

In the flight of Apollo Fourteen - a tentative
"green light" today - as you ^{probably} ~~may~~ have heard by now.
Space officials at Houston - weighing all the tests
in the wake of that apparent docking mal-function ~~and~~
coming to the conclusion time and again ~~that~~ whatever
was wrong it's right now. Apollo Mission Director
Chester Lee finally announcing: "We are proceeding
with every intention - of making a full lunar landing
mission". The same message ^{had been} ~~quickly~~ relayed to the
~~men of Apollo Fourteen.~~ Astronauts
Alan Shepard, Stuart Roosa and Ed Mitchell ^{have} ~~later~~
passing ^{ed} the half-way point on their voyage to the moon.
Apollo program manager ^{Jim} ~~James~~ McDivitt - saying
"everything appears to be perfectly normal;" ^{and} adding ~~that~~
there's no reason "to suspect anything - except a
nominal mission from now on."

INDO CHINA

Getting back to earth - the war news from

Southeast Asia; ~~marked today by~~ a Communist report
~~about~~ telling of a threatened invasion of Southern Laos;
an invasion to be led - it was charged - by "tens of
thousands" of U S , South Vietnamese and Thai troops
~~and these~~ massing ~~even now~~ now ~~said~~ the Communists -
just across the border from Laos. ~~But reaction~~ From
Washington and Saigon - ~~simply~~ no comment.

→ In the meantime ~~the~~ Communist forces ^{were} stepping up
their attacks on U S positions in South Vietnam. In
one assault - near Chu-Lai - killing seven U S service
men- ~~this the~~ heaviest loss in a single U S ground
action - in more than six months.

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At the same time Marvin ~~ex~~ Kalb, our State Department correspondent, says ~~that~~ there have been reports of such a Laotian operation around the State Department and the White House. But if such an operation had begun, news organizations were observing an embargo on confirmation from South Vietnam itself.

Senate

President Nixon's new treasury Secretary designate -- the target of a newspaper "expose" today. John Connally, Jr. allegedly accepting payments from a private foundation with extensive oil and gas holdings - while serving as Governor of Texas. These payments - for past services - said to have totalled nearly a quarter of a million. All of which ^{has} ~~prompted~~ prompted a reaction from the Senate Finance Committee - which now says it plans to reopen tomorrow its hearings on the Connolly nomination.

~~Reverse side~~ ^{But} the White House ^{says all} ~~stating that~~

"this was aired publicly and discussed quite thoroughly - when Connolly was confirmed for Secretary of the Navy back in Nineteen Sixty One. The White House adding: "We were and are aware of it - and assume that because it is a matter of public knowledge and was discussed at that time - it is entirely appropriate."

CAIRO GAZA CITY

In the Middle East - Cairo - a report today
that Egypt has turned down flat - Israel's latest
Mid-East peace plan. And this - we are told - because
it does not include a firm commitment - for Israeli
withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands. ^{It} Meanwhile
Arab terrorists were setting off a bomb today -
one time home of Samson and Delilah.
in the main post office in occupied Gaza City. ^{The}
blast injuring some sixty including several persons
later reported in serious condition. ^{It} This ^{also} followed
in the wake of two ~~in~~ Israeli retaliatory raids - into
Southern Lebanon. ^{As for} ~~And~~ the outlook for another ~~in~~
extension of the current mid-East cease fire ^A now
scheduled to expire this Friday, ^{isn't too favorable.} ~~well, it's not good.~~

MOSCOW

~~It~~ ^{over} opened ~~today~~ ^{today -} in Moscow [^] a new institute
for management; ~~which will~~ ^{one to} serve as a kind of "finishing
school" for the men who run the Russian economy.

Soviet Premier Kosygin - who presided at ^{the} dedication
ceremonies - ^{saying} ~~saying that~~ the institute will also serve
as a "think tank" for top level Soviet managers. ~~And so,~~

^{Is this} ~~it appears~~ [^] another giant step in the "Americanization"
of Soviet business and industry? Seems to be.

AGNEW

Washington again - a meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General, hearing today & from Vice President ~~Spiro~~ Agnew; who departed from his prepared text - long enough to blast the idea of lowering for blacks, the standards of admission to law schools. The Vice President saying: "When you tear down the Standards of admission - you have unqualified people placed in positions of responsibility they can't handle - ~~It~~ ^{is} wrong" ~~and~~ he added. ~~that~~

"The result could be - to lower our standards of justice."

WASHINGTON

~~Elsewhere in Washington - the formation of a~~

Q ~~new committee of one-hundred was announced - a so-called~~ ^{in Wash., a}
"jobs for veterans committee". Its members including
seven cabinet officers - among them "Labor Secretary
James Hodgson; who said the committee will undertake
a rush assignment - to improve the job market for
returning U S veterans; especially the million or so
men - expected to end their tours of duty over the
next twelve months.

ATLANTA

Atlanta, Georgia - a successor today to the late Senator Richard Russell. ~~Follow by the name of~~ David Gambrell - a forty-one year old Atlanta attorney who also ^{is} Chairman of the Georgia Democratic party. ~~This~~ ^{so} announced - by Georgia's new governor, Jimmy Carter. With Gambrell now expected to seek a full term ~~at the~~ ^{next election in which} ~~as of next year~~ ^{He will} ~~doubtful~~ face a tough primary ~~though - likely~~ ^{with} ~~opponents~~ opponents including former Georgia Governor, ^a now Lieutenant Governor, Lester Maddox.

PENN STATION

At New York's famed Penn Station - the completion of a new routing procedure today, ~~Permitting~~ for the first time a direct link between the Boston to New York turbo train - and the New York to Washington Metro Liner. These two ^{rather} ~~ultra~~ modern trains - now providing seven hour service between Boston and Washington; ~~and thus a foretaste of -- it would seem of that~~ ^{we all hope of the} new nationwide rail network ~~we~~ we've been hearing so much about.

STOCKHOLM

From Stockholm ^{comes} a report ~~today~~ that Russia's controversial Nobel prize winning author of last year - ~~has~~ has finally arranged for the disposition of his cash award. Alexander Solzhenitsyn -- you will recall - the little man who wasn't there at the award ceremony - thanks to the Kremlin. However, the Nobel Foundation saying that Solzhenitsyn seventy-eight thousand ^{dollars} plus - has since "been placed in a bank account at his own request." Exactly where - we are not told; but what with Solzhenitsyn facing possible expulsion from Russia -- could ^{it be - Dan Robertson -} ~~be - Dan Robertson -~~ a Swiss account?

CHICAGO

Here's one - a study of growth patterns in American children, as reported ~~today~~ in the current journal of the American medical Association. The study showing that U S youngsters - age six|to eleven - have increased in average height about ten percent over the last ninety years, while also increasing in weight ~~an average of more than fifteen percent.~~ an average of more than fifteen percent.

The study goes on to say that American children - are "among the largest" - if not the largest - in the entire world. In effect - we are told - the U S fast becoming a true life - "land of the giants."