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The story today

From Apollo Twelve - out of this world;

in fact, "out of sight" - as the ~~youngsters~~ say -

Astronauts Pete Conrad and Al Bean setting down their

"Intrepid" lunar lander, ~~smack dab~~ in the Ocean of

Storms, exactly as planned. Indeed, less than six hundred

feet from their primary target - that old Surveyor Space

Craft that soft-landed on the moon nearly three years ago.

~~Thereby~~ Thereby scoring another major success in lunar

exploration - the first of many that were soon to follow.

Except for a few minor difficulties - including a failure

of a TV camera - ~~a real bell-ringer of a mission.~~ *it has been a great great success so far,*

Happiest of all about that - the two Moon men

themselves - ~~carefully~~ bubbling with enthusiasm throughout.

When he jumped the final three feet from spacecraft to

lunar surface - Pete Conrad - the shortest of the

astronauts - observing: "Man, that may have been a

small step for Neil Armstrong but it's a long one for me."

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Later on, Conrad humming happily at times - chuckling
gleefully as he savored the thrill and delight of carrying
out his assigned Moon tasks. Likewise Al Bean who said
"I whistle while I work" - and ^{then} whistled a few notes to
prove it. [¶] They're back in the spacecraft now - safely
~~is~~ bedded down for some well earned sack time. The
same for Dick Gordon, circling overhead in the command
ship - the Yankee Clipper. [¶] There's more to come -
including another Moon walk in just a few hours. The
voyage of Apollo Twelve - less ~~than~~ dramatic than Eleven
maybe - but still, another giant step for mankind.

WHITE HOUSE

Japan's Premier Sato - ~~a caller today~~ at the
White House, ^{Today,} Getting a cordial welcome - from President
Nixon; who noted that the return of Okinawa - is "the
biggest issue pending between Japan and the U.S.; who
added, nevertheless, that his parley with Sato - "will
very probably be the most successful talks" the two
countries have ever held. Sato observing, for his part,
that a resolution of the Okinawa question - could "lay
a foundation" for Japanese and American friendship for
years to come.

After that, the key men adjourned to a private
discussion - that lasted nearly two hours. The White
House calling it - a "very constructive meeting; also,
"productive - but not yet concluded;" which means,
hopefully, an agreement will be reached when the two
men meet ^{again} tomorrow.

SENATE

Elsewhere in Washington - the Senate gave final congressional improvement ~~today~~ - to President Nixon's requested draft lottery bill. The measure immediately sent to the White House - where the President is expected to sign it shortly. The new bill, in effect - paving the way for ~~immediate~~ induction of nineteen year olds first; if it works, as planned - thereby exposing a man to the draft for only one year - instead of a possible six years - as at present, ^{at} the same time - a promise today from Senator Stennis - Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. A promise that his panel will hold extensive draft hearings - some time next year. But whether this will ever result in any additional draft reforms - hard to say. ^{Sen} Stennis observing: We cannot make any guarantee, of course, at this time.

SAIGON

The start of a new "winter campaign" in Vietnam -- readily apparent in casualty ~~figures~~ figures for the past week we are told today. A preliminary estimate ~~is~~ setting the number of enemy dead - at more than five thousand; as compared with South Vietnamese losses set at some six hundred - and American losses said to be the highest in nearly two months.

Meanwhile, the U S command in Saigon was taking its official note ~~of~~ of that alleged massacre of South Vietnamese ~~victims~~ civilians. An Army spokesman saying the reported death toll - five hundred and sixty seven -- was greatly "exaggerated". Beyond that though - he said merely that an investigation is continuing/~~is~~

MILAN

From Sicily to the Alps - ^{that} nationwide general
strike ^{was on} today clear across Italy; the tie-up involving an
estimated fifteen to twenty million workers -- in
~~part~~ practically every line of endeavor. For the most
part - a peaceful protest against ~~po~~ spiraling rents and
a ~~direful~~ ^{shocking} housing shortage.

However, the demonstrations were to take a
deadly turn at Milan, - when a band of about three
thousand anarchists attempted to invade a union rally.
Police who were called to the scene - battling the
anarchists for nearly two hours. The casualties including
eight demonstrators who were injured -- also, some
fifty policemen, one of whom died later from ^{head}
wounds.

PARIS FOLLOW MILAN

While all this was going on in Italy - more of the same today in Paris; where Communist workers called a twenty-four hour strike - occupying and sealing off briefly the city's main electrical plant. This causing many a Frenchman to awake this morning - cold and shivering in a darkened house.

In the end, though - riot police smashed their way into the occupied plants; using heavy ~~car~~ trucks - and in one case at least - a bulldozer - to break through the striker's defenses. Then - a brief scuffle - the strikers routed. And Paris once again - the ~~fabulous~~ fabled City of Lights.

LONDON

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The worst killer disease in the U S - of course, cancer. In Britain, though, ~~was~~ something else again. More than thirty thousand Britons dying each year from chronic bronchitis, believe it or not a disease in theory, at least - largely preventable. Thus, the explanation for a massive educational campaign - begun today at the British Medical Association. The drive including public distribution of ~~an~~ millions of copies of a new booklet - entitled, "how not to get bronchitis."

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First and foremost, a bit of advice: If you wake up in the ~~morning~~ morning with a cough - stop smoking; you already have a mild case of bronchitis - and ~~then~~ continued smoking is nothing more than "slow suicide." Another tip - keep your bedroom comfortably warm - and keep that window closed. The booklet further advising ~~the~~ Britons to avoid, in particular, foggy weather - or very cold, damp weather." Although that - in Briton, ^{Warren} ~~is~~ easier said than done.

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LOS ANGELES

A final note on the flight of Apollo Twelve -
comes today from Los Angeles. Police there reporting
a sharp drop in crime - during the time of that lunar
landing and subsequent Moon walk. For a few brief
hours - the quietest "peak crime" period in recent L.A.
history. A fact duly noted by the ^{city's} ~~city's~~ acting night
chief of police - who further observed - we should have
Moon walks more often - ^{it's a great} ~~it's a great~~ great deterrent to crime.