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SPACE (FOR FIRST BROADCAST)

The latest from space - couldn't be better. Minor

problems solved - Astronauts ~~Young~~ and Collins now flying close

formation - with the four-month-old Agena-Eight target rocket. The

two space men given a firm "go" at last - for full completion of

their assigned mission.

Now begins - the toughest part. Mike Collins preparing to

leave the Gemini-Ten in a few minutes - for <sup>an</sup> fifty-five minute walk in

space - that will take him more than half way around the world.

**SPACE (FOR REBROADCAST)**

Latest word from space - couldn't be better. Astronaut  
Mike Collins back safe and sound - from a spectacular walk in space.  
A jet propelled walk that took him more than half way round the world -  
as you have doubtless heard by now. A thrilling assignment carried  
out in large thanks - to the skilled daring of Collins' space pal -  
Command Pilot John Young.

From here on - it's all downhill they say. The two space  
men given a firm "go" - for full completion of their forty-three orbit  
mission. Splash down set for late tomorrow - off the coast of Cape  
Kennedy.

## VIETNAM

Back here on earth - U.S. Marines and crack North Vietnamese troops are locked in combat tonight, only a few miles from the proposed demilitarized zone - between North and South Vietnam.

The Marine offensive - reinforced today by an additional fifteen hundred troops; for an assault on what appeared to be - the Viet Cong command post. The Marines driving toward a smashing climax to their biggest operation of the war.

We hear the Leathernecks have already foiled apparent Viet Cong plans - for a major monsoon offensive. Enemy forces in the past five days of fighting losing near one thousand dead.

Nevertheless, another display of defiance - from Hanoi, in the form of a charge that those who seek a peaceful solution of the war - are nothing but "satellites and henchmen of the U.S. and its acolytes."

## PROTEST FOLLOW VIETNAM

But there seems to be a growing chorus of protests - around the world over the North Vietnamese threat - to try captured American pilots - as war criminals.

Pope Paul, for one - voicing "an ardent and respectful prayer" - as he put it; prayer that North Vietnam will grant American prisoners - the full safety and just treatment provided by International Rules of War.

Here at home - former President Eisenhower said that he would be "outraged" - if the American pilots were tried and executed; and adding that if he were still President - "there would be some strong action."

PRESIDENT FOLLOW PROTEST

Much the same sentiment <sup>came today</sup> from President Johnson - at a

White House press conference. Though he stopped short on the

open threat of U.S. retaliation - the President <sup>did say</sup> ~~asserting~~ that any

thought of trying the American airmen - would be "deplorable and

repulsive."

"We feel ~~very~~ strongly" - said the President - "that these

men, who are military men, were carrying out military assignments in

the line of duty against military targets." "They are not war

criminals - and should not be treated as such," said he.

**WARSAW**

At Warsaw - a formal apology today from the Polish Foreign Office - for that attack yesterday on the U.S. Embassy. The Poles saying they were "sorry" about the incident - and offering to pay for repairs. This in response to a ~~very~~ strong protest - from U.S. Ambassador ~~Walt~~ <sup>in which he</sup> Gronouski; especially condemning ~~the~~ <sup>ed</sup> the presence of uniformed Polish troops - in the pro-North Vietnamese demonstration.

## BRITAIN

In London - a desperate attempt today to stabilize the shaky British economy. Prime Minister Harold Wilson - demanding a wage-freeze for six months - a price-freeze for a year.- At the same time - ordering a slashing cut back in government expenditures; along with a massive crackdown - on domestic credit and foreign spending. Measures tougher than any ever before invoked in modern Britain; intended, hopefully, to drain a half billion pounds - from the over-heated British economy.

Wilson unveiling the now-or-never crash program - in a lengthy speech to Commons. Returning to his seat amid cries from the Conservative Party - of "resign! resign!" However, reaction in the market place - quick and optimistic. The pound sterling, which had been sagging badly, recovering ten points almost immediately *following the* announcement of the new austerity program.

## AGRIGENTO

The threat of death and destruction - continues to stalk the ancient Agrigento - Sicily. More of the hillside city still in dire danger - of tumbling into the Mediterranean.

The collapse that began yesterday with the rock foundation on which the city has stood for two thousand years, slipping inch by inch toward the sea; as a result of erosion - and its recent effect on an underground layer of clay.

During the night the slide suddenly halted. Residents who had fled in panic - many of them returning to the stricken area. Then the slide began again this afternoon - with collapsing streets and buildings moving toward the sea.

Miraculously no serious injuries reported so far. Tenants of two apartment houses fled just moments before they caved in. Those hospitalized, only eight in number - suffering from shock. Hardly surprising.



## TEA

From Kuala Lumpur - capitol of Malaysia, a story today of tea for two - plus twelve. And the thrill of a lifetime - for thirteen visiting American girls.

The young ladies in Kuala Lumpur - on a thirty-five day tour of the Orient. When the Sultan of Perak pulled up to their hotel - in a big yellow Rolls Royce - with motorcycle escort. The Sultan resplendant in royal costume - dagger at his belt - headed for a meeting of the Rulers of all the states that comprise Malaysia.

Much impressed - one of the girls asked the hotel manager - "Can we meet him?" Evidently impressed himself by all that American beauty - the Sultan invited the girls and their twelve companions to tea.

The Sultan of Perak later accorded top praise - by sixteen year old Susan Pace of Miami, Florida. "Gee," said Susan, "The Sultan is such a nice man. He makes you laugh - and yet he is very dignified." Said Susie from Miami -- and what do you say Warren?

## VILLA

Remember the Mexican rebel, the fabled Pancho Villa? Today is the forty-third anniversary of the death of Pancho. And admirers and veterans of Villa are attempting to have his name added to the official list of heroes of the nineteen ten Mexican revolution.

The major obstacle - history itself. Showing that while Villa did fight for the revolution - he then fought the government it established; and even led an attack on Columbus, New Mexico which lead to the Mexican expedition by American troops under Pershing. And he continued to fight constituted authority - until he was riddled by bullets at Hidalgo del Parral in the State of Chihuahua - on July 20 Nineteen Twenty-Three.

Be that as it may - Mexican President Diaz had just decreed that a new government project at Durango - shall be dedicated to the one and only Pancho Villa. Raising hopes among Afficianados - that all Mexico will soon be saying - "Viva Villa."