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EARTH ORBIT

As of Nine Ten tonight - Eastern time - America's Sky Lab Three astronauts will be setting a new space endurance record. Gerry Carr, Ed Gibson and Bill Pogue - completing Fifty-Nine days, Eleven hours -and-Nine minutes in orbit. Thereby surpassing - the previous mark set by Sky Lab Two. Then on and on they'll go. Sky Lab Three - shooting for eighty-four days in all; a new space endurance mark they say may stand for a decade.

ASWAN-JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - at Aswan - Sadat says "no". The Egyptian President rejecting today - an Israeli troop disengagement plan. This in lengthy talks - with U S Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; whom he then gave a ~~counter~~ counter proposal - to carry back to Jerusalem.

Dr Kissinger is thus continuing his shuttle ~~work~~ - back and forth between the Arabs and Israelis. Along the way saying "this is the toughest negotiation I've ever been in - and the most complex." ^{Then he added:-} "but I like the people."

Dr Kissinger also saying the gap between the two sides - has been "narrowed substantially."

PORTLAND

The nation's first voluntary gasoline rationing ~~system~~ went into effect today, in ~~the state of~~ ~~Ore.~~ Oregon. Drivers with even numbered license plates - getting first crack at today's supply. Odd numbers tomorrow. And so on.

They say ~~Best of all~~ - it seems to be working. A dealer in Eugene ~~is saying~~: "It looks like it is stopping the panic buying."

SAFETY

From the National Highway traffic safety administration - a report today on the safety ~~as~~ aspects of the current energy crisis. Administrator James Gregory noting a fifteen to twenty percent drop in highway deaths ~~in~~ in states that were first to lower their speed limits to conserve fuel. This comparing with a decrease of only two percent - ~~was~~ in states that fail to reduce ~~their~~ speed limits.

Gregory also noting "a significant reduction" in highway deaths - over the Thanksgiving Christmas and New Years holidays; ^{This -} "further evidence" - said he - "that lower highway speeds and some reduction in highway travel ^{is} ~~are~~ paying off in highway safety."

SIMON FOLLOW SAFETY

In Washington - energy Czar Simon testifying before a House Senate economic sub-committee; calling for legislation to require oil companies - to reveal much more information about their oil reserves and marketing policies. "We now clearly need mandatory reporting systems and mechanisms to check and enforce their proper operation."

SHULTZ

Treasury Secretary Shultz, in a statement prior to leaving for Rome for a meeting of finance ministers of the free world's twenty wealthiest nations, observed that the soaring price of oil is hitting hardest at those who can least afford it; namely - the underdeveloped nations.

ANNAPOLIS

Annapolis, Maryland - a special three judge panel today recommended unanimously - that former Vice President ~~Spive~~ Agnew should be disbarred. The panel saying: "This is not a case in which a busy lawyer had carelessly or inadvertently failed to obey the law. But one in which "the respondent deliberately failed to report - nearly thirty thousand dollars worth of taxable income." The court adding, in effect, "there's no excuse."

NEW YORK

The nation's best newspapers? - According to ~~an~~
~~article appearing today in~~ ^{they are:-} Time Magazine, The Boston
Globe, the Chicago Tribune, the Los Angeles Times,
the Louisville Courier Journal - the Miami Herald -
the Milwaukee Journal - Long Island Newsday - the
New York Times - the Wall Street Journal and the
Washington Post.

Time ~~gone~~ going on to say that each "can be
brash and ~~entertaining~~ entertaining - as well as informative."
Adding: "They are willing to risk money, time and
man power on extended investigations" - and "they offer
a range of ~~disparate~~ disparate opinion."

NEW SOUTH WALES

Weekend rains in Australia - as ~~much~~ much as six inches in some places - have added to heavy flooding in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. The Australia Broadcasting system today ~~reports~~ reporting up to thirty feet of water - in a number of low lying areas; leaving tens of thousands of sheep and cattle huddled together on ^{scattered} ~~a few~~ ^{- islands} mounds of dry land. Many - said to be starving. The floods also causing at least fifteen deaths and millions of dollars in damages.

MOSCOW

Russia's Nobel prize winning²⁷, Alexander Solzhenitsyn,
was the target of a nother bitter blast today in Moscow.

This in an article in the Communist party newspaper

Pravda - dealing with his latest book - "the Gulag

Archipelago." Pravda saying that ~~the~~ Solzhenitsyn is

"literally choking with pathological hatred - for the

country where he was born and grew up." Adding that

Solzhenitsyn's slander is such - that "every honest man

on earth cannot but turn away in anger, and ~~be~~ disgust."

QUALA LUMPUR

Japan's
~~Japanese~~ Prime Minister Tanaka ~~is~~ continuing
his travels through southeast Asia, at Quala Lumpur in
Malaysia today ^{was} comparing Japan's present role - with
that of the U S following World War Two.

The American presence in Japan in that period
- said he - created "strong criticisms; stronger than
those in South East Asia today against Japan." "But
the assistance of America helped us greatly" said he -
"and so the majority of Japanese people value highly
the U S role." Tanaka adding that Japan "seeks no
economic control nor excessive profits;" of its trading
partners; only "long-term arrangements - ~~based~~ based on
trust and friendship."



JAKARTA

Next stop - Jakarta, where a band of anti-Japanese demonstrators - attempted to storm Tanaka's plane; delaying his official welcome ^{for some} ~~by some~~ ~~good~~ ten minutes.

LONDON

From London - another episode today in the exploits of Fiona Richmond, girl reporter.

Miss ~~Elena~~ Richmond, you may recall - the author of a recent series of "Kiss and Tell articles." Discussing in intimate detail - her romantic relationships with a number of men. She then turned to the theater - appearing as the scantily clad heroine in a nudie show called "Pajama Tops". ~~But~~ now leaving ~~the~~ ^{theater} to take another newspaper assignment. Miss Richmond heading for ~~the~~ Russia to ~~report~~ report on "what turns on the East European male besides Marx and Lenin."

Before she left her show though - Miss Richmond ~~did~~ level~~ing~~ a parting shot at the British government, for refusing to supply heat - except to so-called "cultural establishments." "We're just as cultural as the Royal Shakespeare Company said she. Adding: "our audiences - are ~~pr~~ ^{students} practically all students of anatomy."

MT. ARARAT

A U S expedition may soon be headed for Mt.

Ararat in Turkey - to search ^{again} for ice-bound remnants of

Noah's ark. Dr. Henry ~~Morris~~ Morris of the Institute

for creation research in San Diego saying ~~his~~ his group

has just received "quasi-official approval" from the

Turkish government. Adding that an eight man team -

is expected to leave for Mt. Ararat in June or July.

The institute for creation research ^{is} a body supported

by the Baptist Church.

Or so, the Alaskan L.T. climbed Mt Ararat some 25 yrs. ago and brought back a stone on which he - tongue in cheeks - said the Ark ran aground. No one has disproved it.