

CAPE KENNEDY

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At Cape Kennedy - the long grind is all but over. Astronauts Armstrong, Collins, and Aldrin - finishing up their heavy training today for the flight of Apollo 11. Running through their last major series of exercises - in the moonport's amazing space simulator; completing mock lunar maneuvers - that they can perform almost in their sleep by now. And then - a final work out in the gym; enroute to wrapping it all up - in their broadcast news conference tonight.

Tomorrow - except for some "fine tuning" exercises - it's generally rest and relaxation. Tomorrow night - the terminal phase of count down - leading to blast-off Wednesday morning - we hope. And - the start of America's great moon landing adventure - will be underway at last.

WHITEHOUSE

President Nixon versus drug abuse. The story - in another special message to Congress today. The President spelling out a ten point program - for attacking the current drug problem. One that has grown - said he - to the point where it constitutes "a serious national threat" to health and safety.

Included in the President's plan - a call for increased police powers in enforcing narcotics laws. Also, a program of international cooperation - aimed at drying up sources of illegal drugs. The President further announcing plans - for a complete, comprehensive study of drug abuse, With its main purpose - said he - to create "a national awareness of the gravity of the situation."

CHICAGO HOUSTON FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Speaking of wire taps - a couple of Federal Judges were also doing just that today. The first in Chicago - In a case involving jailed ~~teamster chief~~ Jimmy Hoffa, ^{today} ~~who was~~ denied a motion for a new trial - based on the government's alledged use of illegal wire tap evidence. Second case - at Houston; where former heavyweight boxing champ Cassius Clay - was losing a similar appeal. Although both cases will probably reach the Supreme Court again - before they are finally settled.

H. HOOVER JR.

Sitting along side Norman Chandler at the service in honor of a mutual friend, at All Saints Cathdral in Pasadena, I thought of the fine tribute his great newspaper, the Los Angeles Times had printed today.

Its an editorial with the headline: "Herbert Hoover Jr., good citizen." Here are a few lines from it: "An unassuming nature belied his considerable accomplishments. This quiet man will be missed by his community, his state and his country.

"Son of our thirty first President he performed yeoman service for the United States around the world, as a trouble shooting envoy," and so on.

"Like his father before him, he was an engineer who put his cool expertise to work in the interests of his nation. As he left his geophysical concern" ~~He/s~~ to do this, he said simply: "the chance to serve ones country, at any time and in any way i s

the greatest privilege that a man can have."

I wish that I could read all of the editorial
It contains many striking sentences.

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ENUMCLAW

~~From Enumclaw Washington - comes this next.~~

Another mountain
~~The story of a weekend~~ tragedy - on the slopes
of ~~nearby~~ Mt. Ranier; claiming the lives of two
Seattle mountain climbers - leaving a third seriously
injured.

The three on their way down - we are told -
after ~~conquering~~ *climbing* that *stunning* fourteen thousand, four
hundred and ten foot peak, When somehow they
slipped and slid a thousand feet - ending up in
a deep crevass on the mountain's Winthrop Glacier.

The dead - identified as David Stevens and
Mark Kupperberg. Third man on the mountain -
Chris Marshall - only 16; who suffered a broken
neck - among other injuries.

TOKYO

For Japan's Premier Sato - a thumping victory in Tokyo municipal elections. Final returns today giving Sato's pro western liberal democrats - a plurality of twenty-nine seats in the Tokyo metropolitan assembly. Smashing a bid by leftists party - to take over the city government. Indeed, the next biggest vote getter - after the liberal democratic party - not a leftist group at all; but rather the Buddhists-backed Komeito - other wise known as the "Clean government party."

HELSINKI FOLLOW CAPE KENNEDY

By the way -
~~Meanwhile~~, Russia's mysterious Luna-15 -
is still speeding toward a luna rendezvous on
its own.

The space crafts mission - still a closely
guarded secret. However, a hint, at least, to
its purpose - comes today from Helsinki. This
at a press conference shared by two visiting
space men - Russia's Georgy Beregovoi and America's
Gene Cernan.

Cosmonaut Beregovoi observing that Luna 15 -
may have several "different phases to its mission."
"It may take samples of Luna soil" - said he -
"or it may try and solve the problems of a return
from the moon's surface." For his part, Astronaut
Cernan adding: "space is so vast - there is so
much to learn - so much to explore - that Luna 15
is merely another step in this exploration."

GULF OF MEXICO

For the first time in history - a soviet task force was anchored today in the Gulf of Mexico. Those six Russian war ships bound for Cuba - holding positions, at last report, about seventy five miles west of Key West Florida. Apparently marking time for awhile - in order to arrive at Havana next Sunday, as scheduled.

There had been earlier speculation - that the soviet task force would also observe the launch of Apollo 11. However, the fleet's present position - on the other side of Florida - which would seem to be a rather poor observation post.

So what ^{will} their next move ~~will~~ be? ~~we'll just have~~
~~to wait and see.~~

~~W. S. S.~~
John Shafer

EPSOM

At Epsom, New Hampshire, this past weekend - Fourth Annual New England Pow-wow. Drawing Indian delegates - Senecas, Mohawks, Shinnecocks and so on - from all over the northeast. The festivities starting with a rain dance - barely half done when it began to pour. The rain raining on and on and on - til the Indians' campsite was turned into a quagmire. All but washing out a two day program - leaving the Pow-wow a soggy, sorry mess.

Typical of the stoic Redman though-- John Bright Canoe Diabo - a Mohawk from Brooklyn - ~~who~~ said resignedly: "If the great spirit wants rain - there isn't much you can do."