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Across the black void of space - voices
from the Moon. °

Astronaut John Young as he stepped from
his lunar lander Orion: "There you are,[!] mysterious
and unknown Descartes and Cayley Plains! Apollo
is going to change your image.[!]" And then: "Boy,
is this ever neat.[!]" Followed by "Yahoo its so
pretty you can't believe it."

Next - Astronaut Charlie Duke as he
climbed down -- exclaiming: "~~that dog~~["] isn't this
great - superb." And later on: "Good Lord, look
at that hole we almost landed in." After a moment
or two - adding: "This is just like the training
building - the only thing we don't have is linoleum
on the floor." America's ninth and tenth men on the
^{evidently} moon, enjoying every minute of it.

But more than that - quickly setting up a

LUNAR HIGHLANDS - 2

twenty five million dollar nuclear powered scientific

station, ^{also} planting a fifth American flag on the Moon -

complete with bounding salute; and ~~the~~ ^{— they bounce as you know —} next taking

off in their battery-powered lunar rover - to explore

the ~~near by~~ ^{near by} flag and spook craters.

Their problems of the past few days all

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but forgotten, the men of Apollo Sixteen charting

new horizons in space.

WASHINGTON

A meeting of the nation's top newspaper editors in Washington ^{today was} the setting for another hard hitting speech today from Vice President Spiro Agnew. His targets this time - including Senators ~~Hump~~ Humphrey, Muskie, McGovern and Kennedy; ^{whose} ~~whose~~ conduct - he called in the present Vietnam crisis - utterly "reprehensible".

These men - said Spiro Agnew ^{were} "silent as church mice" ^e When North Vietnam invaded South Vietnam. But "when the South Vietnamese held - when American air and naval power were employed to smash the sneak attacks - then came the cries of bloodshed" said he. Adding that "as an American" he found himself "appalled" by such conduct.

The Vice President also saying of the four men he mentioned: "They know what the terms of this war are; they know that President Nixon's response

is no wild escalation of the war;" they know "this is no new policy - nor is it at all inconsistent with the President's plan to end American involment."

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The Vice President further saying: "If the enemy offensive is finally ~~defeated~~ defeated the President will be credited by history for his courage, tenacity and toughness; for having surmounted all the obstacles they strung in his path." And what then - he asks will the history books say about Senators Humphrey, Muskie, McGovern and Kennedy?

THAN HOA FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, a resumption of U.S. air strikes - against North Vietnam. Big U S B-Fifty-Twos - bombing port facilities at Than Hoa, about seventy miles south of Haiphong; while smaller fighter bombers - were ranging far and wide across the Communist north. Main targets - in addition to Than Hoa - including anti-aircraft sites, enemy staging areas and so on.

To the South - An Loc at last report was under heavy attack. Enemy forces blasting it with all their artillery; the U.S. answering back with massive air support; "methodically reducing An Loc to rubble." But, with the South Vietnamese said to be holding - "at all costs."

HELSINKI

After six days of consultations in Moscow -
Russia's Vladimir Semenov finally returned to Helsinki
today. ~~Whereupon~~ ^{And then} an immediate resumption
of ~~the~~ Salt talks. The two sides getting together
tonight in a rare post-dinner meeting at the Russian
Embassy in Helsinki.

As a result, observers are now speculating
that efforts to achieve "a comprehensive agreement"
may have entered a closing stage." ~~Indeed,~~ ^{An important}
Russian source ^{is} quoted as saying - "the talks, if
successful, could end well in advance" of the
President's mission to Moscow. In other words -
any day now, we hope.

BELFAST-LONDONDERRY

In Northern Ireland - I R A terrorists struck again and again today, ~~Killing~~ Killing a teen-age taxi driver - wounding ³~~two~~ British soldiers and two more teen-agers -- all in Belfast; while a gang of at least five gunmen ~~was~~ attack^{ed} a British army post in Londonderry.

A British spokesman saying: "There still are encouraging signs - ~~but~~ that people in the Catholic districts are impatient with violence and long for peace." But he added - obviously: "The turning point - still has not come."

MOSCOW

"The quotations of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung" as ^{we all} ~~you~~ know ^{are} "must" reading in Red China.

And now a Russian ^{addition} of Chairman Mao's "little red book" - ^{we hear is} "Must" reading in the Soviet ~~the~~ Union.

This ^{is} explained partly by the book's title: "What

Peking keeps silent about." Also, an introduction -

^{in which} ~~contending that~~ Mao and his henchmen ^{are called} ~~are really~~

"nuclear war mongers." ~~Shows~~ Then come the quotes.

For example, Mao saying of the Chinese: "We excel

in war - and dictatorship." At another point ^{he's} quoted

as saying "the loss of life in a future war" - could

well run to "one third of the world's two-point-seven

billion inhabitants." Mao adding: "I think this is

little." So ~~say~~ the Russians ^{tell us, Warren.} ~~say~~

ISLAMABAD

After fourteen years of martial law was there
a ^{resumption} ~~restoration~~ of civilian rule today in Pakistan?
^{there appeared to be,}
On paper ~~at least~~ This by means of a new interim
constitution - passed by Parliament and now signed
into law by President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. At the
same time - by previous agreement - ^{there was a} ~~mass~~ mass
resignation of all federal officials, cabinet ministers,
~~and~~ advisors and provincial ~~governors~~ ^{to} ~~clearing~~ clearing
the way for free elections - or new appointments -
as the case may be.