

Wed. Apr. 19-72.

"Hello Houston"! Sweet Sixteen has arrived!"

The message sounding loud and clear - across a quarter
of a ~~million~~ million miles of space. Mission Commander

John Young announcing the ~~safe~~ arrival of ~~Apes~~ Apollo

Sixteen in lunar orbit; ^{saying this} ~~going to~~ just as the ship emerged

once again into ~~dark~~ brilliant sunshine - after a brief

- they call it -

"burn" [^] on the back side of the Moon. It's brakes -

working perfectly. Space Rookie, Charles Duke later

exclaiming. "Hey Babe, this is really the Moon."

The most ~~is~~ awe-inspiring sight I've ever seen," he

went on. "Like an orb just hung out there - in the middle

of blackness." Tom Mattingly adding that he, too,

could "make out all the features on the thing." ~~and~~ So,

another miracle of ^{this space age} ~~the age~~ - man on the moon - ^{again -} ~~soon to~~

~~begin~~ as soon as the Orion module touches down.

GULF OF TONKIN

Off the coast of North Vietnam - another Gulf of Tonkin incident as you may have heard by now. Enemy Migs and high speed patrol boats - attacking warships of the U S ~~see~~ Seventh fleet damaging at least one of the U S vessels, also wounding at least four American sailors.

This ~~marking~~ the first time ~~that~~ ^{for} enemy Migs ~~have ever~~ ^{to} played a role in such an attack. Their main purpose - up to now - that of attempting to thwart U S air strikes against the Communist North. In any event, the U S destroyer Sterett - today exacted ^{ed a} ~~a heavy~~ toll ^{for this;} Downing one of the Migs, sinking two of the patrol boats.

MOSCOW

Vietnam not withstanding - the President's
scheduled mission to Moscow ^{seems to be} ~~is apparently still~~ on. At
any rate, ^{the} White House advance team ~~is~~ ^{ed} arriving today
in the Russian capital. Under the direction of Air Force
General Brent Scowcroft, ^{in Moscow,} ~~completing~~ final arrangements
for the President's trip, ^{are being made.} General Scowcroft saying: "We're
confident we will have a successful visit."

LONDON

From Britain's Lord Chief Justice - Lord

*Widgery - who served as a one man court of review - comes
a final report today on Northern Ireland's "bloody Sunday".*

*Lord Widgery ruling that the death of thirteen civilians -
was triggered by the firing of a single sniper bullet.*

*In the melee that followed - said he - "soldiers who
identified armed gunmen - fired upon them in accordance
with standing orders."*

*Lord Widgery also noting: "Each soldier was
his own judge ~~of~~ whether he had identified a gunman;
and some showed more restraint in opening fire - than
others." But the fact remains - said he - "there ~~was~~
~~is~~ would have been no deaths - if those who organized that
day's illegal march had not thereby created a highly dangerous
situation."*

*Lord Widgery further observed that the troops
in question - had already "been subjected to heavy stoning*

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for upwards of half an hour." Adding, indeed, that failure to respond to the final analysis would have posed a grave threat to future law and order."

WHITE HOUSE

From the White House ^{came} a report ~~today~~ that
D.C.'s
Washington's crime rate - has been cut in half since
President Nixon ~~took office~~ took office. A spokesman
adding that Washington used to be called -- "the crime
capital of the nation;" where now - said he - "it's called
the street ~~lighting~~ lighting capital of the nation."

SUPREME COURT

One of the ~~nation's~~ top conservation groups -
was told today, in effect, to "butt out". This - by a
four to three vote of the Supreme Court; barring the
Sierra Club from interfering in the development of a Walt
Disney ski center - at California's Mineral King Mountain^{area.}
Justice Potter Stewart - who wrote the majority opinion
observing that - plaintiff had demonstrated no individualized
harm; either to itself - or its members. ~~For now - at least~~

~~case closed.~~ So, it now looks as though the
Disney people - Willie Schaeffler and all
the rest, will soon be busy in the spectacular
Mineral King region which may become a paradise
for skiers.

LOS ANGELES

~~Reverse side - an announcement today from~~

The Atlantic-Richfield ^{people announce} ~~that it~~ plans to phase out about a thousand of its advertising billboards the nation over.

Company President Thornton Bradshaw == explaining that this goes beyond the requirements of the National Highway beautification act, - ~~we~~ "we feel strongly - said he - "that we must make this contribution - toward improving the attractiveness of the ~~national~~ natural scenery along streets and roads across the country."

TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - Israel celebrated today
it's twenty-fourth independence day. While rather low key
this year - the festivities, nevertheless ^{did} including a
naval review and a parachute drop in the Mediterranean.
More than a ~~third~~ third of a million - ~~jamming~~ jamming the
beaches of Tel Aviv to watch the show.

Along the way - a series of broadcasts by
Israeli leaders; ^{with} Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan, Abba Eban
and others all calling for peace talks now to end the
current mid-East impasse.

TOKYO

Vice President Spiro Agnew will visit Japan -
for five days next month. So announced today in Tokyo.

The Vice President to represent the U S - ^{at} ~~in ceremonies~~
^{ceremonies}
May Fifteenth marking the return of Okinawa to Japan.

Tokyo calling this - "very significant and appropriate."

KATHMANDU

From Kathmandu ^{- capital of Nepal - Shangri-La -} ~~near the roof of the world~~

^{comes} a dispatch ~~today~~ telling of another attempt to scale Mount Everest, ^{do it} the hard way. This by means of the mountain's treacherous - and as yet unclimbed - southwest face.

We are also told that the current expedition - includes members from Germany, Austria, Britain, Spain,

Switzerland and Iran; Because of differing life styles,

attitudes and techniques, ^{all this could mean} ~~a factor that could lead to~~

~~serious~~ complications. "

At last report, ^{the international group had} ~~though the party established~~

a base camp at an altitude of twenty-two thousand, four hundred feet. So far - so good; but ^{toughest part is} ~~the worst, of course,~~

yet to come. As you know the fabled Goddess of Mountains

soars to the world's loftiest peak - ~~attaining~~ an altitude of more

than twenty-nine thousand feet and that means about a mile

and a half, ^{vertical} still to go. - ~~nearly straight up~~

And from Kathmandu, let's turn to Mad Parew. Big pardon - I mean to you -

SAKARYA

The search for a new Premier of Turkey - led reporters today to ~~the~~ the village of Sakarya, about a hundred miles from Istanbul. There they found a former judge, a former finance minister - since turned farmer. Ekrem Alican - age fifty-five, apparently one of the few men - still acceptable to Turkey's ruling military clique.

If he was honored though - Alican managed to hide it, ~~pretty well~~. He told reporters: "Go away! - leave me in peace!" ^{Ekrem} Alican adding: "All I want to do - is farm."