

ASTRONAUTS

L.T.-Quick, Fisher. Mon., June 14, 1965.

In Chicago -- the first all-out big city
welcome today -- for Astronauts Ed White and Jim
McDivitt. And a rouser it was!

^{and hundreds}
Hundreds of thousands of Chicagoans roaring
a triumphal welcome to the astronauts and their wives.

The parade route passing through a blizzard -- of
confetti and swirling streamers. Vice-President
Hubert Humphrey -- later heading the public tribute
to the two men. "Astronauts, yes" -- said Humphrey --
"but above all, great Americans".

It had been feared that a Civil Rights
demonstration -- might mar the welcome. But it
failed to materialize. Comedian Dick Gregory -- of
the Chicago Civil Rights movement -- explaining ^{that} --
"we have an important mission -- but we certainly do
not wish to embarrass these national heroes".

MARINER

Meanwhile,

^ America's Mars-bound Mariner-Four -- today

executed its final critical space maneuver -- with pinpoint precision. Assuring earthbound scientists that it will fly past Mars exactly as planned -- one month from today.

The successful maneuver -- more than a hundred million miles -- out in space. Further seen as a good sign that the spacecraft's television transmission equipment -- is still in "good health" -- as the scientists put it. And so almost certain -- to succeed in its mission. That of sending back the first close-up pictures -- of that mysterious Red Planet Mars.

VIET NAM

The first clash between American and Communist ground forces in Viet Nam -- now apparently just a matter of time. Some five hundred U.S. Army paratroopers - dug in tonight about twenty miles south of battered Dong Xaoi. With a force of Viet Cong -- said to be only a few miles away -- and headed in their direction.

The Communists -- part of the guerilla force that has hounded Dong Xaoi -- for the last five days. In a battle that has already claimed a thousand casualties -- on each side. Including thirty-three Americans -- killed, missing or wounded.

Back in Saigon -- a ten-man military junta was named today -- to replace the latest civilian government to fall by the wayside. It's head -- Major General Nguyen Van Thieu.

SHASTRI

India's Prime Minister Shastri -- today completed a five-day visit to Canada. The last piece of business -- a joint communique from Ottawa, Signed by Shastri -- and Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson.

The two men asserting that a "purely military solution" to the war in Viet Nam -- is "neither practicable nor desirable". Both agreeing therefore to work toward a cease-fire -- while negotiations proceed toward a permanent peace.

Shastri's Canadian visit -- as you no doubt recall -- the one originally planned in conjunction with a trip to the United States, Which the President asked him to postpone -- until the fall.

Shastri said today, however -- that he does not intend to visit the United States this fall -- at all. Asked why -- he said ^{merely} ~~it would be~~ -- "it would be impossible".

BOMB

From Indonesia by way of Tokyo -- news today that Red China will soon set off -- its third and fourth nuclear explosions. This bit of intelligence relayed to Japan -- by Indonesian officials who conferred last week -- with Red China's President Mao Tse-Tung.

Mao also quoted as declaring that it will be unnecessary -- for Communist China to send volunteers into North Viet Nam. So long as the North Vietnamese armed forces -- can command the situation. Incidentally, the Chinese strong-man -- said to have appeared healthy and sun-tanned, ^{this} marked contrast with recent reports that he might be seriously ill.

FORECAST

In Washington today -- the forecast of a revolution in Russia -- around Nineteen-seventy. With a "liberal socialist regime" -- wresting control of the Soviet government -- from the existing Communist Party. All this according to Michel Garder -- a French specialist on Soviet Affairs -- as reported in U.S. News and World Report.

Says Garder: The world is now witnessing -- "the death throes of the present Lenin-Marxist regime". He adds that the revolution -- when it comes -- will be "from above -- by the managerial class". A sort of -- "palace revolution". Perhaps with the help of police -- and the Army.

Why? Because -- says Garder -- "the up-and-coming young managers are getting bigger and bigger ideas -- as they make contacts with the West -- and see what is wrong in Russia".

DANUBE

The beautiful blue Danube -- an ugly, muddy gray today. The rain-swollen river -- also a major flood threat -- as it rages through Austria and on into Hungary.

A village -- in lower Austria -- already under water. All residents have fled. Closer to Vienna -- reports of widespread crop damage.

Downstream -- thousands of Hungarians manning the dykes tonight -- in an effort to contain the onrushing river.

QUINN

The end of an era today -- for Adventurer Lee Quinn. And the paradise he shared with forty-one girls -- over the last two-and-a-half years -- now at the bottom of the sea.

The paradise lost -- a forty-foot ketch called the Neophyte. The girls -- crew members who sailed with Quinn -- three or four at a time -- to dozens of islands in the South Pacific.

The Neophyte a mile outside Sydney harbor last night -- when it was cut in two by an Australian freighter. Quinn and his latest crew of three girls -- miraculously escaping injury. But the boat -- a total loss.

One of the girls -- only eighteen years old -- was at the helm at the time of the accident. Nevertheless, Quinn had only words of praise -- for his petticoat sailors. Noting that there was no panic -- and adding: "I still think girls make the best crew".

His wife -- apparently the only one who
doesn't agree, ^{Dick;} She divorced him ^{some time} ~~ago~~ ago.

BEATLES

From Montreal -- a belated reaction today to Queen Elizabeth's latest Birthday Honors List. The one naming the Beatles as Members of the Order of the British Empire -- first step toward knighthood.

The reaction -- from sixty-nine-year-old Hector DuPuis. A former member of the Canadian parliament -- who has been a Member of the Order for some twenty years.

DuPuis declaring that he has decided now -- to turn back his membership. Simply because the Beatles -- have been named to receive the same honor. By that act -- said DuPuis -- English royalty has "placed me on the sam level -- as vulgar nincompoops".