

EX-FIFTEEN

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During today's test flight of ~~our~~ ^{the} X-Fifteen -- Pilot

Scott Crossfield climbed only fifteen miles high, at thirteen hundred miles an hour. ~~Maybe~~ That sounds ~~pretty~~ impressive.

ak, But this X-Fifteen has a "space engine" - with a thrust of fifty-seven thousand pounds; An engine designed to carry the plane a hundred miles up - at four thousand miles an hour.

Pilot Crossfield let it use - only half of its power. He swooshed across the Mojave Desert at incredible speed;- but, that's nothing to what he'll do when they let him open up his X-Fifteen.

SPACE

Around Cape Canaveral, they're saying - "a major milestone in space exploration." Referring to - the recovery of two space capsules within twenty-four hours.

First - the success of our Discoverer satellite, which went into orbit right on schedule. It circled the earth thirty-one times -- before ejecting its capsule. *That's the one that* ~~which~~ came down so accurately - that one of our planes caught it in the air over the Pacific.

The second capsule - was carried by an Atlas missile. The missile, arching seven hundred miles into the air, throwing off its capsule - then landing in the target area five thousand miles away. *The* capsule ~~was~~ picked up by a ship - patrolling "missile alley" in the Atlantic.

SUBS

Two of our atomic submarines made news today - in rather different ways.

In Charleston, South Carolina - the "George Washington" put out to sea. ~~She is~~ armed with sixteen Polaris missiles. ^{she is to} ~~and will be on patrol duty through~~ the oceans of our planet for the next two years. President Eisenhower hailed the "George Washington" as one of our best deterrent weapons; - threatening the Soviet Union with immediate retaliation, should Khrushchev attempt a nuclear Pearl Harbor.

The other incident took place - at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Some of our top brass was on hand - for a ride aboard the "Robert E. Lee." Admiral Arleigh Burke of the Navy, General Thomas White of the Air Force, General George Decker of the Army - and General Lyman Lemnitzer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff. ^{a lot of} ~~Enough~~ ^{indeed,} brass ~~- to frighten junior~~ officers.

Suddenly, a dummy missile went off - when someone in the sub pressed the wrong button. It shot up into the air -

carrying a column of water. ~~and~~ a strong wind was blowing -
toward the dock. The men with all that brass on their
shoulders - didn't have to be told what to do. They sprinted
away - at top speed. Too late. They were all doused - and
rather damp as they boarded the sub.

RUBLE

Russia's latest move in the international money market - amounts to a devaluation of the ruble. ^{Exchange rate} That's how the economists at our State Department are interpreting - the new exchange rate announced by the Kremlin.

At first glance - it looks pretty good for the Soviets. The ruble, to be worth over a dollar - instead of just about a quarter. Which makes the ruble stronger than the dollar - ^{or does it?} ~~apparently,~~ And that's what the Moscow propaganda mill - is claiming.

^{But} Here's the catch. To get one of the new rubles - a Russian has to turn in ten of the old ones. And since ten of the old ones were worth two-dollars-and-fifty cents - while one new one is worth only a dollar and eleven cents - the worth of the ruble has actually fallen sharply. The Soviet currency - devalued.

KENNEDY

At his Palm Beach vacation home - President-elect John Kennedy has stepped up his schedule of high level conferences. He conferred today with Governor Ribbicoff of Connecticut - who is often mentioned as a possible Attorney General in the next administration. At the same time, Mr. Kennedy has lined up a Friday appointment - with Allan Dulles of the C.I.A. And our next president is due to meet our U.N. delegation - soon after his return from Florida.

The meaning of all this - Kennedy wants to be as fully briefed as possible, before shouldering the ~~terrific~~ problems that will descend on him when he enters the White House.

Meanwhile, we are told a little more - about yesterday's Kennedy-Nixon meeting. The main piece of information - ^{that} they discussed the possible appointment of two Republicans to the Kennedy cabinet. But no names - were mentioned today. *So we can all start guessing.*

INTEGRATION

The New Orleans school situation looks less hopeful tonight - for those who want integration. One of the seventeen ~~persons~~ persons arrested in New

Orleans today - was a Deputy Sheriff. Anthony Calabresi, a ~~hard~~ die-hard segregationist - is accused of reviling the police, and resisting arrest. He was part of the crowd that got out of hand - as four Negro girls returned to classes in McDonogh and William Frantz Schools.

Federal marshals again accompanied the children - and saw them safely into their classes. After school - the marshals escorted the girls home. It took a hundred patrolmen and five mounted police - to keep the demonstrators back.

As the colored pupils attended school today - white pupils began to drop out. McDonogh normally has an attendance of four hundred and sixty-seven. Today - ~~there were~~ ^{only} twenty. *the other school,* William Franz, dropping from five-hundred-and-seventy-six -- to forty-five.

Yes, New Orleans, in the midst of a crisis - over integration of the public schools.

BASEBALL

Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick reveals - that New York and Los Angeles may have to make do with one Major League team. At least - in Nineteen Sixty-One. Oh, yes - expansion has been voted by both Leagues. But there might be a roadblock - because unanimous approval by all the existing teams has to be obtained. And it may not be possible. For example - will Walter O'Malley vote to put an American League rival to his Dodgers in L.A? Or, will the Yankee owners beam at the idea - of a National League team competing in New York?

Commissioner Frick points out - that the questions are being asked. ^{He} ~~And~~ ^{that} adds _^ he doesn't know the answers.

GALLERY

In Stockholm, Norvik Anderson went to the Museum of Art today - to see an exhibition of French Impressionism. What he actually saw - well, that's the story.

As Norvik entered the museum - he noticed that two men fell into line behind him. The art lover - quickened his pace. So did the men - following him. Glancing over his shoulder - Norvik spotted a gun protruding from a pocket. Whereupon - he started to run. He darted up the stairs, raced along the main gallery - and ~~went~~ down the back stairs, five at a time. The two men - in hot pursuit. Spectators - jumping out of the way. Museum guards - taking up the ~~chase~~. A real hue and cry - through the museum. Said one observer - "It was like a scene from a Marx brothers movie."

Finally Norvik Anderson arrived at the main door - *where* ~~and there~~ he was stopped by the doorman. *There he* ~~He~~ explained - that two sinister characters were after him. And then - up they came. Result - a hasty conference in the director's office. Solution - the pursuers were just spectators. The "gun"

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Norvik had spotted - turned out to be nothing but a bulky notebook. Why did they chase him? Said one of the pair - "We weren't following him, but when he started to run, we went along wondering what all the excitement was about." Dick, you look all keyed up - what's exciting?

PEPPER

The big question in Rome seems to be - "Who threw the pepper?" But who got hit - there's no doubt about that. Alicia Barr ended up in the hospital - streaming tears, and threatening to sue.

It all started when Alicia walked into a Rome restaurant - and spotted her estranged husband, Actor Edmund Purdom, with Actress Linda Christian. Alicia delivered herself - of a few pleasantries. Linda - answered back. So did - the man in the middle. A heated argument - erupting in a Rome restaurant where heated arguments are not uncommon.

Then - it happened. A handful of pepper, hitting Alicia - squarely between the eyes. Who threw it? Actor Purdom denies he had anything to do with it. Actress Linda Christian insists - she doesn't know who did it. Alicia Barr thinks it was Linda - and says she'll sue.