

APOLLO

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Good evening everybody. Many hours of suspense had a favorable outcome today aboard Apollo-Fifteen. The suspense - caused by a warning light that went on when it wasn't supposed to. The critical moment came a few hours ago, during a scheduled mid-course correction. The astronauts used, in their own words, a "push, rap and cycle technique;" thereby circumventing - an electrical short circuit; which then enabled command module pilot Worden - old "nimble fingers," they called him - to fire on eighty-five one-hundredths of a second blast from their big rocket engine; thus proving their back-up system - was still functional.

Ground controller Joe Allen promptly telling the three astronauts: "That burn was exactly what we wanted to see - we'll proceed with a normal mission." Mission commander Scott radioing back: "Beautiful - let's go to Hadley;" meaning - their projected lunar landing site. A few minutes later, Allen also telling the spacemen: "No only did you

carry out a successful burn - but you pulled a superb

mid-course correction." And so Apollo-Fifteen is back on the

track.

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MOSCOW

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RAIL DISPUTE

The Nixon Administration has proposed voluntary arbitration in the nationwide rail dispute. Secretary of Labor James Hodgson urges the United Transportation Union and the railroad industry to submit their problem - and the strike involving four railroads - to a neutral panel for a panel for a binding settlement. Hodgson notes that the union is threatening to extend the strike to six more railroads on Friday - and says that the walkout already is causing widespread adverse economic effects in many parts of the country. In the Secretary's words - Vegetables in the West, wheat in the Mid-W^est, poultry in the South - these are but a few of the commodities now crippled by this dispute.

The soft coal industry also is calling for government intervention - it says hundreds of mines in the Appalachian states are being forced to close down because they can't ship coal.

Secretary Hodgson recommends that the dispute be arbitrated by a panel of three distinguished neutral experts

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-selected either by the parties to the dispute - or appointed by President Nixon. In the public interest, he adds, the cost of the arbitrators will be borne by the government.

MEKONG DELTA

In Vietnam - they're talking about a new "Southern strategy;" that of the Viet Cong - who have apparently dropped plans to sabotage upcoming national elections; instead, now urging their supporters to participate" fully in the balloting - especially in the populous Mekong Delta.

This - we are told - an attempt to build support for President Thieu's chief opponent - retired General Duong Van Minh; on the grounds that Minh's candidacy presents "a golden opportunity to save the future of the country - without having to waste too much money and too much blood." The Communists contending that Minh has already indicated - he would be amenable to a new coalition government.

MIDDLE EAST

Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco is en route to the Middle East to confer with Israeli officials - and this indicates that the US is making a new effort to resolve the Middle East crisis - hoping to persuade the Israeli government to take a more flexible approach toward an interim settlement involving reopening of the Suez Canal.

The Sisco trip reportedly got a sharp comment today in New York from Soviet UN Ambassador Jacob Malik. He is said to have called it "American meddling."

SENATE

The lead-off witness today in a fifth week of Senate hearings on organized crime: A forty-two-year-old Boston mobster - by the name of Vincent Teresa; currently serving five years - for transportation of stolen securities. Teresa asserting: "There is one big gang that runs organized crime in this country - we generally call it 'The Mob'." Adding that "The Mob has barrels and barrels of money" - with which to "corrupt politicians and policemen" - to arrange "bribes and payoffs and sometimes even murder." "And it all starts" - said he - "with the man or the woman who puts a nickel on the numbers - down at the corner store every day!"

The witness then going on to say: "If you could crush gambling - you would put the mob out of business; you'd have them back on the pushcarts - the way it was in the old days." Teresa adding - only Federal agents can successfully combat organized crime - because so many local officials are crooked. We'll have tonight's report from Lowell Thomas after this word

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "SAILING SHIP
YANKEE"**

*And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas; with
a tale tonight - of some good old Yankee enterprise. Lowell*

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and Kellogg Spear - are setting sail from Suva, Fiji; accompanied by local salvage experts. They plan to refloat the Yankee patch her up - and bring her home.

Estimated cost - about a Hundred Thousand. With the whole job - expected to take about three months. After which - the Yankee will ride the waves again. I'm sure Irving and Exy will give three cheers when they hear their brigantine is off that Rorotonga reef.

One of the most famous sailing vessels of our day - has been the brigantine Yankee. It was first launched in Nineteen-Twelve - the last schooner the Germans ever built. In World War One and later on - as the Dunhen - serving as a training vessel and pilot ship for the German Navy. In World War Two - a Luftwaffe rescue ship; till it was captured by the British - a prize of war.

Then along came Captain Irving Johnston - of Springfield, Mass. who bought it - re-rigged it as a brig - and rechristened it the Yankee. He and his wife "Exy" sailed it round-and-round the world - with a series of crews exploring the uncharted seas, visiting remote islands, even sailing up rivers of Africa - South America - New Guinea. A more recent owner finally ran her aground - on a coral reef just off Raratonga in the Cook Islands.

For seven years - the Yankee's steel-plated hull has wallowed there in the surf. But she's still - basically sound; and now comes word that two Californians - Tom Holabird

WASHINGTON

The Twenty-Third Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry; today heard from Dr. Philip Handler - the head of the National Academy of Science; who said that not a single case of smallpox - was reported anywhere in the world during the year Nineteen-Seventy. And this - said he - "one of man's truly great triumphs - over an ever-hostile environment."

Dallas Townsend saying Good Night.