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(Bohemian Grove)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

First high -- then low -- round and round they go. --

Astronauts John Young and Mike Collins of the Gemini Ten

-- in tandem orbits with the Agena target rocket. Today

completing a series of space acrobatics -- wrapping up

their first twenty-four hours in space.

Their own fuel in short supply -- the astronauts now

using rocket power from the target satellite; kicking them-

selves into lower orbit from a record four-hundred-and-

seventy-four mile penetration into space; to make ready for

Mike Collins' first -- extra vehicular activity.

A later report has come that Collins' walk-into-space

-- scheduled for tomorrow -- has been scrubbed because of the

fuel problem. Then, later this is promptly denied -- at

Houston, the space officials there.

## VIETNAM

Captured American pilots are not prisoners of war. They are war criminals -- therefore can "be tried in accordance with Vietnamese law." This statement was made today by Tran Do Binh -- North Vietnamese Ambassador to Red China -- in a news conference in Peking.

Next question: "Will the American pilots be tried -- and, if so, will they be sentenced to death." To this -- no comment.

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Meanwhile, a narrow escape for two platoons of U.S. Marines -- near the border between North and South Vietnam. The Marines -- only some ninety of them -- beating off a human wave assault by more than a Thousand crack Viet Cong. Massive air and artillery support -- finally enabling the Leathernecks to reach safety.

Casualties on both sides -- called heavy. The Marines have already killed some Five Hundred of the enemy in that area; in five days of fighting. Their biggest single operation of the war.

## **WARSAW FOLLOW VIETNAM**

In Warsaw - uniformed Polish troops today joined civilian  
rioters - in a stone-throwing attack on the U.S. Embassy. About Five  
Hundred of the demonstrators - <sup>eventually</sup> ~~finally~~ breaking through the iron gates  
of the Embassy grounds. Attempting to storm the Embassy itself -  
before they were met and turned back by American Marines.

U.S. Ambassador John Gromouski later lodging a strong protest -  
with the Polish Foreign Office. This the second <sup>Polish outburst</sup> ~~attack~~ against the-  
U.S. policy in Vietnam -  
American Embassy in Warsaw - in less than a month.

## WILSON

Russian scowls at the official talks -- gave way to Russian smiles today at Moscow airport. Soviet Premier Kosygin heading a cheery delegation -- in a warm send-off to visiting British Prime Minister Harold Wilson as he headed for home.

Back in London though -- the Prime Minister admitting that his peace mission to Moscow -- was less than a success. Wilson telling the Commons -- that there has been no change in the general position of the Soviet government on Vietnam. "Neither was there any sign of an early move toward a conference or any form of negotiation" -- said he. Prime Minister Wilson later meeting with his Cabinet -- to finalize a stiff new austerity program; aimed at stabilizing -- the shaky British economy. Full details -- expected tomorrow.



## HOLLAND

The highest ranking red Chinese official in the Hague -- today ordered to leave the Netherlands -- get out within twenty-four hours. Li En-Chiu -- charged-affaires of the Red Chinese legation -- blamed for the week-end death of the visiting technician from Peking. Soon after the order -- Li was whisked to the airport in a diplomatic car. There boarding a flight to Moscow.

As he left -- members of his staff burning bundles of papers -- in the backyard of the Chinese legation.

The victim -- Lu Chang-Hsu -- was found Saturday in critical condition -- on the doorstep of the Chinese Third Secretary of the Hague. Taken to a Dutch Hospital for treatment -- he later was removed bodily by a group of Chinese; one of whom spat on him as they drove away in a big car.

Dutch officials later informed -- that Lu had died at the Chinese Legation. Why, or how, he was killed -- still a mystery.

## PRESIDENT FOLLOW WILSON

Speaking of fiscal policy - President Johnson layed it on the line today - to members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Warning the legislators that if they keep voting money, he doesn't want - they will leave the administration with a sorry choice next year. A choice between a heavy deficit - or else a tax increase.

The President noting that Congress has already added a billion dollars - to the budget he sent to the Hill in January. Asserting that other measures still pending - could add anywhere from five to six billion more. Not to mention the possibility of another big money bill next year - to finance the war in Vietnam.

At the same time - the President disclosed that the federal deficit for fiscal nineteen sixty-six - was only two point three billion dollars. ~~Not exactly peanuts, to be sure, but far~~ less than expected.

## SICILY

This next from Agrigento - on the Isle of Sicily. An ancient city that once defied Carthage and later Rome. Subject at last - to the ravage of time; what was once its greatest strength, now its greatest weakness.

The city built on the side of a steep incline <sup>— almost a cliff —</sup> - stretching a Thousand feet to the Mediterranean; which made it virtually impregnable in times of old. ~~Except that~~ Erosion has finally undermined the slopes below Agrigento - <sup>with</sup> and the hardrock on which it was built - sliding slowly into the sea.

The danger suddenly apparent today - when ~~Two~~ buildings under construction came tumbling down <sup>—</sup> in a pile of rubble. <sup>Then</sup> The entire southwest corner of Agrigento — ~~quickly~~ joining in the collapse. Streets and buildings slipping wide open. Thousands of residents of the stricken area - fleeing their homes in panic.

At last report - main roads and rail lines all but impassable, <sup>with the</sup> City population of about Fifty Thousand - virtually isolated from the surrounding countryside.

## BOMB

On the remote, uninhabited, island of Mururoa -- a few hundred miles from beautiful Tahiti -- France today exploded the second atom bomb in its current test series. Number Two a plutonium bomb; said to be "considerably more powerful" -- than the one detonated on July Second.

Four more such explosions -- still to come. The series to culminate in September -- with the detonation of an A Bomb made with enriched uranium. The French hoping for eventual tests of their first hydrogen bomb -- sometime early next year. What a shame Warren, to disturb glorious Tahiti with an H-bomb -- Warren.



## OMAHA

From Omaha, Nebraska - the story today of discovery of a new and deadly disease. An ailment - causing steady deterioration of the human heart - found almost exclusively - among heavy beer drinkers.

Dr. John Sullivan of Creighton University - reporting at least forty recent cases of the mysterious disease - in Omaha alone. Sixteen of the victims - eventually dying. With similar outbreaks of the disease - reported in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Quebec, Canada.

One suspected cause a cobalt solution - added to beer in tiny amounts by some brewers - to give the product a "stable head." ~~END~~

Whether it's cobalt or not - Doctors are convinced from the evidence - that beer-makers must be doing something wrong.