

SPACE

Thurs. Mar. 6, 1969 ✓

Surprise in space - as you no doubt have heard.

Astronaut Rusty Schweikart recovered, and reinstated his cancelled walk in space, stepping out on the so-called "front porch" of his Moon bug - and promptly announcing "boy oh boy, what a view!"

More important - the next thirty minutes or so - proving a flawless test of Schweikart's new Moon suit, same outfit the first U.S. lunar explorers will wear, water cooled "long johns" and all, performing perfectly in the broiling sun. The new equipment and new techniques for moving about making this one of the easiest and the best space walks ever. At one point - Schweikart reporting: "We're all taking pictures of everybody taking pictures."

Later another T. V. special. Showing Schweikart

reading - Jim McDivitt eating, both in the Moon bug.

*Also a shot of Dave Scott - through the window of his
attached command ship. For Scott - his first ~~appearance~~
appearance in the "Apollo Room". After his wife had
complained in jest about "equal time".*

WILD BLUE FOLLOW SPACE

U.S. space officials have been trying for years - to dispel the popular image of U.S. space men soaring off into "the wild blue." An astronaut's job calls for cool, calculating professionalism - they say. And so it dæ s. But it's still exciting up there in the darkness - the void of space - as witness the Apollo Nine's first conversation this morning with ground controller Smokey Roosa.

Commander Jim McDivitt first up - saying - Good Morning Smokey, how you doin'? Roosa's reply - "real good, real good - and how are things in the wild blue?" McDivitt firing back "wild and black!"

PARIS

In the face of continued Red terrorist attacks in Vietnam - a short circuit today at Paris. South Vietnam 's Pham Dang Lam - cutting short a seventh session of expanded peace talks; moving for a sudden adjournment - after listening to another Communist tirade against Saigon, the Allies in general, and President Nixon in particular.

Lam's action following an earlier warning from South Vietnamese Vice President Ky - that Saigon might pull out of the talks altogether. However, U S Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge ~~insisted~~ insisting "this was "definitely not" a South Vietnamese walkout. Quoting Lam as saying merely - there is not now "a proper atmosphere for discussions of peace."

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

~~Half a world away~~ In Saigon - U N

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird was saying much the same thing today. This on arrival in the South Vietnamese capital - for the start of a six day fact finding tour. Melvin Laird echoing the President's warning of "appropriate response," if the Communists keep up their current offensive. Adding on his own - "we will not tolerate - continued enemy escalation of the war."

Next question - oddly enough, about the possibility of future U S troop withdrawal. The Defense Secretary replying, "our desire is a prompt peace - our object is to bring this war to an end." But this he went on - is not "the time to be discussing troop withdrawals;" not "when we are in the midst of an escalation - by the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong."

FORT DIX

Here at home - at Fort Dix, New Jersey

~~a~~ turncoat ~~gets his due.~~ ~~With~~ Army Specialist

Fourth Class ~~Edwin~~ Edwin Arnett - sentenced today

to four years at hard labor, ^{as well as} ~~also~~ a dishonorable
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discharge as the nation's first soldier convicted of

deserting in ~~the~~ Vietnam and seeking asylum in

Sweden. He finally wanted to come home. Now
he pays for "taking it on the lam."

TECOLUTA

At last! Marine biologists apparently confirming today - the discovery of a bona fide sea monster - whose carcass washed ashore at the Gulf Coast town of Tecoluta, Mexico. Its description - like something out of a nightmare. The "monster" said to be thirty feet long and eighteen feet wide - with an armored plated, serpent-like body, jointed so it could swim. Weighing about thirty-five tons all told - including a ten foot tusk protruding from its head - the tusk weighing nearly a ton itself.

What is this thing? Perhaps a distant cousin of the narwhal, it was thought. The narwhal - a species of whale with a similar type long single ivory tusk. I have one given to me by Arctic explorer Admiral Donald Macmillan. Marine biologists are now saying they are unable to match this carcass - with any sea creature known to man.

^{Could}
~~Could~~ it be then - a relic from the age
of dinosaurs -- a sea serpent perhaps preserved till
now in Arctic ice? ~~If it is - what a find!~~

STATE COLLEGE

*For President Nixon and his wife Pat - a brief
and melancholy journey today to State College, Pennsylvania,
to attend the funeral of President Nixon's uncle - Dr.
Ernest Nixon, a younger brother of the President's father
who until his retirement - a professor of Agriculture at
Penn State. He was eighty-five.*

forced to devalue the franc.

GOLD

Paris ~~again~~ - another gold rush, ~~today~~

12 Sending the price soaring to a record ~~forty~~ ^{forty-seven} ~~and~~ ^{and} ninety two an ounce. This following the call for a nationwide general strike next Tuesday - first such work stoppage since last June. Raising anew the possibility - that President DeGaulle may yet be forced to devalue the franc.

RACINE

Racine, Wisconsin - a local grade school principal gets to the seat of the problem - so to speak. Richard Goetsch recently warning a number of pupils - once - twice - to stop throwing snowballs and hurting others. The third time - deciding on corporal punishment. Spanking each of a hundred and seventy youngsters - with a wooden paddle.

Community reaction - mostly good, ~~but~~

~~Goetsch reports, today,~~ though not entirely. The

principal admitting ^{as he does} ~~he now~~ faces ~~the~~ law suits totaling

nearly a hundred thousand bucks. Huh! Good Luck, Prof. ^{Warren} ~~Goetsch~~ I took several lickings when I was in school ^{again at home} and they did me nothing but good.

COLUMBUS

The nation's first R O T C program for co-eds officially launched today at Ohio State.

Colonel Robert Moody - a professor of aerospace studies - he's in charge, and calls it a long-awaited break-through in Air Force officer training.

"Another step: said he "toward equality between women and men."

After the "wild blue" and the "wild black" will we now have the shocking pink?