

The flight of the X-15 today -- was a temperature test -
Air Force Major Bob Rushworth, taking his rocket plane up -
fourteen miles. Reaching the "top" of his flight arc - then
hurtling down at more than three thousand miles an hour.
Three times - the speed of sound.

Outside, the fuselage reached a temperature of -
one thousand degrees Fahrenheit. ^{and} The tail surface - one
thousand, two hundred and fifty degrees. Highest ever - for
the X-15. So hot, the edges of the plane - began to glow.

~~The special paint scorching~~

The pilot was saved by - his insulated cockpit. ~~And -~~
his pressurized flight suit. ^{Test Pilot} Bob Rushworth, saying he felt
right at home, surrounded by an inferno, - as he flashed through
the sky over the Mojave.

ATOMIC

The sixth announcement by the Atomic Energy Commission - is as laconic as usual. The A.E.C. merely stating - that we have touched off another nuclear device in the Pacific. Number Six in ^{the} our series - at Christmas Island. The fifth airdrop - of an intermediate-size atomic bomb. Equal in explosive force - to about a hundred thousand tons of TNT.

SUB

Said the First Lady - "I christen thee U.S.S. Lafayette. Then Mrs. Kennedy smashed a bottle of champagne on the bow - and our newest Polaris submarine slid into the water. One more historic launching at New London, Connecticut.

The name of the sub explains why the French Ambassador was on hand. "Lafayette" - symbolizing the ^{glamorous} French Marquis who ~~fought~~ served under Washington during the American Revolution. The sub, also symbolizing, in the words of Ambassador Alphand - "the continuing alliance of France and America."

The "Lafayette" weighs - seven thousand tons. She can stay submerged at sea - for months at a time. And most important of all, this nuclear sub carries an array of - Polaris missiles. ~~The~~ Navy's leading deterrent.

MARS

The question of whether life exists on Mars, may soon be answered by - "Mariner B." Sounds nautical rather than astronautical - "Mariner B." But according to Dr. Edgar Cortright of the National Space Administration, that's what we are going to call - our first space ship to the nearest planet.

Dr. Cortright, describing this planned flight - at a space conference in Seattle. He says that "Mariner B" will ride across the solar system - aboard an Atlas-Centaur rocket. The rocket - speeding on toward the sun. Ejecting a capsule - when it gets within the gravitational field of Mars.

The capsule will spiral down - with its TV camera relaying pictures of the surface of the planet. "Mariner B" telling our scientists whether that belt of green across Mars - really is vegetation. Whether those lines that show up on a telescopic plate - really are the canals of Mars that we used to hear so much about.

RUSK

The word in Canberra, Australia - "Anzus." A contraction of the three words - Australia, New Zealand, United States.

On the New Guinea problem, with which Australia is directly concerned-today Secretary Dean Rusk agreed that Russian aid to Indonesia is something to worry about. Khrushchev, giving arms to the Indonesians - for an assault on Dutch New Guinea. Raising the threat of a future assault - on Australian New Guinea.

LAOS

The news from Laos mentions a geographical triangle bounded by three points - with almost unpronounceable names. Muong, Nga - Muong Sai - Nam Tha. This triangle in northern Laos - is where the Red guerrillas are ~~fighting~~ striking. Sending their troops to attack loyalist forces - in defiance of the cease-fire. And some of the ~~groups~~ aggressors are said to be - so-called "volunteers" from Red China.

The danger, so great - that the American Secretary of Defense is taking a first-hand look at Laos. And - at the rest of southeast Asia. Secretary McNamara, in Bangkok - with General Lyman Lemnitzer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff. McNamara and Lemnitzer, sounding out the leaders of Thailand -
ways and
about ~~raising~~ means of saving the smaller nations from Red China.

BERLIN

The administration says it intends to go right ahead with negotiations over West Berlin. The State Department, giving an answer to Chancellor Adenauer - who has been sniping at our talks with the Russians. Adenauer, insisting - they've achieved nothing and why continue them?

Washington replies that America has made a tremendous effort - to save West Berlin from the Reds; and our people have a right to expect - that everything will be done to reach an accommodation. Hence we intend to keep talking - to the Soviets.

However the State Department emphasizes - no American retreat from West Berlin! Our rights - are still basic. We just hope for - an easing of the tension.

KENNEDY

President Kennedy, as ^{we} you know - has been insisting that industry must hold the line on prices. Today, the President went to Atlantic City - to expound the other half of his economic equation. Asking the United Auto Workers - to hold the line on wages. In short, ^{Time says he} Mr. Kennedy wants responsible bargaining - between labor and management. Responsible to - the nation. Unions and industries, to do their bit - to curb inflation. And help - strengthen the dollar. *is his theme*

song on this.

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PRIMARIES

Five states are involved - in today's primaries. And so are some familiar figures - of American political life.

The most famous name - Taft. You could guess that the state is - Ohio. Robert Taft, Jr. - attempting to follow his late father into Congress. ^VBidding for the Republican nomination - to the House.

Also in the buckeye state - a fight for the governorship. Mike DiSalle, opposed by Mark McElroy - who entered the race when DiSalle said he wouldn't run again. McElroy, staying in - when the Governor changed his mind.

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GENERAL MOTORS

General Motors is picking up where it left off - a quarter of a century ago. Back in Nineteen Thirty-Nine, G.M. had a spectacular - extremely popular exhibit - at the New York World's Fair. Futurama - remember? Today, the Chairman of the Board presided over ground-breaking ceremonies - for the coming New York World's Fair. Frederic Donner, promising something - futuristic - way beyond - Futurama. A super-Futurama. An exhibit of technical advances - that make Nineteen Thirty-Nine seem prehistoric. Last time, General Motors in New York - drew thirty-five thousand spectators a day. This time - Dick - they hope to double that figure.

BIRTHDAY

In Hazoo County, Mississippi - Mary Guess is preparing to celebrate her birthday. The point being that Mary has already celebrated - a hundred and four of them. She was born in Eighteen Fifty-Seven -- which makes her exactly a hundred and five. Her earliest years were spent - in a slave state. Now she's living in a state - feeling the pressure of integration.

Mary admits that she's always been fond of - tobacco and whiskey. Her recipe for longevity - "never worry, be thankful, take your time." That's what she's been doing - for more than a century.