

Thursday, April 20, 1972

SPACE ONE

**First - salute to CBS radio station W E L M -
Elmira, New York today celebrating its twenty fifth
anniversary on the air.**

**And now - the latest on the flight of Apollo
Sixteen from CBS space headquarters in New York - my
colleague Reid Collins.**

**This to be followed by a space insert of
approximately one minute.....**

AN LOC FOLLOW SPACE

And so it goes ^{out there} in space. Now - the rest of the news:

In the fighting in Vietnam - ^{there has been} another all-out attack on the city of An Loc; ^{It began} ~~starting out~~ with an enemy shelling barrage - said to have been the heaviest of the entire war; ^{followed by} ~~and then~~ a tank-led human wave assault.

The Viet Cong - apparently attempting to keep pace with a self-proclaimed deadline; attempting to make ~~an~~ An Loc their first provisional capital --

^{do it today. But,} ~~before the day was out,~~ At last report ~~though~~

the city still holding. U S air support - including eight strikes by big U S B-52's helping ~~to~~ stem the tide. ^R Back in Saigon - another casualty report.

The number of American combat deaths over the past week, ~~coming to~~ twelve; the same as the week before.

But, South Vietnamese losses ^{are given as} ~~set at~~ more than

a thousand, a new record; ~~with~~ enemy losses ^{put at} ~~totaling~~

*more than seven thousand - the highest since the
TET offensive of Nineteen Sixty-Eight.*

HOUSE FOLLOW AN LOC

Here at home - with elections coming - congressional reaction to U S war policy continues to split along party lines. A House ~~is~~ Democratic caucus voting two to one today - to condemn the latest U S bombing attacks against North Vietnam. The Democrats also called on The House - to take up within thirty days - a bill demanding an end to U S involvement "in and over Indo China."

It might be well to note though ^{that} both measures were opposed by House speaker Carl Albert - and House Majority leader Hale Boggs, ^{both} top Democrats. The ~~Democrats~~ ^{House} also ^{did} ~~pass~~ later on - by an even ~~but~~ bigger margin [^] a resolution condemning North Vietnam for invading South Vietnam.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW HOUSE

Reaction to all this - from the White House - a charge today that the Democrats are "trying to have it both ways." Press Secretary Ron Ziegler ~~also~~ saying: "Words and resolutions are very inadequate weapons ~~in~~ stopping a brutal armed aggression." And he added dryly: "I am referring, of course, to the North Vietnam aggression."

PARIS FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, the suspension of peace talks in Paris ^{was} leaving the Communist side with nothing ~~better~~ to do, so Hanoi's Xuan Thuy ^{was} again condemning ^{the} U S bombing attacks in terms ~~partly~~, ~~at least~~ strikingly similar to those used ^{in Washington} by the House ~~Dem~~ Democrats.

^{there seemed to be} But that done ^{an} indication that Hanoi's ^{may be} resolution ~~is perhaps~~ wavering. ^{That is,} ~~At any rate,~~ Xuan Thuy dropping ^{ed} an earlier demand for a U S bombing ^{do it} halt ^{prior} to the ~~resumed~~ resumption of peace talks. He now says the Communist side is ready to return to the ~~bargain~~ bargaining table - without any pre-condition.

HELSINKI

For the second time this week - a
cancellation of scheduled Salt talks at Helsinki.
Today's session falling by the wayside with the
explanation that Russia's chief negotiator was still
in Moscow for consultations. Conference sources
also said - same as before - this has nothing to do
with Vietnam; which means if there is any hidden
significance - ~~well, we'll just have to wait and~~
don't know what it is.

~~see~~

SENATE

As promised - White House aide PETER
Flannigan appeared ^{voluntarily} ~~freely~~ today - before the Senate
Judiciary ~~Committee~~ ^{to} ~~Committee~~ Answering a number of
questions & with regard to his ~~own~~ role in the ^e
~~controversy~~ I T and T controversy. ^{Young} Flannigan insisting
at one point ^{that} he was "merely assisting another
over-worked public servant; meaning - Richard
McLaren -- the ~~then~~ then head of the Justice Department
Anti-Trust Division.

Next question: "Did you have any interest,
personal or political - in what kind of conclusion"
was re[^]ached? Flannigan replying: "I did not."

There was more to come though. A number
of Democratic Senators - attempt^{ed} to launch ^{what} ~~an~~
you might call ^{a probing} ~~a "sitting"~~ expedition? Whereupon,
Flannigan - refus^{ed} to answer, Citing an agreement
worked out between the committee and the White House -

limiting the scope of his testimony. ~~Flannigan~~ ^{And Peter} Flannigan's
stand ^{was} promptly upheld by committee chairman James
Eastland.

SUPREME COURT FOLLOW SENATE

The U S system of checks and balances -
was also at issue today before the U S Supreme
Court. Case in point - dealing with publication
of those secret "Pentagon papers" - by Senator *Mike*
Gravel of Alaska.

Solicitor General Irwin Griswold -- attempting
to pierce the traditional cloak of Senatorial immunity;
seeking permission to summon before a grand jury -
one of the Senator's key aides. Gravel's attorney-
refusing, however, to yield; ~~as such~~. Arguing the
Senator's immunity from questioning would be useless -
if those who worked for and with him could be asked
the same questions.

~~And now~~ ^{now, with} It's up to the court _λ a ruling ==
expected shortly.

LEEDS

Another progress report in the battle against air pollution - comes today from Leeds, England; where a new fleet of experimental busses - was recently put into service. These - battery powered vehicles virtually noise-less -- ~~at~~ indeed a hundred percent success except for one thing.

~~So~~ Pedestrians complaining they're ^a too quiet; often sneaking up on the unwary - leading to a ~~few~~ few

near misses. All of which would seem to ^{be solvable by} ~~call for~~

~~the~~ installation of horns, bells, or ~~possibly~~ clangers, or a soft wolf whistle. However, Leeds'

~~At~~ ~~but~~, local bus manager Tom Lord ~~is~~ also

a foe of noise pollution as well as air ~~pollution~~ pollution.

~~He has~~ ^{He has} ~~therefore~~ ^{ed} instructed his engineers - to come up with

some new type of warning device. "What we need" -

said he - "is something subtle but audible."

A lute, perhaps? ^{Any suggestions, Warren?} ~~Well, it's better than~~

~~a harp.~~

NEW DELHI

By order of India's wild life board -

~~By~~ "Project Tiger" was officially launched today at New Delhi. "Project Tiger" aimed at saving from extinction - the fabled Indian tiger. This by means of a strict licensing for hunters - also, a ban on the ~~sale~~ export of tiger skins. Officials noting that India's Tiger population - totalled ~~about~~ ^{around} forty-thousand ~~in~~ just a few years ago ^{and now is} ~~estimated at~~ ^{estimated at} ~~for~~ ₁ barely two thousand. ~~and~~ So, ~~Master Stripes~~ ^{Master Stripes} once ~~feared~~ ^{feared} by man - now saved by man, we hope.

If you want to read all about tigers - why not get a copy of my new book, Burma Jack, a number expert on the tiger!