

Thurs, May 4, 1967

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - a perfect launch tonight for America's newst scout satellite. Heading off into space even now -- for a rendezvous with the moon early next week.

The Scout destined for lunar orbit - if all continues to go well. Hopefully, relaying back to earth - pictures of an estimated ninety-six percent of the lunar surface. Enough to lay out a "road map" - for future manned landing on the Moon.

PEKING

Chaos in Peking. The story today from Japanese newsmen - based in Communist China. Telling of riots between thousands of workers - living in the Red capital. Leaving at least three dead - and hundreds injured.

When the Chinese liberation army finally ~~so~~ stepped in - to put a stop ~~to~~ to the violence.

Reason for the riots - not quite clear, as yet.

We're told, however, that both sides - were apparently made up of pro-Maoists; ^{and} that similar riots - have also been reported elsewhere in Red China. Does this

mean ~~A sign of~~ new cracks - in ~~Mao's~~ Mao's "cultural revolution?" ~~We'll have to wait and see.~~

VIET NAM

Turnabout in Viet Nam - reported today from that strife-torn D M Z. Viet Cong attackers, unable to wrest a key hill from American marines, over-running instead a nearby special forces camp. Killing two American "green berets" -- as well as thirty-nine Montagnard tribal ~~rk~~ fighters.

One of the first places they hit - the camp's command bunker. Later found to have been blown apart - as if by a bomb. Some thirty additional Montagnards - also missing when the fighting ended, ~~Leading~~ survivors to suspect - the enemy might have had inside help.

This, ironically, the same special forces unit - devastated by an accidental ~~U S air strike~~ U S air strike -- just two months ago.

LONG ISLAND

Here at home - a grave charge was published today in a ~~xxx~~ Long Island newspaper. Senator Fulbright of Arkansas - quoted as questioning the war position of several leading congressional hawks; suggesting their "hard line" attitude on Viet Nam - is a reflection, in part, of flourishing defense industries in their home states.

Fulbright further said to have warned - of a number of business leaders and even government officials, whom he accused of viewing the conflict as, quote -- "a nice little war; not too much killing - but a big help to the ~~xxxx~~ economy."

HARRISBURG

Former President Eisenhower stopped off today at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania -- en route home from a California vacation. There discussing Vietnam briefly -- before returning to Gettysburg.

Then, Ike declaring that the United States -- is doing "everything that can be done" in Southeast Asia. And militarily -- "We're doing fairly well" -- said he. Adding, however, that the war in Vietnam -- is just as nasty a mess as we've ever been in."

Next question: What are Ike's thoughts on mounting speculation -- that General Westmoreland might turn to politics after the war?

That's up to the General -- said Ike. But "when it was suggested to me" ^{he added,} -- when I was in active fighting -- I threw them out." -- ~~said he.~~

PITTSBURGH

Pres. Eisenhower is
~~He is~~ old running mate ^{and Vice Pres.} -- Richard Nixon --

also in Pennsylvania today. Stopping at Pittsburgh
-- to address a convention of the Boy's Clubs of
America of which he is the head.

Nixon asserting that "the goal of all
Americans -- is peace in Vietnam;" and though we may
disagree on means of achieving that goal -- we should
never let it divide the country.

~~The reason -- said Nixon -- because "unity in
America -- is worth one million more troops in
Vietnam."~~

RAILS

As promised -- President Johnson went to Congress today -- for emergency legislation to head off a threatened rail strike. The President asking a modified form of compulsory arbitration -- to delay the strike until January, ~~of~~ ^{of} Sixty-Nine, if labor and management fail to reach agreement -- during a new ninety-day cooling-off period.

Congress has already agreed twice before -- to postpone the strike in the national interest. With every indication that this third time -- it will also follow the President's bidding.

CAPITOL

Elsewhere on Capital Hill -- continued
hearings today on the subject of equal job
opportunities. With Labor Secretary Willard Werts --
latest to call for a strengthening of existing law.

The President's Equal Employment Opportunities
Commission, ⁴ in dire need of enforcement powers, ⁴
said ^{Sec.} Werts, if it is truly to serve the purpose ⁴
for which it was created.

Werts further contending that non-whites
especially -- have made little progress toward equal
advancement -- under existing law. "The basement
doors have been opened -- but the doors on the stairs
are still locked" -- said he.

TUFTS

A solemn and moving ceremony today -- at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. That thrilling moment -- when school officials present the annual "Mr. Tufts" award; given traditionally to the Senior boy -- who has shown "through campus citizenship -- the greatest promise of future community leadership."

Today, however -- one slight change. When "Mr. Tufts;" name was called -- "he" stood up -- smoothed "his" pink skirt -- and fairly floated to the podium to accept "his" award. For the first time in history -- "Mr. Tufts" was a woman. Pretty Jill Garder of Gary, Indiana -- a Senior at Tufts' sister school, Jackson College.

One of the reasons -- Jill's tireless work with underprivileged youngsters -- in the slums of nearby Boston. Even so -- it was quite a surprise. "I'm really shook up" -- said Jill. But she added: "Frankly, I'm glad -- that Mr. Tufts can be a woman.

THOREAU

Some folks -- hard to please. For example --
~~modern-day admirers of the great American philosopher,~~
w4) Henry David Thoreau; ^{admirer} ~~who~~ recently persuaded the post
office to design a commemorative stamp -- in honor of
Thoreau's Hundred-and-Fiftieth Birthday Anniversary
this year.

~~Turns out now --~~ ^{But --} the post office portrait
shows Thoreau with long, straggly hair -- and a
shaggy beard; ~~the way he looked -- in later years.~~
All of which has prompted a flood of objecting letters
-- from members of the Thoreau Society. One
dissenter -- saying he looks like "a Bolshevik."
Another asserting: "He looks like a beatnik --
suffering withdrawal symptoms."

~~So as of now -- Thoreau's stamp is back on the
shelf. America's first great champion of "passive
resistance" -- a victim of his own aggressive fans.~~

LEDERER

The man who co-authored "The Ugly American" -
enroute to the Far East tonight; to begin work on a new
book - about the war in Viet Nam.

William Lederer saying on departure - he is
neither a hawk nor a dove; but intends to approach the
problem - with "an open mind," Hoping to analyze the
interaction between Americans and Vietnamese - the same
way he analyzed the interaction between husbands and
wives - in a book he just finished.

The two subjects - much alike - ~~said Lederer~~
because marriage - like war -- "can be hell," - ~~said~~
says Bill Lederer. Now you're a man
of experience but no cynic, Warren -
What do you say?

CARDINAL

***A distinguished friend and neighbor in Manhattan,
His Eminence Cardinal Spellman - seventy-eight as of today.
More than fifty years a Priest - Dean of American Cardinals
-- and still going strong. One of the most respected and
honored of U S churchmen.***

***Also one of the top travellers of our era, a
clerical Marco Polo.***