

Friday, July 2, 1971

HOUSTON

*Houston Doctors today were reporting the first isolation of a human cancer virus in laboratory experiments. This said to provide "a tool of great potential for investigation of the role of viruses in human cancer - and perhaps even for vaccination studies."*

## CAUSE FOLLOW MOSCOW

*Non-Soviet Communist sources report tonight that the three Cosmonauts died of embolisms, the result of air bubbles in their blood caused by a sudden depressurization of their spacecraft; which probably occurred when their descent module separated from their service module. This indicating they were not wearing space suits at the time - but only coveralls. If true, a fatal error.*

## MOSCOW

*The guns of mourning resounded across packed Red Square today as the ashes of Russia's three Salyut cosmonauts - were enshrined forever in the Kremlin wall, the Soviet Pantheon of heroes.*

*Soviet Communist Party leader Brezhnev - Premier Kosygin and President Podgorny - were the three who bore the funeral urns to their final resting place. Passing them along to Russia's nineteen surviving cosmonauts - also to U S Astronaut Tom Stafford - who helped set them in place.*

*Observers noting it was clearly Brezhnev who seemed almost overcome. As he turned at last from the wall - weeping openly. It had been he who guided Russia's space program from the first Sputnik right up to the present.*

## **PENTAGON**

*By order of Defense Secretary Laird - a Pentagon crack down today on security practices; starting out with the withdrawal of all classified documents still held by the Rand Corporation of Santa Monica, California. This on the grounds that apparently it was Rand where those celebrated Pentagon papers were leaked.*

*Secretary Laird also revoking Rand's right of "special access" - to cryptographic material, intelligence data and other "special files." Asserting that "lax security practices among defense contractors - can no more be tolerated than lax security within the Pentagon itself." All of which is said to presage a general tightening up of security checks - at all non-government locations where classified materials are held.*

**STATE FOLLOW PENTAGON**

*Elsewhere in Washington - the ~~the~~ State*

*Department announced ~~today~~ the start of a new  
mid-east peace offensive; with two U S diplomats  
scheduled to fly to Cairo this weekend; to present a  
series of proposals to Egypt's President Anwar  
Sadat. This - we are told - marking "a definite  
new initiative by the U S - to play a more active role  
in trying to bring the two sides together.*

## UNEMPLOYMENT

*On the U S economic front - a sharp, dramatic drop in the nation's unemployment rate; according to government figures announced today - for the greatest single month's decline in the jobless rate - in nearly a decade.*

*But the Labor Department says it could be because the survey was taken very early in June - when many potential job seekers were still in school.*

*The figures show an increase in total employment of some seven hundred and seventy thousand jobs.*

**DALLAS follow UNEMPLOYMENT**

*In the same optimistic vein - Treasury Secretary Connolly today was telling a Dallas audience: "There is evidence that the inflation which peaked in the late Nineteen Sixties is now easing." "We have every reason to be pleased - with the progress we are making," said Connolly.*

CALCUTTA

# RETAKE

*From India's West Bengal State comes a report that cholera is spreading. Now averaging more than three hundred and fifty new cases a day; and the death rate - about sixty a day. Most of the victims refugees from East Pakistan. Doctor Pandet Saha saying: "The need of the hour is not inoculation now - but tarpaulins; in fact any type of cover to protect the refugees from the monsoon rain."*



## **MONTEREY**

*In the skies over Texas - another airliner  
hi-jacking today; with a man and a woman - taking over  
a Braniff seven oh seven; forcing the pilot to fly to  
Monterey, Mexico -- where they collected a hundred  
thousand ransom after setting free a hundred passengers.  
Next stop: Trinidad.*

## **FORT WORTH**

*At Fort Worth, Texas a youth evangelism conference held in conjunction with the State Baptist convention.*

*Speakers including the seventeen year old son of the Baptist President - a prominent San Antonio clergyman; who told his fellow teen agers how he had used marijuana, mescaline and L S D - tried to commit suicide twice, and later was sent to a school for unmarried pregnant girls and drug addicts. The youth saying: "I was happy as long as I was stoned - I loved L S D." But then came the light - said he - and "I blew off L S D and turned on Jesus."*

*Former Pro football player Bill Glass, chairman at the meeting, told the crowd: "If you don't think sin is fun - you just don't know the right sin."*

## WEDDING

*Fort Worth again - the wedding of Mr. and Mrs.*

*Gary Lucas - with the ceremony barely over when the groom slipped out a pair of handcuffs; clamping one end on his wife's wrist the other on his own; later announcing he had thrown away the key.*

*The handcuffed newlyweds attending their own reception and wedding party - and then off to Acapulco, still inseparable, Warren.*

## HOUSE OF LORDS

*It happened in London - in the British House of Lords.*

*At first, a mere trickle of water from the ceiling. And then*

*- a sudden torrent; practically flooding the public galleries -*

*drenching tourists - and also, dampening a few Peers of the*

*Realm.*

*All because someone on the roof turned on a fire*

*hydrant. Said his lordship Admiral Earl Jellicoe - "I'm*

*all at sea about this."*