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On the Space Front - America's ~~amazing~~

^{tonight} Mariner-6 continues ~~to~~ close ^{in on ~~to~~} ~~tonight on~~ Mars; pouring back

a torrent of information - as it approaches a point barely

two thousand miles from the planet's surface. In a matter

of hours now ^{will it tell answer} ~~hopefully, answering~~ the question of whether

Mars is capable of supporting life as we know it? Probably
not. But Mariner-6 is delighting the scientists.

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SAIGON

Richard Nixon ^{visits} ~~comes to~~ Saigon - as you no doubt have heard by now. The President today becoming the first U. S. Chief Executive - ever to visit the capital of embattled South Vietnam. His brief stay including talks with South Vietnamese President Thieu - followed by a glittering Palace reception; and later - an inspection tour of a nearby U. S. infantry base.

Along the way - the President saying: "We have gone as far as we can or should go - in opening the door to peace, - **I** it is time now for the other side to respond." While talking to the troops - he added: "Out here - in this dreary, difficult war - I think history will record that this may have been one of America's finest hours; because we took a difficult task - and we succeeded."

PAT FOLLOW SAIGON

At the same time - First Lady Pat Nixon was ~~also~~
~~doing her bit~~ visiting an orphanage in Saigon - where the
children shouted "Long live Mrs. Nixon." ~~Also~~ touring a
military hospital at Long Binh - where she cut short an
official briefing; telling officials, "I don't really want to
learn about the hospital - I want to see the boys" - which
she then did.

Madame Thieu - who accompanied the First Lady -
later calling the Nixon visit a great moral ^e booster. Adding
of Pat herself - "she disregarded the dangers to come here."
To which Mrs. Nixon replied: "I was protected."

VIET CONG FOLLOW PAT

As for Communist reaction - that was perhaps predictable. Viet Cong radio asserting tonight that the President's visit to Vietnam - proves his desire to intensify the war. Adding that it was further "an insolent challenge" - to those "who are struggling to overthrow the Thieu regime - in order to bring back peace." So say the Viet Cong.

BANGKOK FOLLOW VIETCONG

Meanwhile, the Presidential party ~~is flying~~ ^{has flown} back to Bangkok tonight. The President winding up his stay in Thailand - with dinner at the stately residence of Thai Prime Minister Thanom Kittakachorn. After a good night's rest - heading next for New Delhi and what promises to be another ~~long~~ ^{unusual} reception.

Up at Boston - Senator Kennedy makes a judgement. Announcing today - he will not resign his Senate seat. Adding that he intends, instead, to return to Washington - there to resume his full official duties. Basing his decision - said he - on the "expressions of confidence" he has received from the people of Massachusetts.

Looking ahead - the sole surviving Kennedy brother - went on to say - he will also run for reelection to the Senate in Nineteen Seventy. In the process though - apparently ruling out a Presidential bid in Nineteen Seventy-Two. Teddy Kennedy saying that if re-elected to the Senate - he "will serve out his entire six year term."

Defection in London. Russian writer Anatoly Kuznetsov - asking for and receiving political asylum today in Britain. The British home office saying his application was approved personally - by Home Secretary James Callaghan. Thereby solving the mystery of Kuznetsov's disappearance from his London home - some two days ago.

Although principally a novelist - the forty year old writer has been working lately on a biography of Lenin. That's what brought him to London - to research the London phase of Lenin's career. Of his earlier works though - most were concerned with the imperfections in Soviet life. Kuznetsov's novels winning public acclaim - but setting off a running battle with official censors.

HORSHAM

From Horsham, England - the story today of a legal name change. The name in question - that of Fred Hogsflesh; a young fellow who says he didn't mind all the jokes and teasing - while he was growing up. But now that he's planning to get married - said Fred - he just couldn't see his wife being called Mrs. Hogsflesh.

End result - Fred Hogsflesh taking as his new name - that of his bride-to-be, Miss Mamreen Casewell; who will now become - instead of Mrs. Hogsflesh - simply Mrs. Casewell. ~~and~~ all's well - that ends well.

Warren would you say

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Norwegian explorer-adventurer Thor Heyerdahl -
a guest of U-Thant today at the United Nations ~~today~~ in
New York. Bringing along his crew of six from that
papyrus boat - the Ra - which he sailed ^{almost} ~~across~~ across the
Atlantic. U-Thant noting that the group included - besides
the Norwegian - an American, an Egyptian, an Italian, a
Russian, a Mexican and an African. Telling Thor Heyerdahl:
"You have exemplified with your crew - the very Genesis
of the U. N. Charter." Adding: "Your achievement and
purpose was a tremendous boost to the United Nations - and
to the concept of humanity and our planet as one."

Incidentally, it's beginning to look as if the Ra
might still make it to the New World - all on its own.

Latest reports placing the abandoned craft ^{nearer} ~~to the north~~
~~hundred miles off the coast of Barbados.~~ While it appears
^{to Davy Jones}
ready to take the final plunge at any moment - nevertheless
managing somehow to stay afloat.