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One of the first to greet the astronauts on their return--President Johnson--who followed their flight by television from the White House. The President telling the two men by short wave radio--that "we are very proud of you--and grateful for your safe return." Grissom--the first man ever to fly twice in space--informing the President that everything went fine. Certainly the understatement of the day. John Young--another man of few words--responding with the comment that it was--"a wonderful ride."

U.S. space officials going one step further tonight--calling the Gemini-Three space flight "a splendid mission"--another giant step toward the Moon.

## SOVIETS

Around the world -- in Moscow -- more than a hundred thousand Russians jammed into Red Square today -- to thunder a welcome to the two latest Soviet cosmonauts. Communist Party Leader Brezhnev awarding each man the title of Hero of the Soviet Union -- along with the customary hugs and kisses. Lieutenant Colonel Alexei Leonov -- the world's first "spacewalker" -- later telling the crowd that his feat was only a prelude, ~~a~~ prelude to the time when people "will go -- to the Moon, Mars, Venus and perhaps beyond," *said he.*

As for the U.S. space flight -- the Soviet News Agency, Tass, virtually ignoring ~~ed~~ it. The Tass dispatch failing to mention the Gemini's feats of maneuverability. Instead, emphasizing the fact that the American flight covered only three orbits -- with the U.S. astronauts remaining inside the space ~~craft~~ <sup>ship</sup> -- at all times.

## RANGER

Almost forgotten in the backwash of the Gemini space shoot -- America's moon-bound Ranger-Nine zeroed in on its lunar target today. The Ranger-Nine responding perfectly to a delicate mid-course maneuver -- thus virtually assuring a direct hit on the moon.

The space craft now expected to begin relaying pictures of the Moon's surface -- "live" to U.S. television -- at about nine o'clock tomorrow morning -- Eastern Standard Time. This America's last chance for a close-up look at the Moon -- before the attempt to land a man there.

## RIGHTS

That Freedom March in Alabama -- a slippery slogging mess today in a driving rainstorm. Some of the demonstrators shedding their water-logged shoes and socks -- and exposing a wide assortment of adhesive plasters applied to their aching dogs. Feet I mean.

Nevertheless, the three hundred remaining marchers are -- now more than halfway toward their goal. And the three hundred are expected to be joined by another ten thousand Civil Rights demonstrators -- when they reach the state capital of Montgomery on Thursday.

Dr. Martin Luther King was out of the line of march today -- speaking in Cleveland. But the marchers -- still heavily guarded by U.S. troops -- were in high spirits. Most noticeable -- a one-legged man, Jim Letherer of Saginaw, Michigan -- hobbling through the downpour on crutches -- and signing so-called "Freedom" songs -- with all the rest.

## VIET NAM

U.S. and South Vietnamese airmen again blasted military targets in North Viet Nam today--including a key Communist radar station. The attacking planes met by heavy ground fire, putting a few bullet holes in one plane. The new air strike the third against Communist North Viet Nam--so far this week.

Meanwhile, the use of nauseous gas in South Viet Nam continues to draw heated reaction around the world. In London especially--Prime Minister Harold Wilson under heavy pressure from his own party--to abandon entirely his support of U.S. policy in Southeast Asia. However, Wilson insisting today in the House of Commons--that use of the gas was not in violation of any international agreements. Here at home, Defense Secretary McNamara said the gas used in Viet Nam--is available commercially throughout the world. And what's more--has been used by law enforcement agencies to control riots--even in this country.

## CEYLON

With near-complete returns tonight on that election in Ceylon -- it's a stunning defeat for the world's only woman Prime Minister. The pro-Communist Freedom Party of Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike -- rejected soundly by the voters of Ceylon. The pro-Western United National Party -- winning the largest bloc of votes in the Ceylonese Parliament. ~~and~~ Former Prime Minister Dudley <sup>Senanayake</sup> ~~Senanayake~~ now ~~are~~ expected to form a coalition government -- excluding all Communists.

The election returns <sup>are</sup> expected to pave the way for a vast improvement -- in Ceylon's recently rocky relations with the United States. ~~Equally important~~ <sup>Also</sup> marking an end to the growing Chinese Communist influence in that Southeast Asian nation.



## KENNEDY

Up in the Yukon--Senator Robert Kennedy of New York today joined three expert mountain-climbers-- in an attempt to scale the newly-named Mount Kennedy. The weather reported good--and the team now at the mountain hopes to reach the summit some time tomorrow. With Bobby Kennedy having the honor of being the first to reach the top of that Canadian peak--named for the late President.

## DUKE

The Duke of Windsor today paid one of his rare visits to Buckingham Palace--at the invitation of his niece, Queen Elizabeth. The visit marking another thaw--in royal relations with the former British monarch and his American-born wife.

The Duchess--not present during today's visit--but palace sources reported that she had been invited, and that the Queen may soon ask the Duke and Duchess to spend a few days with her at Windsor Castle.

The Windsor's exile--apparently over at last. And now perhaps--we can write the following finale to one of the epic royal romances of all time:--Eck, "And they lived happily ever after."



CAR

This dispatch today from Mount Vernon, Illinois -- an eighteen year-old youth captured by Mount Vernon police in a stolen car -- just a few miles south of the city.

The youth admitting that he had to be in Chicago by tomorrow -- and was afraid he wouldn't make it in time by hitch-hiking -- so he stole the car.

Why the hurry to get to Chicago? Just this -- the young car thief was scheduled for arraignment tomorrow in a Chicago court <sup>— on a</sup> ~~the~~ charge <sup>of</sup> stealing a car. How about it <sup>What</sup> Dick? Would you call that? ~~double jeopardy~~