

Wed. July 2<sup>nd</sup>. 69.

A sudden lull in Viet Nam - as yet, unexplained.

*At any rate it has given*

~~The key to~~ renewed hope today in Washington. Secretary

of State ~~William~~ Rogers saying of the apparent

de-escalation: "We hope it has some significance - we hope

it is a response to President Nixon and President Thieu's

conference at Midway<sup>w</sup>. And if so - it could speed up with-

drawal of U.S. troops." Adding, however, - "we'll have to

wait and see."

Turning next to the "cold war" with Russia - *Secy.*

Rogers went on to say that the U S "is not dragging its

feet" on strategic arms talks. Indeed, we are ready to

start negotiations - whenever Moscow gives the word -

*Which could be*

~~said he~~ ~~And that - perhaps~~ soon - he added.

One thing more: The Secretary<sup>of State</sup> announcing that

"on and off" relations with Cambodia - are now "on" again.

Ending a diplomatic breach of four years because of alleged

U.S. incursions into that country. Rogers calling today's

*reconciliation - a positive step looking "toward peace  
in South East Asia."*

CAPE KENNEDY

On the firing pad for Apollo Eleven - at Cape Kennedy - a surprise leak in a ground fuel valve today. This meant ~~sitting for~~ emergency repairs -- by a quartet of attending space technicians, ~~forcing~~ <sup>and</sup> a delay of more than three hours - in a crucial trial count-down for that pending Moon flight.

In the end though <sup>we are told</sup> - the trouble <sup>was</sup> corrected in plenty of time. The test proceeding toward a simulated launch -- at twelve-fifty one P.M. Which means that on paper at least - Astronauts Armstrong, Collins and Aldrin would be well on their way by now. <sup>if,</sup> —

In sum - the "dry run" doing just what it was supposed to do - finding the one major flaw - as of now - that might have delayed blast-off. Also finishing up the last major ground test - prior to the real thing <sup>which is</sup> now - just two weeks away.

NASA FOLLOW CAPE KENNEDY

*Have you heard how*  
~~By the way~~ <sup>^</sup> the men of Apollo Eleven *plan*

to leave a special plaque on the Moon? This <sup>is</sup> <sup>^</sup> according to

an announcement ~~today~~ from the National Aeronautics

and Space Administration in Washington. The plaque to

read as follows: "Here - men from the planet Earth

first set foot upon the Moon - July Nineteen Sixty Nine -

A. D. We came in peace - for all mankind; Neil A.

Armstrong - Edwin E. Aldrin - Michael Collins."

And <sup>also</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>^</sup> signed: Richard M. Nixon - President, United

States ~~of~~ of America."

VATICAN

At the Vatican - Rome - Pope Paul again defends his ban on artificial birth control. Asserting that his ~~words~~ sole purpose -- was that of maintaining "the dignity of the human person." Adding that anyone who attempts to substitute his own special brand of Christianity for that taught by the Church -- is merely headed for "ruin".

Be that as it may - the Church revolt persists. The Vatican announcing ~~last~~ earlier today that more than seven thousand priests have sought special dispensation to marry over the past five years. Adding that this year - may set an all-time record for such requests. Although it appears - we are told - that the high water mark has just been passed.

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BLAENAU FFESTINIOG

*The new Prince of Wales - off and running today like a candidate for political office. Touring his principality - by boat - car, and helicopter. Stopping at a number of towns with tongue-twisting names such as - Llandudno - Llanwrst - Betws-y-Coed - and, ~~the~~ Blaenau Ffestiniog. Seeing - and being seen - by the people he has pledged to serve. At times - plunging into crowds to shake hands, leaving his security guard also shaken.*

*Along the way - a ~~the~~ bomb scare or two; but the Prince - apparently fearless. And his subjects greeting his every appearance with \ cries of: God save the Prince of Wales! God save the Prince of Wales! At least one Welsh lass adding: "He's a smasher!"*

TOKYO

*For Emperor Hirohito of Japan - a rare public appearance today and rarer still a brief speech.*

*The Emperor addressing some thirty thousand - including about twelve thousand Americans - at a Tokyo convention of Lion's Club International. Praising the Lions - for their "contributions to the welfare of society; as well as their contributions to friendship - between all peoples.*

~~*As might be expected*~~ *The Emperor's remarks drawing a standing ovation. - A Lion's roar for the Mikado.*

BRUSSELS

Here's one - sounds like an army enlisted man's dream -- or maybe nightmare. Anyway, specialist Fourth Class Joseph Holmes of Orlando, Florida - ~~that's~~ Corporal Holmes <sup>that means</sup> to you and me - driving down a Belgian road in dense fog; headed for his post at Nato Headquarters - near Brussels when suddenly out of the gloom - he spotted three - count 'em - three -- four star generals - trying to hitch a ride. The trio including U S Air Force General Horace Wade - British Army General Sir Robert Bray -- also Supreme Allied Commander in Europe Lyman L. Lemnitzer.

What had happened? <sup>Their</sup> ~~it turns out the General's~~ helicopter had been grounded by the fog & enroute to an important Nato meeting.

<sup>So-</sup> ~~any~~ would Corporal Holmes be ~~the~~ so kind as to give them a lift? To which he replied - <sup>warren</sup> ~~he would. And he did - and~~ he didn't say "oh fellows?" ~~won't that be something to write home about.~~



*A note to nudists and sun bathers:*  
~~What with the first big summer weekend nearly~~

~~upon us and sun bathers sprouting everywhere~~ this  
~~next is especially timely.~~ ~~the~~ University of Michigan  
dermatologist Dr. William Taylor - warn<sup>s</sup>~~ing~~ against the  
danger of too much sun. A circumstance that can lead  
said he - to skin disturbances such as lupus erythematosus -  
or maybe pre-malignant horny excrescences -- not to  
mention porphyria cutanea tarda - or perhaps even -  
acute sun burn.

If that doesn't deter you - maybe this will.

Doctor Taylor further warning that the effects of the sun's  
rays - are ~~the~~ "cumulative over a lifetime;" which  
means "it is not only how much exposure you acquire in  
one year - but how much you have had since childhood.  
And for that reason - said he - today's "sun goddess"  
can expect to arrive at middle age - "as wrinkled as a  
prune or covered with blemishes," ~~from all that~~

*At any rate don't we all want*

*avoid lupus erythematosus? & s-l -*