

MOSCOW

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Moscow - space history in the making. The Soviet Union breaking silence today - on it's zone-five space ~~probe~~ probe. Identifying the craft in question - as an unmanned spaceship, ~~One~~ that has already flown completely around the Moon - and is now headed back to earth.

Western scientists adding that the Zone-Five - will probably attempt a soft-landing here on our own planet some time tomorrow. If successful - a feat that would mark another first for Soviet space technology. Blazing the trail for a Russian manned flight -- around the Moon and home again.

SPRINGFIELD

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Turning to politics - it was a fighting Hubert Humphrey today in Springfield, ~~the~~ Illinois. The Vice President saying his Republican opponent - reminded him of a geography teacher; one who could teach either that the world was round - or flat. Humphrey adding that Richard Nixon's firmest position - "would make an ad for jello look like concrete."

Be that as it may - the G O P contender was drawing a tumultuous welcome today in Philadelphia. Bigger by far - than that of Humphrey last week. ^{Richard} ~~Richard~~ Nixon later saying: " This is wonderful - I'm overjoyed - overwhelmed. "

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Next up - third party candidate George Wallace. Who said today at Daytona Beach, Florida, he plans to put the federal judiciary back "in its place" -
That to come first thing when he gets to be President.

VIETNAM

~~Halfway round the world~~ ^{But} surge of
fighting today ^{right at the} ~~to the very~~ doorstep of North Vietnam;

With a force of about two thousand U. S. marines - landing
by helicopter at the western end of ~~the~~ demilitarized
zone, scattering a big build-up of enemy troops -
and killing about a hundred and ten ^{of them.} ~~in the process.~~

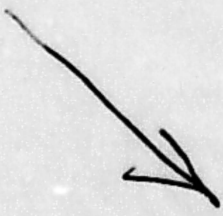
Back in Saigon - a promise today from
President ~~th~~ Thieu; a promise that South Vietnamese
forces - will soon assume a bigger share of the fighting,
^{to} ~~May~~ permitting the start of an American troop
withdrawal - by the end of next year - said he.

SOFIA

Until now the only Warsaw pact nation free
of Russian troops - Bulgaria, ^{today} ~~is~~ the latest Iron Curtain
country to feel the weight of Soviet pressure. Soviet
Marshal Ivan Yakobovsky -- commander in chief of the
Warsaw Pact - reportedly flying today to Sofia, ~~supposedly~~
there to continue with Bulgarian strongman Todor
Shivkov, ~~the~~ discussions begun in secret earlier this week
in Moscow. Purpose - we are told: to clear the way
for ^{the} stationing of Soviet troops in Bulgaria - and thus
reinforce Soviet strength on its southern flank.

PRAGUE FOLLOW SOFIA

At the same time - that Czech crisis was apparently building another head of steam today. With Czech officials cancelling out - on a planned ~~in~~ show-down meeting with Kremlin leaders in Moscow. The Czechs flying instead to a trade fair at Brno - in South-Central Czechoslovakia.



ADD PRAGUE

A later report: Czech ~~informants~~ informants now saying - the ^R~~S~~ Kremlin meeting has been set back until Tuesday. Adding, what's more, it's the Czechs rather than the Russians - who originally requested the parley. As one Czech put it: "We could get used to waiting for the gallows - but we'd rather know now whether they plan to hang us or reprieve us."

ABU SIMBEL

In the beginning - there were those who said it couldn't be done. Those who said it was impossible to save Egypt's famed temples of Abu Simbel - carved into the side of a mountain; those who said you couldn't tear them down - ^{lift} ~~cut~~ them to a new ^{site} ~~site~~ - and there reassemble them Δ safe from the backwaters of the Aswan High Dam.

Difficult - yes. Costly - of course. Impossible -- never. The proof coming up this Sunday - about fifty miles southwest of Cairo. Where the representatives of some fifty nations who helped pay for the job - will gather together for a long-awaited ~~the~~ event. Dedication ceremonies - for the new, relocated temples of Abu Simbel. The Pharoah Rameses' gift to eternity - restored once again ~~is~~ to incredible beauty.

Next big job - that of saving nearby Philae Island - the once-fabled "Pearl of Egypt: - whose

priceless treasures - are also threatened with

~~inundation~~ inundation. Expected cost of that one -

about twelve million more.

ST LOUIS

America's famed flying grandfather - sixty-five year old Max Conrad - ~~apparently~~ still going strong, ~~has~~ announcing today from St. Louis - plans for a try at the first-ever solo flight around the world over both the North and South Poles.

Target date for take-off -- November one.

The total flight -- expected to cover some thirty-three thousand miles - said Max. Adding that along the way - he will also attempt to break ~~up~~ a number of world speed records; including that for global flight over the poles - for a flight between Poles - and for a flight from Equator to Equator over a Pole.

By the way - ~~these~~ ^{are} these records now held by

^{The} ~~Rockwell~~ Flying Tiger ~~is~~ First Flight around the world via both

^{0 1/2} Poles - of which Lowell Jr. was official historian and reported to us from the plane just three years ago - the flight organized by aviators Harrison Finch and Fred Austin.

CENSUS

The lure of California sunshine - apparently just as bright as ever. Census figures announced today in Washington - crediting the Golden State with a three hundred thousand ^{more people than} ~~increase over the~~ last year.

Raising California's front-running population - to Nineteen point two million; for a million plus lead - over second place New York.

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The same census survey - also showing sizeable gains in two other western states. Nevada's population jumping an amazing fifty-nine percent - Arizona's ~~inxxx~~ increase amounting to twenty-eight per cent. After a hundred and ten years - Horace Warren - Greeley's advice as valid as ever: "Go West, young man. Go West."

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CHICAGO

Perhaps the ~~ka~~ least excited by the smashing wind-up to that Chicago kidnap case - the victim himself - little Hillard Marks, who was abducted Wednesday - as you know - on the eve of his seventh birthday.

Returned safely to his mother's arms today - Hillard's first question: "Did we have the party yet, Mom." Meaning his birthday party. Mrs. Marks answering tearfully: "No, dear - but we'll have it soon."