

SPACE

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Astronauts Cooper and Conrad -- nearly halfway home tonight in their epic eight-day voyage through space. And closing fast on an endurance record -- that will put America ~~well~~ ahead of Russia for the first time, In total man-hours -- in space.

Along the route -- a series of spectacular views today. The space explorers spotting a Minuteman missile -- as it burst through the clouds over California. Also -- an awesome view of the Florida peninsula; -- a series of smoke signals near Laredo, Texas; -- and a solitary ship far out at sea.

On the lighter side -- a report that Command Pilot Cooper is sprouting a white beard. Like Rip Van Winkle? "Nope" -- said his partner Conrad. More like -- "Santy<sup>2</sup> Claus."

CONGRESS

With Congress speeding toward an early adjournment -- President Johnson today emphasized the importance of about a dozen pending bills. Those that he would surely like to see enacted into law -- before the legislators pack up and go home for the year.

The President's priority list -- including bills related to highway improvement, higher education, vocational rehabilitation, rural water supply and immigration. Also home rule -- for the District of Columbia.

(All of which prompted this,  
this later comment -- from Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield. "It is not going to be possible to pass all this legislation" -- said he -- "but we will pass as much as possible."

## KASHMIR

Believe it or not -- Russia in the strange role of peacemaker today. Urging India and Pakistan to settle their dispute over Kashmir -- "without resorting to the use of arms." Further deterioration of the situation in Kashmir -- "would be a telling blow to the peoples of both nations" -- said Moscow.

Meantime, Pakistan today accused Indian artillerymen -- of killing twenty persons and wounding fifteen others. In an unprovoked attack on a village -- in the Pakistani sector of Kashmir. Peace in that part of the world -- still just a word -- and nothing more.

YEMEN FOLLOW KASHMIR

Speaking of peace -- an end to the three-year-old Yemeni Civil War -- <sup>may be near</sup> ~~perhaps close at hand~~ tonight. Following the signing of an agreement between Egypt and Saudi Arabia -- who up to now have supported opposing sides in the civil strife.

The agreement pledging both nations -- ~~and~~ I quote -- "to permit the free exercise of the Yemeni will -- to preserve the national gains of the people -- to restore stability to Yemen -- and to normalize relations between Egypt and Saudi Arabia." ~~whatever that might mean.~~

The pact -- a product of three days of talks, ~~between~~ Egypt's Nasser and King Feisal of Saudi Arabia -- at the Red seaport of Jidda. The two men said to have sealed the agreement -- with a hand-shake -- then an Arab-style embrace. But whether it will mean peace in Yemen -- that remains to be seen.

PLANE

A team of Marine experts -- flew from Viet Nam to Hong Kong today. To investigate the possibility of sabotage -- in the crash of a U.S. military transport -- just a few hours before.

The plane -- a giant C-One Thirty, ~~That~~ plunged into the waters of Hong Kong harbor -- shortly after take-off from Kaitak International Airport. The crash killing fifty-eight -- of the seventy-one Marines aboard the plane. Combat veterans all -- headed back to Viet Nam -- after a week's leave in Hong Kong.

## VIET NAM FOLLOW PLANE

Meanwhile, giant American bombers today launched another attack -- their tenth -- against Communist positions in South Viet Nam. The Guam-based B-Fifty-Twos -- blasting a guerrilla stronghold near Chu Lai, where U.S. Marines scored a major victory over the Viet Cong -- in fierce fighting last week.

At the same time -- U.S. fighter-bombers striking deep into the Communist North. To destroy a railroad bridge -- within thirty miles of Red China. Closest yet.

## BIRTH

The subject of birth control -- much in the news once again today.

First -- a statement from the National Catholic Welfare Conference, contending that the government -- "should neither penalize nor promote" birth control. But instead -- should pursue a policy of strict neutrality on the subject.

The statement offered in opposition -- to a bill that would permit government dissemination of birth control information -- both at home and abroad. The bill -- a "serious danger to civil liberty" -- said the statement, "while offering no genuine prospect -- of relieving the problems of poverty."

Next -- an announcement from the U.S. Public Health Service. Disclosing plans for a national survey -- on the family planning practices of American women. The first of its kind -- since widespread acceptance of birth control pills.

Collected data -- to provide the background for future government work. In the field of fertility control

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practices -- and their influence on the health of women and children.

Finally -- this note from Geneva. At the First International Conference -- on Family Planning Programs.

A couple of American scientists -- reporting that at present rates -- the population of Communist China will reach about One Billion people by Ninety-Eighty. As compared with its present population of about Seven Hundred and Fifty Million. That's an increase of more people -- than there are now in the whole United States.

As a result -- Peking expected to formulate a new code of party loyalty. In an attempt to head off -- a population crisis. A code that would call for postponement of marriage -- wherever possible. Plus strict <sup>control</sup> ~~limitation~~ -- on the number of children permitted in a single family.

~~In short -- Big Brother -- to turn Peeping Tom.~~



LABOR

The long Labor Day weekend -- just around the corner.

A fact duly noted by the Texas Safety Association today at Austin -- with publication of a special holiday bulletin. Entitled -- "How to Get Killed in Holiday Traffic."

The five-point do-it-yourself death plan -- suggesting as follows: One -- fail to yield the right-of-way. Two -- drive too fast for existing road conditions. Three -- drive faster than the posted speed limit. Four -- drive while drunk. Five -- drive on the wrong side of the road.

The list said to be compiled for the benefit of those drivers -- "who feel they have a built-in personal immunity to accidents -- and therefore can disregard <sup>warnings," Warren.</sup> ~~any or all other~~ warnings."

## FLAG

Here in New York -- a protest today from the United States Flag Association. Against increasing attempts to commercialize -- the stars and stripes. ~~of America.~~

President Lawrence Phelps Tower of the Flag Foundation -- specifically citing the use of flag-designs in so-called "pop" art. Designs that have suddenly begun to appear -- on pillow cases, bed sheets, lampshades -- and even ladies' girdles. With no end in sight.

Said Phelps: Those who use the flag for such purposes -- should be "ostracized" from society. And fined wherever state or local laws permit.

~~Girdles, indeed! Shocking.~~