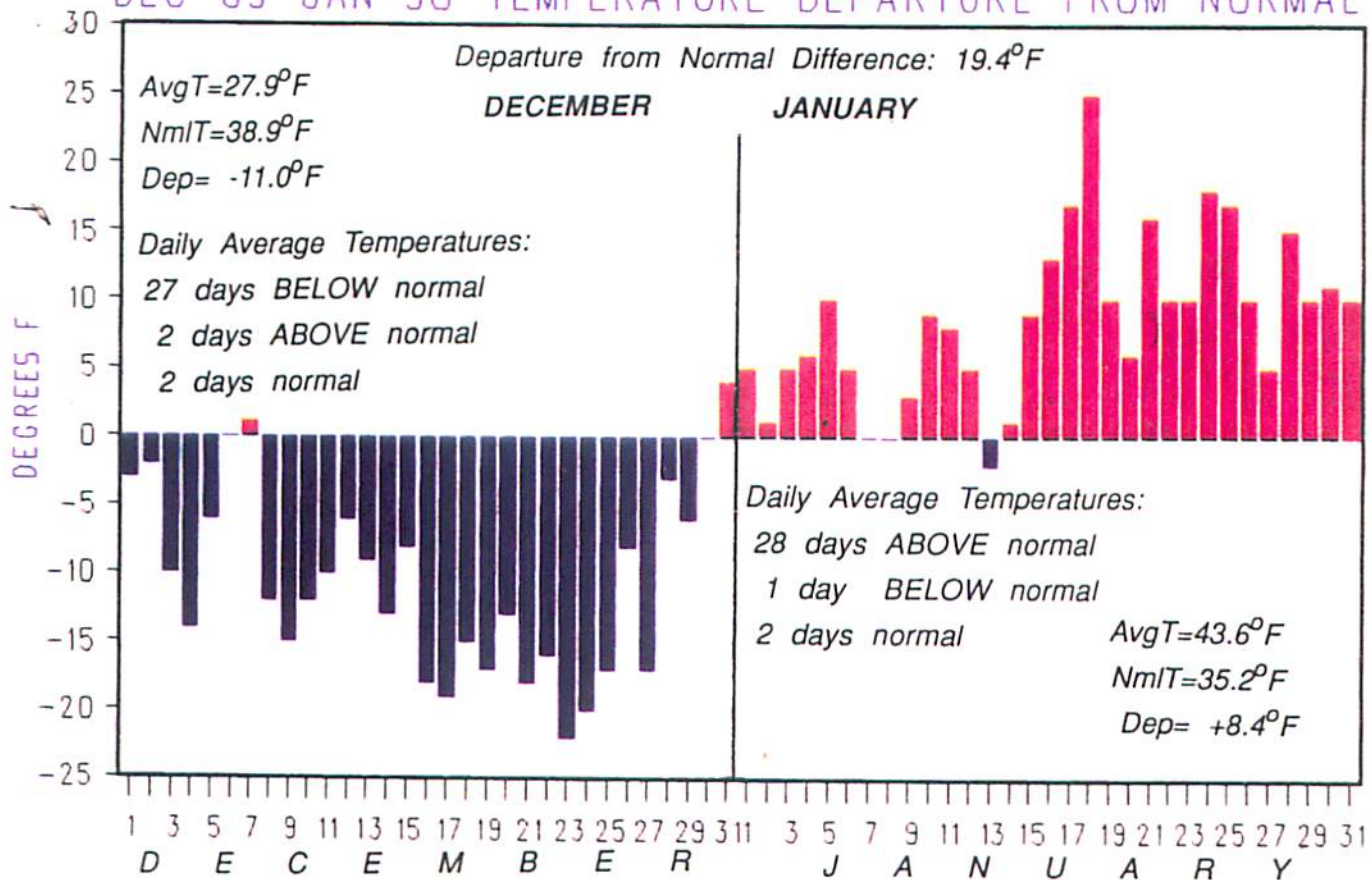
PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

JANUARY 1990

MILDEST JANUARY IN WASHINGTON DURING THE PAST 40 YEARS, AND FIFTH
WARMEST JANUARY (TIED WITH 1913) SINCE RECORDS STARTED IN 1871

WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT (DCA)

DEC 89-JAN 90 TEMPERATURE DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL



SO FAR, A WINTER OF EXTREME CONTRASTS:

- After the second coldest December ever (27.9°F or 11.0°F BELOW normal), Washington recorded its fifth mildest January on record (43.6°F , or 8.4°F ABOVE normal);
- The December-January average temperature departure from normal of 19.4°F is the greatest deviation of any two successive months at Washington (Dec. -11.0°F , Jan. $+8.4^{\circ}\text{F}$);
- Only T, 0.1", 0.2", and 0.5" of January snow VERSUS 13.0", 12.8", 9.0", and 10.2" of December snow at Andrews AFB, Ft. Belvoir, National, and Baltimore-Washington, respectively;
- At National, there were 21[6] days during January when highs equaled or surpassed 50°F [60°F] while only 9 days recorded readings below freezing. December observed sub-freezing temperatures on all but 3 days, including a stretch of 252 hours below 32°F (11 pm Dec. 15 - 11 am Dec. 26).



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