

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tragedy in space. The story today from Moscow -- as you may have heard; telling of the death of veteran Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov -- in the first of Russia's "Third Generation" of space vehicles.

What went wrong? Tass reports only that Komarov's giant space ship -- became entangled in its parachute cords -- after re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere -- causing the craft to plummet four miles -- to Earth.

Later reports indicating, however, that Komarov was in deep trouble -- as early as his fifteenth orbit around the Earth; with his ship still tumbling out of control -- when he was finally able to begin his descent in the eighteenth orbit.

This end-over-end tumbling -- supposedly fouling the spacecraft's giant parachute; at the exact moment when it

should have opened wide to insure a gentle landing.

Vladimir Komarov -- thus the first known spaceman to die in actual flight. His sacrifice touching off national mourning in the Soviet Union on a scale equal to that for Josef Stalin.

America's too, joining in tribute to the fallen Cosmonaut. President Johnson, at Bonn -- calling the death of Komarov "a tragedy which all nations share;" while the forty-seven remaining American astronauts -- were sending a joint telegram of condolence to the Soviet Union.

U.S. Space Chief James Webb -- further expressing a hope -- that Komarov did not die in vain; that some benefit may yet come -- from this and the recent U.S. Apollo One tragedy.

Webb also suggesting that "the lives already lost" -- might have been saved; if there had been "full and effective space cooperation" -- between the United States and Russia. Webb adding, in effect, there is still time for such cooperation -- before more lives are lost.

## KOMAROV

Apart from International considerations -- the grim irony of Komarov's death lay in his great courage; his will to pursue a career in space -- even after doctors had ordered him grounded.

According to Tass -- Komarov developed a heart condition early in his training; and it was decided finally -- to drop him. But he refused to give up -- submitting to delicate surgery to correct the heart trouble and catching up with his flight group -- less than five months after the operation.

Among his colleagues -- Komarov was known as the most studious of the Cosmonauts; also as an ideal family man.

ADD KAMEROV

Shortly before he took off -- Kamerov expressed the hope this would not be his last space flight. His dream -- said he -- to take off again on "new flights of space exploration -- for the benefit of all mankind."

A brave man mourned tonight on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

## VIETNAM

On the war front -- another step up today in Vietnam. With American bombers striking for the first time -- at two of the five MIG jet ports in North Vietnam. Blasting enemy aircraft to smithereens -- as they sat on the runways at Kep and Hoa Lac.

The mission described as one of "limited strikes;" a warning that MIG airfields are no longer "off limits."

Meanwhile, big American B-Fifty Two's were also striking today at North Vietnam -- for the first time in months. The super bombers blasting enemy troop concentrations -- just north of that phonily demilitarized zone.

HONG KONG FOLLOW VIET NAM

A related item--from Peking via Hong Kong. To the effect that mounting U. S. air strikes against North Viet Nam--are causing new strains in Red China's deeply divided leadership.

The story based on weekend reports from Peking--quoting President Liu in a new stand. Chairman Mao's arch rival--supposedly pressing now for a reduction in Chinese aid to North Viet Nam. With Mao--on the other hand--pressing for more aid to Hanoi.

All this-- underlining once again the importance of the current Red power struggle--as it affects the future of Southeast  Asia.

NEW YORK

Here at home--General ~~William C.~~ Westmoreland was the main speaker today--at a newspaper publishers meeting in New York. The U. S. Commander in Viet Nam ~~there~~ criticizing what he called--"the unpatriotic acts" of anti-war demonstrators. Acts--said he--dismaying to U. S. servicemen--as they face "some of the bitterest fighting of the war."

"orse--said General Westmoreland--the possibility that anti-war demonstrations may well lengthen the war--rather than shorten it. This--said he--because they give the enemy false hope. Hope that "he can win politically that which he cannot accomplish militarily."

## RHONEDORF

President Johnson at Bonn today conferred with West German Chancellor Kiesinger prior to the arrival of other world leaders.

The President later traveling to Rhonedorf -- to pay his respects to the family of the late Konrad Adenauer. While -- tens of thousands of Germans were filing past the late chancellor's coffin; as it lay in state at the eight-hundred-year-old Gothic cathedral -- in nearby Cologne.

## NEWPORT BEACH

From the Douglas astro-power laboratory in Newport Beach, California -- news today of a revolutionary electronic device. Part of a new data processing system -- that "sees" the way a pigeon sees.

What's so great about that? The fact that a pigeon's eyes -- separate and sort out images before relaying them to the brain; leaving out non-essential images. Especially suited to radar defense warning systems. Pick up inbound missiles; while ignoring outbound aircraft.

The pigeon-eyed computer to turn a would-be attacker -- into a clay pigeon.

Wish I had time to tell you about another exciting event in the Wasatch Mountains yesterday. There are two types of jumping in the ski world: One, with which you are familiar, off a mathematically engineered structure. You have all seen this on T.V. Jumpers using special long wide skis. Then -- there is what we call the terrain jump, or galendesprung, off cliffs and over obstacles that you may come upon unexpectedly. This on ordinary skis.

Yesterday they had a galendesprung meet at Alta, with more than a hundred professionals and amateurs taking part. For amateurs there was one encouraging note: Two amateurs made much longer jumps than any pro.

In this competition you come down at high speed, and go off a lip that sends you much higher in the air than the jumps with which you are all familiar. But, like in other phases of life, the unexpected can happen. And one jumper, Bill Hanley, a moment after he hit the take off found

himself upside down high in the air, skis pointed toward the sky; and a moment later he landed right in the middle of -- the judges, knocking them over like ten pins, knocking himself cold, and sending one judge spinning down the hill. Rarely, if ever, have there been more spectacular episodes in the exciting ski world.

But then Alta is a place where you can expect the spectacular, Warren.

# HOLLYWOOD

Latest word on mini-skirts -- comes today from famed fashion designer Oleg Cassini. Reporting from Hollywood that skirt lengths are going to go still higher -- and stay there awhile -- before they start down again.

This -- said Cassini -- because "for the first time in history -- fashion is being created for the young; and not for the rich -- as always in the past." All to reflect the young point of view."

Where will the limit be! Oh well, so long until tomorrow.