

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

"Look, Ma -- no hands!" They would have said it -- Astronauts Pete Conrad and Dick Gordon -- for that's just the way they came in. Today's landing of Gemini-Eleven -- completely automatic -- for the first time in the history of space exploration.

Better still -- right "on the button" -- as you have doubtless heard by now. Gemini-Eleven hitting the Atlantic -- barely two and a half miles from the Carrier Guam. Safe aboard in twenty-four minutes -- for the fastest recovery yet. Space officials calling the landing -- in short -- "the best one we've ever had."

As for Spacemen Conrad and Cooper -- who came back with a whole sheaf of new records -- they ~~were~~<sup>were</sup> still in perfect shape. A doctor aboard the Guam reporting "they look better than I do." Next stop -- Cape Kennedy for preliminary debriefing; then home -- to Houston.

## HOUSTON FOLLOW SPACE

Back in Texas - the flight so flawless - that it called for an obvious question. The wives of the two astronauts quickly asked: "What'll they do for an encore?" The answer -- equally obvious: How about "a trip to the Moon?"

A bit too soon - for that, perhaps. Nevertheless, a decision today to extend the flight of Gemini-Twelve <sup>next</sup> ~~text~~ month from three days to four. The extra time to be used in another cartwheeling experiment with an Agena target satellite - such as that accomplished by ~~Gemini~~ Gemini-Eleven.

Reason - said Space Leader Dr. George Mueller - because "it's so interesting", the more so - no doubt - if it proves a truly effective means - of creating artificial gravity.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW VIET NAM

*Here at home - a warning today from visiting President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines; A warning to Congress that the United States is in grave danger - of losing its battle for a free Asia.*

*Marcos declaring that American military power - in Viet Nam and elsewhere in Asia - is the only force "great enough to deter" Chinese aggression. Adding, however, that American might - must be handled delicately; to avoid ~~that~~ what he called the "unpardonable offense to an Asian" - ~~that~~ of making him lose face.*

VIET NAM

Another massive amphibious assault today -  
in South Viet Nam. About fifteen hundred U S Marines -  
hitting the beach near that supposedly demilitarized zone -  
between North and South, ~~As~~ part of a two-pronged attack -  
aimed at trapping a full division of North Vietnamese  
troops. A second force of Marines driving the Communists  
ever north - hopefully, right into the pincers.

About two hundred miles to the south - in the  
Central Highlands - the first big ground battle in days.  
U S Air cavalrymen in hot pursuit of an enemy force -  
when they ran into a ~~Communist~~ <sup>Viet Cong</sup> ambush - and had to fight  
their way out. American casualties - not disclosed.

~~However, Communist~~ <sup>Viet Cong</sup> losses for the day - reported as  
thirty-three dead - seventeen captured.

AN KHE

This next - a ~~fact~~ tale from An Khe in South Viet Nam. American air cavalrymen today reporting the capture - of four Communist entertainers. Two men and two women -- singers, dancers and actors, who were touring secret Viet Cong battle camps - entertaining the troops - U S O - style.

The two men - saying they were drafted for the job. One of them bringing along his wife - the ~~third~~ third member of their little troupe. As for the other woman -- she confessed that her husband - who is also her agent - had booked her for the job in the South; while he remained safely at home - in Hanoi.

~~American reaction: That's show biz.~~

BETHESDA

A fateful and heart-rending ~~no~~ decision today - at Bethesda, Ohio. State Safety Experts ordering an end to rescue operations - aimed at reaching three men trapped deep within a soft coal mine. Thereupon sealing the mine in hopes of putting out a fire - still raging inside.

Chief of the State Mines Bureau saying it was "absolutely certain" -- that the trapped men were dead. Continued rescue efforts - said he - would "only endanger the lives" of others needlessly.

One of the trapped men - William Adams of Barnesville, Ohio -- who was outside the mine when the fire first started. Adams running in and alerting fellow workers - twelve of them following him to safety.

~~However~~ <sup>Then</sup> Adams returning <sup>ed</sup> to the mine - when he learned that the ~~other~~ two <sup>men</sup> were still inside. - He never returned.

DJIBOUTI

Q <sup>at 10</sup> Thousand of French Foreign Legionnaires

descended today - on the native districts of Djibouti in French Somaliland. Battering down doors - and taking hundreds of prisoners; in a house-to-house round-up of Black Africans - suspected of taking part in recent anti-French riots.

Meanwhile, <sup>until</sup> in Paris - President DeGaulle

~~finally~~ finally conceded - that France is willing to grant Somaliland its independence. But this - said he - ~~was~~ only if its inhabitants ask for independence - "in a democratic way" - meaning - presumably - in a plebiscite.

UNITED NATIONS

*At the United Nations - Secretary General U Thant today flatly rejected concerted efforts - to draft him for a second term in office. U Thant repeating his decision not to seek re-election - when his current term expires November Third. Asserting that member nations are wasting their time - in trying to get him to change his mind. They would do far better - said he - with a little more effort to find his successor.*



SANTO DOMINGO

*American soldiers in the Dominican Republic - at combat alert tonight, following the overnight killing of two American soldiers - stationed in Santo Domingo.*

*The victims identified as P F C Ricki Kreitzman of Reeseville, Wisconsin - and Corporal George Ford of Greenburg, New York. Both assigned - to that inter-American peacekeeping force. Shot in the back by terrorists - who fled in a speeding car.*

*The new deaths raising to five - the total number of terrorist victims in Santo Domingo -- in the past few days.*

**BARROW IN FURNESS**

*At Barrow -in - Furness, England -- Queen Mother Elizabeth today launched Britain's first missile submarine. H. M. S. Resolution - a seven thousand ton nuclear sub, equipped with sixteen Polaris missiles - purchased from the United States.*

*The Resolution - to begin operational patrols next May. To be 'followed by four more British nuclear subs - all Polaris-armed -- by Nineteen Seventy.*

## NORTH SEA FOLLOW BARROW IN FURNESS

Meanwhile, hope virtually abandoned today - for twenty ~~one~~ West German submariners. Aboard the training sub Shark -- when it split open and sank like a rock last night - in the North Sea.

The Shark - one of Hitler's last killer U-Boats. Scuttled by its crew - at the end of World War Two. And only recently reactivated - as a ~~training~~ training vessel. Cruising on the surface of the sea - when it was sent to the ~~bottom~~ bottom again - by a sudden and violent storm.

The one survivor - a cook; who escaped the sinking sub - only seconds before it went down. Later rescued - by a helicopter.

## STUTTGART

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Growing uneasiness in the West German military command - is reported today from ~~Smt~~ Stuttgart, Germany. Uneasiness said to be caused by the specter of an army of the future ~~perhaps~~ perhaps unwilling to fight unless its wages and contract demands are fully met.

The ~~fears~~ fears based on a recent decision by the Bonn government - to permit a recruiting campaign among West Germany's professional soldiers, sailors and airmen; a ~~recruiting~~ recruiting campaign to be ~~don~~ conducted by the public services, transport and traffic union - that could lead to eventual unionization of all the armed forces.

The Union - for its part - claiming to seek only improvement in fringe benefits - such as bigger pensions, ~~best~~ better medical ~~tax~~ treatment and early retirement in certain cases. In fact, forbidden by law -- from calling a strike of German servicemen.

But what would happen - German Generals ask - if a German-type Jimmy Hoffa did some day call a ~~strike~~ strike

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strike; especially ~~9m~~ -- in time of peril? Or what if army unionists - simply refused to cross a picket line.

For General Heinrich Trettner - ranking officer of the German Armed Forces - it's a ~~date text~~ fate too terrible to contemplate. As a result - he has just resigned. Amid persistent rumors - that many more will follow.

With the beginning of a new school year -- millions of American parents are suddenly confronted with an awesome problem: How to help little Johnny with his homework -- when it involves the so-called "new math;" which most of us probably find -- totally confusing.

An answer of sorts today -- from New York education experts; in the form of a few tips to parents -- on how ~~best~~ to cope with the new math.

One of the best ways -- we're told -- is for the pupil to teach the parent; through working together -- both supposedly gaining greater insight into the subject. Another way -- for the parent to get special books and pamphlets -- then bone up ahead of time. Or -- if necessary -- confer with Johnny's teacher.

In extreme cases -- they say -- it's best to call in an expert -- someone like a big brother or sister. In shrot -- someone who knows what it's all about; who can help Johnny -- a ~~it~~ lot better than you or I, Warren -- and s-l-u-t-m.