

CAPE CANAVERAL

Wed. Aug. 20-'75

At Cape Canaveral a twice delayed Viking
spacecraft was finally launched today ^{- off} on a half
billion mile mission to Mars. ~~So far so good~~
~~and if~~ all ~~things~~ ^{go} well - the Viking will
~~achieve~~ ^{make} a soft landing on the ~~first~~ Red planet, ~~next~~ ^{all}
as part of ~~the nation's~~ ^{our} bi-centennial ~~celebration~~.
next July fourth.

GENEVA

The U.S. and Russia, at Geneva, are reported to have reached tentative agreement today - on a new draft treaty banning environmental warfare.

The terms of the pact, as presently written - banning any future modification of the environment for hostile purposes. Modification for peaceful purposes; such as the seeding of clouds to produce rain - these would be permitted.

LONDON

The latest edition of Jane's ~~High~~ Fighting ships out tonight, ~~and in it~~ a report^s that Russia "has spent fifty percent more than the U S on naval ship building - in the last ten years; and is currently expending one third more than the U S - for this purpose."

Jane's ~~going on to say~~ ^{also says} there is now "no answer - to the question of which ~~of the~~ super power nations is number one." Adding - what's more: "The ever growing Soviet navy - has out-run the legitimate requirements of national ~~and~~ defense." Further ~~saying~~ ^{that} the Nato nations "must abide by the lesson of history" to the effect that "unnecessarily large forces are ~~intended~~ for aggressive action."

And now -

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KISSINGER

Secretary of State Kissinger will be off again tonight to the mid-East - ~~where he~~ ^{hoping} to nail down a new interim agreement between Egypt and Israel.


~~Dr.~~ Kissinger's departure follow^{ed}~~ing~~ final talks with Israeli Ambassador ~~Sivcha~~ Dinitz - who said there were "still some issues left;" ~~but~~ ^{with} ~~adding~~ up to now - ~~there have been~~ no "last minute snags."

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - an Arab guerrilla raid was followed quickly by Israeli air strikes in retaliation. At the same time, in Tel Aviv, a right wing protest - at the home of Israeli prime Minister Rabin. Demonstrators accusing Rabin of selling out to the U.S. and chanting "Traitor, Traitor."

VAIL

On Monday of this week - George Meany said - if the government wanted to ship any ~~more~~ more grain to Russia it would have to come to him. Today - it did. President Ford placing a call to the A F L - C I O chief in Washington - urging Meany to "just cool it ~~down~~ a bit." The same advice he gave personally to labor leaders - farmers and consumers - at a meeting earlier in the day at his vacation retreat in Vail, Colorado. The President also saying: "There are many pieces to this very complicated problem." And pledging to meet with "all sides next week to try and straighten them out."



HOUSTON FOLLOW VAIL

Meanwhile, a back to work order - from
a federal judge in Houston; and longshoremen there -
once again ^{were} loading American grain bound for ~~Soviet~~
Russia.

NEW YORK

Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton - together
again, - ~~as the announcement coming today from a~~
~~spokesman for the couple in New York.~~ The battling
Burton's ^{and} _^ said to have patched it up at a weekend
meeting in Switzerland and ~~both~~ planning to travel
next week to Israel - where Burton is quoted as
saying they may be remarried. ~~Adding: "After all,~~
~~Elizabeth is Jewish."~~

SAN FRANCISCO

Striking police in San Francisco today defied a back to work ultimatum - whereupon an order from mayor Alioto for mass firings. ~~Meanwhile, this~~
~~from supervising~~ ^{Says} captain of police - Jeremiah Taylor. The kids are tearing this ⁺ down apart, - ~~said he~~
"The crime picture is far worse than we imagined - because there are no reports."

^{Then}
~~And~~ he added: ~~He would like~~ "If we don't get things settled fast - we are going to have to call the National Guard." ^{But} added the Mayor, not yet.

BETTY

The First Lady ~~Betty Ford~~ is again in the news tonight; this time - ^{as a} ~~the~~ result of an interview ~~appearing~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ~~lately~~ McCall's. Mrs. Ford discussing her bout with previous interviewers saying: They've asked me everything ["] but how often I sleep with my husband. ["]

~~Whereupon~~ Whereupon she was asked - "how often?"

^{Her} ~~Mrs. Ford~~ replying - "as often as possible."

^{She} ~~Mrs. Ford~~ also said she used "pillow talk to get her views across ~~to the President~~ especially on equal rights for women; - ^{adding} ~~the First Lady saying~~ "If he doesn't get it in the office in the day - he gets it in the ribs at night."

Don't you think that ^{might} ~~will~~ gain him another twenty million votes?

And now

GULF ISLAND

~~Two boats filled with Canadian shark hunters~~
~~are cruising around the Gulf islands today~~ ~~some~~ ~~about~~
twenty-five miles off Vancouver ^{are} seeking to capture
~~and bring back alive~~ - a twenty-five foot Sixgill
shark; hoping to make it, ~~quote~~ "the world's
largest shark ever ^{on exhibit} ~~to be shown~~ alive."

~~And their chances~~ - we hear ^{are} pretty good.

Vancouver Aquarium director ~~Murray~~ Newman saying:

"We tried this a couple of years ago - but the sharks
were so big we ~~didn't have the equipment to handle~~ ^{couldn't}

them." ~~Newman adding, however,~~ The biggest problem

now he says -

is that "sharks have weak hearts - and ~~a weak~~

~~circulatory system.~~" "If we get one ~~said he~~

"we may have to give him body massage to keep him

^{on the way}
alive ^{back} to port."

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