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SPACE

The word from Cape Kennedy - A-O.K. all the way. America's latest two-part space spectacular - off to a blazing start - as you have doubtless heard by now.

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An atlas-ageno target rocket - burst off the pad this afternoon at precisely four forty, Eastern Daylight time. Initial ^{apparently} phase - ~~successful~~ in all respects." Astronauts John Young and Mike Collins - following less than two hours later in the Gemini-ten.

They're up there now - America's finest in men and machines. Off and running on a three-day mission - billed as the most complex U.S. space experiment to date.

VIETNAM

Halfway round the world - Marines today pressed their biggest offenses²⁰ of the war in Vietnam. Driving deep into hostile territory - near the boundary between North and South. Piling up a toll of about a hundred and fifty enemy dead so far - in the four day old operation. Across the border - American jets today^{were} continuing their non-stop barrage - against communist North Vietnam. More than a hundred missions - in all; with the chief target - another oil storage facility near Dong Hoi.

GOLDBERG FOLLOW VIETNAM

Meanwhile, U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg was in Geneva today. Our Ambassador to the United Nations -- delivering a note to the International Red Cross; said to be a personal letter from President Johnson -- to Red Cross President Samuel Gonard.

As reported by Ambassador Goldberg -- the note emphatically restating the U.S. position with regard to American pilots held captive by the North Vietnamese. And urging the Red Cross to do everything in its power -- to see that they are accorded the treatment provided for prisoners of war.

The note warning that if U.S. pilots are tried as war criminals -- as threatened by Hanoi -- there will be -- quote -- "disasterous consequences" -- unquote.

WILSON FOLLOW GOLDBERG

Across the continent in Moscow -- continuing efforts today by visiting British Prime Minister Harold Wilson; to enlist Soviet help -- in arranging peace talks on Vietnam. With these continuing efforts meeting with continuing rejection.

At the end of day-long conferences -- a British official reporting: "There is no significant change in the climate -- no raised hopes, no reason for optimism."

In the meantime -- the Prime Minister himself was denounced today at a Kremlin rally. Dang Quang Minh -- the Vietcong envoy to Moscow -- calling Prime Minister Wilson a cohort of so-called "American aggressors;" with thousands of Russians in the audience cheering loudly.

COURT

At the Hague in Holland - an important legal victory today for the Union of South Africa. The International Court of Justice - rejecting charges that South Africa had mismanaged the Territory of South-West Africa. Reaffirming South Africa's right of custodianship to the former German colonies - as originally ordered by the League of Nations.

Control of the Territory - sought by both Ethiopia and Liberia for the last six years, On the grounds that South Africa - had illegally introduced apartheid into South-West Africa. Also that South Africa had failed to "promote to the utmost ^{of its ability} ~~eligibility~~ - the moral well-being and social progress of the inhabitants of the Territory."

In the end - the International Court split seven-to-seven on its verdict. The case decided, however, by Court President Sir Percy Spender of Australia - who voted in favor of South Africa.

ECUMENICAL

Another momentous agreement today - in the world ecumenical movement. In a meeting at the Vatican - the Roman Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council - agreeing to set up a joint committee; whose stated purpose is to "explore possible ways - to foster common study and action between the two Christian communions."

The World Methodist Council thus becoming the fourth major Protestant denomination - to establish a joint committee with the Roman Catholic Church. The common goal - as stated in today's announcement: to "pursue together the goal of unity. - ¹ which the Lord Jesus Christ has set for his Church."

WEATHER

Once again -- the Eastern two-thirds of our nation has another mid-summer heat wave. While in central Europe winter returned today. In the Swiss Alps, an eight-inch snowfall -- earliest in years -- blocking all traffic on the St. Gotthard Pass Road. Stranding thousands of tourists -- on the main North-South link between Italy and Northern Europe.

ACCIDENTS

How and why do children get hurt? Some answers today in a seven year study of young accident victims - in and around Berkeley, California.

The most frequent cases of serious injury among children - found to be the result of falls; causing bad cuts - or broken bones. Somewhat surprisingly - automobile accidents found to account for only six percent - of childhood accidental deaths.

As to the "why" of youthful accidents - the figures analyzed by California social scientists, who said they "cast serious doubt on the widespread belief - that accident repeaters are necessarily neurotic."

As a group, said the experts - accident prone children are "more adventuresome, daring, curious and extroverted - than children who have fewer accidents." But otherwise - they're just "plain kids."

MARINE

From El Toro, California -- news today of a happy ending -- to a story that started out as -- well -- you may recall how in the jungle of Vietnam, Marine PFC Daniel Rombyer receiving a Christmas package -- from an anonymous donor in Oceanside, California; a can of dog food -- with a note reading, "Eat well, animal."

When Private Rombyer arrived this week-end in California; enroute to his home in Jackson, Michigan -- after finishing his tour of duty in Vietnam; he was notified of an invitation -- from the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce; an invitation to spend an expense-free vacation in the city -- "to wipe out the impression" left by the dog food incident. His reply Warren -- the best tradition of the U.S. Marines! "No thanks," said he. "I've got a couple of girls waiting for me -- back in Jackson."

MARINER FOLLOW CRIME

Remember Captain William Willis -- known far and wide as "the ancient mariner" who set out from New York last month -- in an eleven-foot sail boat?

The Coast Guard cutter Ingham -- today reporting that it sighted Captain Willis -- about five hundred and forty miles East of New York. Everything shipshape -- the tiny boat proceeding on course -- heading for Plymouth, England.

The man who sailed solo across the Pacific at age seventy-one -- apparently well under way to duplicating that fete with solo voyage across the Atlantic -- at age seventy-two.