

GEMINI L.T. - Buick, Fisher, Tues, Nov. 30-65.

All systems are reported "go" tonight--for Saturday's scheduled launch of the Gemini-Seven. A two-part space spectacular-- that will include an historic attempt at the world's first rendezvous in space.

Even a preliminary weather outlook--described as "good."

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Space officials at Cape Kennedy--observing that "everything seems to be going along fine--there are no problems." ~~And a good thing.~~ The Gemini doubleheader--toughest test yet for American spacemen.

MCNAMARA

In Washington -- Defense Secretary Robert McNamara said today that North Vietnamese troops are infiltrating South Viet Nam -- in radically increasing numbers; in response to the continuing American military build-up -- in that embattled nation.

Hanoi soon will be sending men south -- at triple the rate of this past summer -- said McNamara. And more than five times -- that of a year ago. He estimates this will raise the infiltration rate -- to a level of about forty-five hundred men a month.

The American answer -- said he -- increased U.S. air attacks; where possible -- to halt the flow of men. But, especially to halt the flow of food and equipment -- needed to supply these men.

VIET NAM FOLLOW MCNAMARA

On the other side of the globe--a ~~four~~ five-hour battle today. At the Cai Cai Special Forces Camp--about eighty miles east of Saigon. The Communists finally routed--with an estimated loss of more than a hundred men. Government losses--described as "light."

A second battle near An Khe--still in doubt at last report.

A company of regional militiamen--~~is~~ en route to reinforce regular troops in Binh Binh Province--about two hundred and sixty-five miles northeast of Saigon, ~~When~~ they were hit by a Communist ambush.

At nightfall--all contact with the militiamen had been lost.

By the way--that first attack ^{was} at a camp visited last month

by ~~SENATOR~~ Senator Edward Kennedy. The second--in an area visited only yesterday--by Defense Secretary McNamara.

SOLDIERS FOLLOW VIET NAM

Meanwhile, ~~xp~~ a press conference today--at Phnom Penh in Cambodia, ~~For~~ those two American Soldiers--released after two years in Communist Viet Cong captivity.

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^ Sergeant George Smith of Chester, West Virginia, and Specialist Claude McClure of Chattanooga, Tennessee--reporting ~~that~~ they were treated "very well." Never beaten or tortured--which they said "is not the case with prisoners of Saigon." Adding that they want ~~out~~ to quit the Army--to spearhead a campaign to get the United States out of Viet Nam.

This comment from Sanford Gottlieb--political director of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy--a U.S. anti-war organization--
"It sounds like they've been indoctrinated"--said he. In other words--
brainwashed.

The national crime rate -- up five per cent during the first nine months of this year. This according to a new report from FBI director J. Edgar Hoover. Including a marked increase in crimes of violence -- in all four major categories -- murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

The report also containing something of a surprise, in that crime in small towns and suburbs -- is increasing at a rate about three and a half times as fast as in big cities.

Broken into geographic areas -- the West way out in front where crime is up eleven per cent, as compared with the lowest rate, one per cent -- in the South.

DEGAULLE

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DeGaulle of France stepped down from his pedestal today--
to make his first major speech of the French Presidential campaign.
A fifteen-minute address--broadcast by nationwide radio and television.

DeGaulle calling for his own ~~re-election~~ re-election--to a
second seven-year term, ~~In order~~ in order--said he--to finally and fully
establish the new Fifth Republic--as a permanent institution. To
project it--he continued--"on a new and even more eager and fruitful
course."

If any of his five opponents were to be elected--said DeGaulle--
it would mean a return to "the hateful confusion of the past."

RHODESIA

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson is said to be balking today--at sending British troops to Zambia, ~~Until~~ he gets Zambia's assurance--that no other outside troops will be based in that country.

In any case, Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith today voiced his approval --of the stationing of British troops in Zambia, ~~As~~ long as their function--is merely to maintain order along the Rhodesian border. He warned, however, that Rhodesia will fight --if there is any violation of Rhodesian territory.

STRIKE

A curious
~~A kind of "hunger~~ strike" today--in the West German

Parliament at Bonn; ~~By~~ about a hundred Social Democratic deputies--
protesting high prices in their own Parliamentary restaurant.

The Social Democrats--occupying a block of tables en masse.

Unwrapping sandwiches--they had brought from home, ~~Putting~~ them on
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ plates--set in advance for the usual noon rush.

And proceeding to eat the sandwiches--with knives and forks.

The astounded ~~was~~ restaurant manager ~~has~~ left with all
those dirty dishes, flatware, tablecloths--and "no sale."

INDIA

The vast subcontinent of Hindustan -- is indeed once again threatened with disastrous famine; because of severe drought -- a "natural calamity of a magnitude unknown in recent times." This in an announcement today -- from the Indian Food Ministry at New Delhi.

The drought is said to have vlighted winter crops -- in more than half of India's states -- particularly ^{in the South} -- the Deccan and below. With local officials in towns of a hundred thousand or more -- instructed to begin rationing of foodstuffs "as soon as possible."

India currently receiving -- twenty thousand tons of American wheat daily. But even so not nearly enough? to offset the drought -- say Indian officials. Their projections fortelling an eventual shortage this winter -- of some seven million tons of food grains.

DENVER

From Denver--a cry today that Lake Erie is a "cesspool"--
and Lake Tahoe a "national disgrace." Supreme Court Justice ~~William~~
~~of~~ Douglas charging that both have been sacrificed--in the name of
commercialism, industry and gambling.

Justice Douglas noting that the St. Lawrence Seaway--"might
be wonderful in terms of dollars," ~~But~~ it's poisoning the Great Lakes--
with Lake Erie the first to be polluted.

Beautiful ^{deep} Lake Tahoe ~~in the mountains~~ ^{High Sierra} the California-Nevada border--
similarly despoiled, said Justice Douglas. ^{This} By a building boom in

5 1/2 "high-rise gambling houses"--that discharge raw sewage right into the
lake. "We're poisoning Tahoe"--said he--"for the convenience of
gamblers."

SKIRTS

A solution today from San Antonio, Texas--to the problem of short skirts in the classroom. According to a formula--devised by the Principal of a local high school.

The girl suspected of wearing a skirt that's too short-- required to kneel on a mat. If the hem of her skirt touches the mat-- it's all right. If not--she's told to change.

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The formula necessary--said the principal--~~Smith~~^S--because the sudden popularity of short skirts was too distracting. Distracting to whom? Distracting to male teachers--said he.

YEHUDI

"Who's Yehudi?" That line--a perennial laugh-getter--on
the Bob Hope radio shows of the Thirties and Forties.

^ Now a post script--from London. Where American violinist
Yehudi Menuhin--was named today an Honorary ~~MEMBER~~ Knight Commander
of the Order of the British Empire; The title awarded ^{to Yehudi} Menuhin by the
British Foreign Office--for long and meritorious service to music in
Britain.

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Warren, Who's Yehudi? He's "Sir" Yehudi--that's who.

LUCK

This next --about a seventeen-year-old girl in Spring Lake, New Jersey, Mary Anne Murray--a high school junior--who has sworn off raffles for good.

The reason? Because she's so lucky--it's almost a crime.

Mary Anne having won three automobiles--a sports car and two Cadillacs --in the past year.

The odds against such a feat--according to a New Jersey mathematician^{are} --about a hundred and fifty million to one. How did Mary Anne do it -- we wonder.