

Tues. Nov. 18 - '69,

In the flight of Apollo Twelve, the main event is ^{just} about to begin. Astronauts Pete Conrad, and Al Bean ^{are} getting ready ~~tonight~~ ^{tonight} for that Moon landing ^{coming up} in just a few hours. ^{They are} Checking out their lunar lander, ^{the} "Intrepid" in preparation for the pay-off to the long voyage through space. The two ~~men~~ ^{are} expected to touch down on the Moon's surface at exactly one fifty-three tomorrow morning -- there to stay nearly a day and a half - till they rejoin Dick Gordon in Moon orbit.

As for problems - a few so far, but nothing ^{they say.} serious. ~~The man of Apollo Twelve calling mission status~~ ^{at} ~~everything~~ in "ship-shape" ^{at} ~~as of~~ last report. Ground control at Houston ^{saying the same.} ~~likewise reporting everything~~ "ready ~~to go~~". ^{- we all hope} And so we hope ~~and wait and pray~~ - for another happy landing.

BU TRANG

Getting back to earth - ~~the enemy suffers~~
another costly defeat ^{for the enemy} in Vietnam. The place - a jungle
battle field near Bu Prang which has been under siege
for three weeks now. With a scouting party of South
Vietnamese troops spotting a force of Viet Cong moving
up to attack. Quick as a flash - the South Vietnamese
calling for U S air and artillery support. The blast of
American fire power that followed - killing more than
two hundred and forty of the ~~the~~ enemy; ~~no~~ ~~against~~ American
losses - none; ~~and~~ ^{the} South Vietnamese casualty ^{list?} ~~including~~
~~just~~ nine wounded.

HOME FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home - Secretary of State William Rogers testified today - before a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations committee. Later telling reporters there had been "numerous diplomatic contacts" between the U S and North Vietnam - ^{including some} since President Nixon's Vietnam speech of November th ird. These - apparently secret talks. As for progress - though - Rogers indicated there had been absolutely none.

HYANNISPORT

For Joseph P. Kennedy - the end came quietly, almost peacefully, today at Hyannisport, Massachusetts as you no doubt have heard by now.

The ~~founding father~~ ^{patriarch of the so-called} of the Kennedy political dynasty - finally slipping away ^{early today} ~~this morning~~ in the wake of that weekend heart attack. According to a family spokesman - the ~~patriarch~~ ^{head} of the ~~Kennedy~~ Kennedy clan apparently never regaining ~~consciousness~~ consciousness.

Joseph P. Kennedy, Old Joe, whom I knew rather well -- a self-made multi-multi millionaire -- our one-able financier and negotiator -- time Ambassador to London - but above all, a family man.

And now ~~one again~~ ^{he rejoins} with his sons ~~Jack~~ ^{Joe Jr., Jack,} and Bobby ^{in the Elysian Fields, or wherever Kennedys go.} ~~and Joe Junior~~ Joseph P. Kennedy - ~~he was~~ age eighty one.

ROME

In Rome, Milan, Turin, and Naples - in fact, ~~that~~^{right} across Italy - thousands of workers began walking off their jobs today; the first of an estimated fifteen to twenty million Italians - expected to take part in a nationwide general strike set for tomorrow. The protest uniting - maybe for the first time ever - not only working men ~~men~~ but also newsmen, bus drivers, airline pilots, ~~garbage~~ garbage collectors, mail men, telephone operators, -- ~~you name it - even policemen.~~^{even the gendarmes.}

And what are they all ~~up in arms~~^{keyed up} about?

Simply this: A nationwide twenty percent increase in rents ~~over~~ over the past two years; resulting, in part, from a nationwide shortage of housing ~~that~~ that ~~has~~ has forced thousands to live in ~~virtual shacks.~~^{shanties}

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - ~~is~~ another special message to Congress today. President Nixon urging a little give and take - in U S trade regulations; ~~specialty~~ asking for authority to reduce tariffs - in some cases by as much as twenty percent; while at the same time taking all necessary steps - to protect American industry from cut rate ~~imports~~ imports.

^{is seen as}
This ~~scene is~~ the President's alternative to a growing list of restrictive trade proposals ~~✓~~ currently piling up on Capitol Hill. The President himself observing that we must achieve a suitable balance with "our trading partners" or else "both sides will lose."

WASHINGTON

This next - well, would you call it a
"marriage of state"? At any rate, an announcement
today from Washington. Nancy Hardin age twenty-one,
and Douglas Rogers, twenty-three, setting their wedding
date of next January thirty-one. The bride to be - daughter
of Agriculture Secretary Clifford Hardin. Her intended
-- the son of Secretary of State William Rogers. And so
more and more
the Nixon administration becoming ^{so} ~~more and more, it~~
~~would seem~~ just "one big happy family."

ALI BAIRAML Y

From the village of Ali Bairamly in ~~the~~ Soviet
Azerbaijan ^{comes} the story today of a local ~~resident~~ resident by
the name of Beyuk-Aga Kasumov; who is celebrating
simultaneously the birth of his ~~his~~ twenty-fifth great-
granddaughter - and also his ^{own} one-hundred-and-thirty-
third birthday.

By the way - the newborn babe has been named
~~is~~ Vyugyar; which means - in Azerbaijani - "pride!"
And why not? ~~well Warren~~
~~and it's only right, I guess.~~ After all, a man of
a-hundred-and-thirty-three - ~~why~~ ^{Warren isn't he} he's, entitled to a little
pride, ~~isn't he~~ you say, Warren?

LONDON

The subject of royal finances is still making headlines in Britain. Latest story today telling of a fund raised by London's rough, tough stevedores -- to help Prince Philip meet his polo expenses. A gesture that left the Prince, according to Buckingham Palace, ~~as~~ "very touched."

However, the donation - politely but firmly refused. Prince Philip suggesting that the money be used "to help youth - rather than the middle aged". This proving, we are told - the Prince is a "great geezer" - a "know out feller" -- as they say down on the docks. In other words - a bit of all right.