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MOON

The challenge of the moon - once again met and conquered today, if only briefly. Astronauts Gene Cernan and Jack Schmitt - scoring a bullseye landing on the lunar surface, as no doubt you've heard by now. Setting down perfectly in the Taurus-Littrow region - on the southern rim of the Sea of Serenity. Up there - and down here, too - a joyous moment.

"We is here, man, is we here!" cried Mission Commander Cernan. "Absolutely incredible" - said Jack Schmitt - "the epic moment of my life." And then he added: "Oh, man, look at that rock out there!" To which Cernan replied, "Incredible!" The flight of Apollo-Seventeen - the last Apollo - continuing the most trouble-free in U.S. space history.

Once down, the two astronauts quickly beginning preparations - for their first venture onto the lunar

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WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon today conferred with Treasury Secretary George Schultz. The latter - then holding a news conference; disclosing the President will ask Congress to extend the current wage-price controls, - beyond April Thirty of next year. Adding that the President has also decided to freeze salaries - in the Federal Executive ~~Branch~~ Branch, Congress and the Judiciary.

These decisions are "mutually interdependent and supportive" - Schultz went on. Further reflecting - said he - the President's "strong determination - to maintain the fight against inflation in the strongest way possible."

DOLE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The President also met today - with Senator Dole of Kansas; who later announced - that he was resigning as Republican National Chairman; to be succeeded in that post - by George Bush, the present U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Dole explaining that he hadn't been "pushed" out - but rather felt it best for all concerned. This - following a "very frank" discussion with the President. Dole noting that he himself will be a candidate for re-election to the Senate - in Nineteen-Seventy-Four.

The Senator observed, what's more, that George Bush is a Texan - the same as Robert Strauss, who was just elected Democratic National Chairman Dole adding: "We believe our Texan - can beat their Texan."

PARIS

On the peace front at Paris - another secret bargaining session today. Same as before, the main delegations headed by Henry Kissinger for the U.S. - and Le Duc Tho for North Vietnam. But also taking part for the first time - U.S. Ambassador William Porter, the chief U.S. negotiator at public talks; and his Communist counterpart - Xuan Thuy.

At the same time, a French radio station - quoting a remark attributed to Chou En-Lai in Peking. The Red Chinese leader reportedly saying - a cease-fire agreement could come "within two or three days."

KANSAS CITY

Kansas City - Harry Truman remains in serious condition tonight. Doctors reporting that "his cardiac situation - continues to show irregularity in rhythm." But he's taking medication for that - also, taking nourishment. Doctors adding - his lungs are now free of congestion.

Equally important perhaps - the patient is still in good spirits. When asked by his doctor how he felt today - the former President saying: "I feel all right." When asked whether he hurt anywhere - Mr. Truman replying in a word: "No."

CAIRO

From Cairo - a report today that Egypt plans later this month to return to civilian life - an estimated thirty-seven thousand conscripted servicemen. This, if true - expected to lead to quite a hassle. Egyptian military and civilian dissidents charging only yesterday - that Egypt had failed to prepare itself "for battle with Israel."

Meanwhile, in Western Lebanon - another brief skirmish between Lebanese forces and Palestinian guerillas; the third such clash in as many days.

MOYNIHAN

*The new U.S. Ambassador to India - Harvard
Professor Daniel Patrick Moynihan. So announced / - at
the White House.*

*Pat Moynihan - an Assistant Secretary of Labor
in both the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. Later
serving as special adviser to President Nixon - on domestic
matters. Now assigned the task of helping to heal the
breach - between Washington and New Delhi.*

*A spokesman for the White House adding that the
President "is, of course, gratified - that Moynihan will
be rejoining his Administration."*

UNITED NATIONS

*At the United Nations - a vote today apparently
wiping out for now - a Western move aimed at getting
a worldwide anti-terrorist treaty. The General Assembly's
Legal Committee - ordering instead a study of the
problem; results - to be reported to next year's Assembly.*

SHARH-SOKHTA

The discovery of one of the world's earliest and best-preserved cities - is reported today from Southeastern Iran. Sharh-Sokhta - they call it; a city originally founded - nearly five thousand years ago; at its height - a thriving metropolis; complete with masons, coppersmiths, weavers, potters and dyers - and even cutters of precious gems, local and imported.

All this - according to Dr. Marizio Tosi, who heads a combined Italian and Iranian archeological team. Dr. Tosi and his colleagues - digging their way through a heavy layer of salt, sand and clay. Sharh-Sokhta - when they finally found it - said to have been preserved "like pickles in a pot." Items recovered including vast amounts of pottery, baskets, ropes, dyes, textile and wooden objects - also, twenty-five thousand stone tools. In Dr. Tosi's words - "a whole incredible collection of crafts - that we had supposed forever lost."

BONN

At Bonn - a woman has been named for the first time - titular head of the West German Bundestag. Anne Marie Renger getting her new job - by a majority vote of her fellow-members in the West German lower house. These including only thirty women - out of a total membership of nearly five hundred.

Surprisingly though, Frau Renger was promptly condemned - by a number of West German women's libbers? Why? For allegedly discriminating against women - same as all the men.

SINGAPORE

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore - currently on tour in Europe. In Lee's absence, his Number Two man, Goh Keng Swee - serving as Acting Prime Minister; and now - in his first public pronouncement - setting off quite a stir.

Goh lashing out at those he called "wogs" - which stands for "Western Oriental gentlemen." The male "wogs" - said he - mainly "the brainless young - who follow Western fashions and wear long hair;" while "wog women wear mini-skirts and nylon stockings" - he continued - "and think they look smashing." Goh adding that the government should "reverse this trend" - lest Singapore become "a nation of wogs."

However, the reaction to Goh's remarks - especially on swank Orchard Street - anything but favorable. Indeed, the general tenor - perhaps best expressed by a young mini-skirted office girl. Miss Mary Tan asserting that Goh or no - "I'll wear what I darn well please."