

*Tuesday, July 15, 1975
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From Earth Orbit.....

From Minneapolis.....

*From Washington...comes today's news. Good Evening,
everybody. I'm Jerry Landay sitting in for Lowell Thomas.*

*In that historic U.S. Russian joint space flight
- so far so good. The Russians were first off the pad today
- at Baikonur in Central Asia; in their Soyuz spacecraft,
they successfully achieved earth orbit. Seven-and-a-half
hours later astronauts Tom Stafford, Vance Brand and Deke
Slayton were launched from Cape Canaveral.*

*The Apollo crewman - are now in the process of
lining themselves up - with their Russian counterparts;
getting ready for a series of maneuvers - that will lead
finally to a linking and that "handshake in space" on
Thursday. The prevailing mood among space officials in this*

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*country and in Russia - perhaps best expressed by
astronaut Deke Slayton, when he said: "Boy, I'll tell you -
this is worth waiting sixteen years [redacted] for."*

CAIRO

In Cairo - a move today that could have a critical impact - on the quest for an interim Mideast peace agreement. Egypt has refused to extend beyond July Twenty-Fourth - the mandate of the U.N. peacekeeping force now stationed in the Sinai Desert. This on the grounds that Israel "has profited from the relative prevailing quiet" - to improve its position in the Sinai. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi accuses Israel of refusing to "assist the efforts aimed at achieving a lasting peace."

And this message....

KISSINGER

In Minneapolis - where he spoke before the Upper Midwest Council - Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had a swift reaction to the news from Cairo. He said that Egypt's refusal to continue the U N mandate in Sinai underscored the importance of achieving a new interim peace agreement between Israel and Egypt.

However, Kissinger said that as he reads Fahmy's comments - they do not mean the peace keeping forces will have to be withdrawn from Sinai on the Twenty-Fourth.

In his Minneapolis appearance - Kissinger was sharply challenged today by critics of Soviet-American detente. Dr. Kissinger asked in response - "What is the alternative?" He asked his critics if they are ready for another prolonged period of dramatically increased international danger. The Secretary - always comfortable in a crowd - is due to throw out the first ball - opening the all-star game in Milwaukee tonight.)

ECONOMIC

There was more good economic news today. The news came from the Federal Reserve Board - which reported - that industrial output turned upward in June - after a decline of eight months. The Federal suggests the gain of four tenths of a per cent - may represent the strongest indication yet - that the recession is over. Retail inventories - swollen by the ~~the~~ ^{downturn -} have been liquidated at a record rate over the past four months. If the trend of these important indicators continues upward - economists expect to see more men and women on the job.

NAIROBI

In Africa - drought has been followed by famine - again. The latest news from Nairobi - tells of the death of about Fifty Thousand nomads. In Ethiopia an estimated Three Million persons - are facing imminent starvation; and the new revolutionary government there - seems powerless to do anything about it.

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the Senate Finance Committee began hearings today - on the nomination of F. David Mathews to be the new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Mathews himself was the lead-off witness - and he said as "a practical man" he believes that forced school busing in the name of integration - has failed to achieve its goal of equality of education.

UNITED NATIONS

From Saigon came an application today for membership in the United Nations. It came in the form of a cablegram - from the new provisional revolutionary government. Observers added that barring a U.S. veto - the Saigon regime no doubt will be admitted to U.N. membershipⓀ

APOLLO

A post-script on the Soyuz-Apollo mission - has come from Moscow; where the words and music of a new song called "Rendezvous of the Cosmonauts" - were printed today.

The lyrics read: "As soldiers met each other in Nineteen-Forty-Five on the River Elbe - so now paths are meeting watched by the whole planet."

I'm Jerry Landay - CBS News.