

*From Cape Kennedy - an encouraging two word summary today: "No problems." The count down for the flight of Apollo - Eleven - proceeding without a hitch. We are told the outlook for Wednesday's scheduled blast-off couldn't be better*

*Meanwhile, Astronauts Armstrong, Collins and Aldrin were completing their last major medical examination. A three-and-a-half hour checkup - by no less than seven physicians; who later reported the three space men - "in good spirits - their physical state good; in short - "ready for flight"; as ready as can be. So the great moon landing adventure is coming closer, closer with every passing moment.*

## BORMAN

*One of America's foremost trail-blazers in space - Colonel Frank Borman - commander of the first space craft to circumnavigate the moon; who expresses the opinion today - that people are taking the flight of Apollo-Eleven too much for granted. Astronaut Borman saying the man-on-the-moon flight - has about "an eighty per cent chance of success"; good odds - but still risky; mighty risky!*

*In the next breath though - Colonel Borman himself predicts that the flight of Apollo-Eleven "will be a success for all mankind;" as he put it; that "should bring wonderful results - for all people of the earth." Further looking to the day when space travel to distant planets - will become fairly routine; as soon - said he - as we solve a few pesky problems - such as the need for, better food, more elbow room and some form of space entertainment.*

*On the latter score - Colonel Borman suggesting with a smile - that future spacemen might take wives along. Hah!*

*There's an idea that seems almost certain to catch on.*

*Observers noting that there's many a man - who would like to send his wife to the moon.*

## WASHINGTON-PARIS

*Here at home - President Nixon came out four-square today - in support of President Thieu's call for free and open election in Viet Nam. The President calling Thieu's plan for Viet Cong participation - one that "deserves the support of all who seek peace in that tortured land." And he added - "if the other side genuinely wants peace - it now has a comprehensive set of offers which permits a fair and reasonable settlement."*

*But from Paris: The Thieu proposal flatly rejected. A spokesman for the Communist peace delegation - calling it a "perfidious maneuver" on the part of Washington and Saigon; with the sole purpose to deceive world opinion.*

**VIET NAM**

*As for Viet Nam - all quiet on the fighting front - or nearly so. Allied troops telling of a virtual standstill in enemy ground action - over the past twenty-four hours.*

*However, U.S. Intelligence thinks the lull - may be just about over. Reports of increased communistic resupply and training activity may herald another major summer offensive - soon.*

*Expected target - the city of Tay Ninh - astride a main infiltration route - northwest of Saigon.*

LONDON

London - a meeting today between top U.S. and British diplomats which was said to reflect a fear of major Israeli reprisals - in the wake of recent Egyptian commando raids across the Suez Canal such as the attack last night - reportedly Egypt's most successful to date.

Later, the British foreign office - calling <sup>in</sup> the Ambassadors from both Israel and Egypt. Warning that any additional escalation of the mid-east conflict - could well torpedo a new Russian-American peace effort.

## OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA

*That Cuba bound Soviet Naval Task Force passed within Three-Hundred miles of the Florida coast today. Closest to the U. S. Mainland that Russian warships have ever operated. An approach calling forth massive surveillance - by U. S. ships and planes.*

*The Soviet flotilla - bound for Cuba. Ostensively, to celebrate Cuba's revolution July Twenty-Sixth - also, Russian Navy Day - July Twenty-Seventh. However, U. S. officials are calling it, obviously, one more step - in Russia's attempt to establish a naval presence around the world - same as the U. S.*

## CAPITOL HILL

*On the domestic front - Congress was presented today - with a sweeping new anti-crime program - i.e. for the nation's capitol. In the words of its chief architect - Attorney General John Mitchell - an attempt to establish a "firm but even handed approach" in the quest for law and order.*

*Including a provision for pre-trialed detention of so-called "dangerous" criminals - search and seizure without notice in certain specified circumstances - broader wire tapping authority - ~~stronger~~ tougher sentences for narcotics violators and multiple offenders - also, clear authorization for on-the-spot citizens arrest.*



**BOSTON**

*Up at Boston - a Federal appeals court today reversed the anti-draft conspiracy conviction - of famed baby doctor, Benjamin Spock. Also that of Harvard graduate student Michael Ferber. Ordering both men freed permanently, on the grounds that they had a perfect right to criticize the draft - "even though the effect of their criticism was to interfere with the Viet Nam war effort."*

## **EAST OF MARTINIQUE**

**Somewhere in the Atlantic - about a thousand miles due East of Martinique - the Ra rides high today. Thor Heyerdahl's semi-water logged papyrous boat - riding out a rough sea-stormy weather. According to latest reports - covering forty-eight ~~more~~<sup>miles</sup> in her westward drift across the sea.**

**We're all rooting for you Thor. Keep your funny looking boat coming!**

## PASADENA

*Being in Texas - as I was yesterday - is something like being in a distant land. The visitor from afar - finds himself simply overwhelmed with hospitality. And so it was not until late last night - that I learned of the passing of an old friend - Herbert Hoover, Jr.*

*The end - as you may have heard - in a hospital at Pasadena - where he made his home in recent years. Indeed, he was our camp captain in the California Redwood Forest - where I've spent a part of so many summers - and where I'm headed even now - to the Russian River. Herbert Hoover, Jr., was the eldest son of the late President Hoover. In his own right though, an extremely independent, highly talented, and successful geologist and geophysicist - modest, retiring, an eminent man in his own right, who will be sorely missed by all who knew him. His father, the President lived to a great age. Herb Hoover, Jr. only age Sixty-Five. A young man - in the prime of life. And so-long-until-Monday.*