

SPACE

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The verdict is in - and it couldn't be better.

As you have doubtless heard - the new Apollo Nine lunar-lander - coming through its first solo flight with flying colors today.

The "spider" - as it's called - separating exactly as planned - from its command module - the Gumdrop. Soaring off into space - a distance of more than a hundred miles; then chasing the Gumdrop - round and round the world. Finally completing its life or death mission - with a flawless space rendezvous.

As the "spider" came near on its return - Astronaut Dave Scott in the command ship described it as "the biggest, boldest, funniest looking star," in the universe. When the tortuous test was at last a success - when the ship was "home free" Commander Jim McDivitt uttering a heart-felt "whew". So, too - those listening in here below - those who understood the maneuver.

Today's successful solo apparently proving out, in every respect, the last piece of necessary moon flight machinery. Paving the way, hopefully, for a dress rehearsal in May - and then - an actual lunar-landing in July.

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WHITE HOUSE

From out of this world - we turn next to the White House; where President Nixon officiated today - at his first Medal of Honor ceremony. Presenting the nation's highest award for valor - to three earthbound heroes of the war in Vietnam: Sergeant Joe Hooper of Saugus, California; Specialist Fifth Class Clarence Sasser of Rosharon, Texas. Sergeant William Zabitosky of Trenton, New Jersey.

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SAIGON FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

On the other side of the globe - Defense Secretary Melvin Laird was conferring today - with U. S. and South Vietnamese officials in Saigon. The talks including - presumably - a discussion of possible reprisals - for continued enemy shelling of South Vietnamese cities.

In the same connection - a U. S. spokesman in Saigon reportedly leaked today - the terms of former President Johnson's original bombing halt. He is said to have placed Saigon, Da Nang and Hue - all off limits to enemy gunners - though all three have since been shelled - in the current Red offensive. This underscoring again the ~~President's~~^{present} threat - of "appropriate response."

MOSCOW - PEKING

In the Soviet Union - also Red China -
passion continued to run high - in the wake of that
Sino-Soviet border clash.

In Moscow - a quarter of a million Russian
demonstrators - surging past the Red Chinese Embassy
today as they marched ~~by~~ by almost on parade -
breaking practically every window in sight - smearing
the walls with colored ink. - With the Soviet Foreign
Ministry - later releasing additional details of the ^{Central} ~~the~~
^{Asia border} ~~the~~ battle; Charging that Russian ~~border~~ border guards
as they lay ~~in~~ dying - were badly mutilated by Chinese
troops.

~~Reverse side - from~~ ^{TP} Radio Peking report ^S ~~ing~~
that more than a hundred and fifty million Red Chinese
- have already demonstrated this week against the
Soviet Union.

DACCA

A state of "near civil war" - is reported today from isolated East Pakistan; in the wake of President Ayub Khan's decision - not to seek re-election. The country also said to face "severe famine" - unless order is restored quickly. All of which has wrought a miraculous change - in Pakistan's powerful students action committee. The once rebellious students - demanding now that local officials reassert their control; to stop at any cost - this threat of "anarchism."

JERUSALEM

Mrs. Golda Meir of Israel - soon to become the world's second lady Premier. At Jerusalem - the seventy-~~one~~ year old grandmother beating off a challenge today - from Israel's legendary war hero, Moshe Dayan. In the final count - winning unanimous support of Israel's ruling labor party. All but insuring her formal ~~installation~~ installation of Premier probably within the next two weeks. As one of her well wishers later put it - "pretty good for a girl from Milwaukee."

KING'S WIRTHY

From King's Wirthy, England - comes the story today of a sex change - with a difference. Fellow by the name of Goeffrey Sex - changing his name legally to Goeffrey Southern, The ex-Mr. Sex explaining: "I did it for my daughters - it would have caused them embarrassment. And then there was the joking" - he added. "It got too much - it went on and on and ~~and on~~ on."

Despite Goeffrey's decision though - there remain about fifteen adult members of the local Sex family who have no intention whatever of changing their names. ~~including~~ Including one - a cousin by the name of Charles Sex - who says: "The name is nothing to be ashamed of." Adding "it's just a corruption of the Anglo-Saxon word 'Seax' - which means - ~~dagger~~ dagger or short sword." So some ^{of the Sexes} are for sex and some are giving up Sex, Warren.

~~And with that cutting remark - so much for~~

Sex.

UZBEKISTAN

This next - from ~~the city of~~ Uzbekistan

- On the earthquake belt of Soviet Central Asia.

A progress report - on the search for a means of
foretelling natural disaster. With Russian scientists
reporting discovery of built-in alarm systems -
in countless living creatures.

As for ~~for example,~~ ^{they} ants, are said to pick up
their eggs and desert their ant-hills ~~in~~ enmasse -
just before an earthquake. We are also told that
shrimps have been known to crawl up on dry land -
just before a big storm. Also, that bears have awakened
from hibernation - fleeing their dens - just before
a volcano. As for humans - the Russians reporting
a dramatic upsurge in heart complaints - prior to a
recent earthquake on the Soviet Iranian border. This
perhaps caused by slight variations - in geophysical
factors. Such as static and magnetic fields - say the

scientists. Observing that once the earthquake was over
- so too, with heart complaints.

Ray. In the arrangement with the state - the accused
killer of Dr. Martin Luther King pleading guilty of
a charge of murder. After a token ^{trial} - his
sentence of 99 years in prison.

Judge W. Preston Battle - who headed the
case throughout, later scoring the critics of Memphis' legal
proceedings saying "We have not done the job
well - for a decade, we have not had the
possibility of a conspiracy as we would if there
was a conspiracy." Battle said "an element of
such a conspiracy can not be proved - or he
down in Memphis, saying "The - said he "because
there is no statute of limitations on capital cases."

During the trial to Ray - his next step - a
special trial was held at the prison, Nashville.