

CAPE KENNEDY

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America's Gemini-Twelve -- grand finale of the Two-man Gemini series -- airborne at last. The silver spacecraft bursting from the pad today at Cape Kennedy -- on a Hundred-foot column of fire. Soaring into the heavens in pursuit of an Agena target rocket -- that thundered into orbit from an equally perfect launch -- only Ninety-Eight minutes before.

6 1/2 With Astronauts Jim Lovell and Buzz Aldrin ^{aboard} -- paving the way for next year's Apollo series; a succession of flights that will culminate -- hopefully -- in manned flight to the moon.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam -- an entire brigade of fresh American infantrymen -- was thrown today into that battle near the Cambodian border. Raising the U.S. commitment -- to a fighting force of about Twenty-Five Thousand men. Largest field army ever assembled -- for a single operation in the Vietnamese war.

Mission: To complete the rout -- of the Viet Cong's crack Ninth Division; which has already lost more than Nine Hundred men -- in Eight days of fighting. And thereby crush the Communist effort -- to mount a major winter offensive.

There were
~~However,~~ only scattered clashes today -- with the Viet Cong apparently nursing their wounds. Indeed, the biggest ground action -- *was a Viet Cong* ~~a Communist terrorist~~ attack on innocent civilians; in in the Mekong Delta -- far to south.

In a pre-down raid -- a band of guerillas pouring rockets, mortars and small arms fire -- into a housing area for dependents of South Vietnamese soldiers. Killing at least Fourteen and wounding more than Thirty -- almost all of them women and children.

EXPLORERS

The Explorers, one of the most unusual and distinguished organizations in the world, is holding a Night of Exploration Banquet, at the Waldorf, tonight, in honor of the oil industry; ^{the} explorers who have found the oil that provides the power for most of the world today. Among the speakers will be Michel Balbouty, President of the Petroleum Institute, and Robert G. Dunlop, head of the great Sun Oil Empire.

NORTH ATLANTIC

A huge Air Force radar plane--part of the nation's early warning defense system--on a picket duty early today, about a Hundred and Twenty-Five miles off the coast of Nantucket--high over the North Atlantic. Its radioman reporting--"all is normal--no problems." Then--suddenly-- it was gone.

What happened--nobody knows for sure. The only evidence--an eyewitness report from the crewman of a fishing vessel--that happened to be near the scene. The plane swooping down to about a Hundred feet from the water--leaving a trail of smoke--said he; ⁺ then it banked sharply to the right--plunging nose first into the ocean.

A crew of Nineteen--aboard, ~~the aircraft. As far as they can tell~~--no known survivors.

ATLANTA

Confusion added to confusion today--in the Georgia governor's race. A Three-judge Federal panel in Atlanta-- saying that the Georgia Legislature cannot select the next governor; as provided by the state Constitution--when neither major candidate wins a majority of the votes cast.

The reason--not because the Georgia Legislature is facing reapportionment--said the Court; but rather because the Constitution itself--is not valid on that point.

The court refusing, however, to rule whether there should be a runoff--between Democrat Lester Maddox and Republican Howard "Bo" Callaway; or whether the top vote-getter--should be declared the winner. Instead, interested parties ^{are} given five days--to suggest a solution to the dilemma.

~~By the way~~--Callaway today regain^{ed} a slim lead over Maddox--on the basis of latest returns from rural Georgia. But several thousand absentee and defective ballots ^{are} still to be tabulated.

ROME

Fresh snow and rain -- reported today in Northern Italy. Adding an avalanch and slide threat - - to mountain villages still battling to recover from the worst flood in Italian history. Also interfering with the massive clean-up effort at Florence.

Meanwhile the Italian Senate -- thrown into bedlam today; by Communist hecklers -- accusing Premier Aldo Moro of gross inefficiency -- in ~~the~~ coping with the flood disaster. A communist Senator, for one -- accusing the government of refusing to permit the use of Army trucks in Florence; where trucks were badly needed to help the city clear of paralyzing mud. The trucks withheld -- said he -- "because they don't want to get them dirty."

WHEELWRIGHT

An incredible real estate transaction -- incredible in this day and age, at least -- is reported today from the coal mining community of Wheelwright, Kentucky -- population Two Thousand. A Kentucky investment group purchasing the entire town -- lock, stock and swimming pool. Not to mention ^{the} Town Hall -- and a leased television cable.

Banker Burl Spurlock of nearby Prestonsburg -- the man who engineered the transaction; at a total purchase price -- of just over a Million-and-a-Quarter. "A good deal" -- said he -- because Wheelwright "is a first class community." Adding that its Four Hundred families -- will be given a chance to buy their own homes or places of business; or keep on renting -- if they so desire.

Seller: The Island Creek Coal Company -- which founded the town in the first place; and once employed -- practically everybody in it. Local residents reportedly concurring with Island Creek Coal -- that the time was ^S ripe to sell.

Reason -- said Banker Spurlock: They both wanted to get away from the image -- of a company-owned coal town.

HOMER

A near-tragedy today -- in Homer, Michigan. Where a train wreck started a fire -- in Sixty Thousand gallons of oil and gasoline. The fire in turn enveloping Three tanks cars ^{filled with} ~~chemical~~ -- releasing deadly clouds of phosgene gas. A kind of gas commonly used -- in World War One.

Police quickly evacuat~~ing~~ about half the town's residents -- some Four Thousand people. Alerting the rest -- to be ready to run, if necessary.

1/2 Fortunately, the fire was finally brought under control -- with no loss life. The only casualties -- a pair of sheriff's deputies who accidentally inhaled a small quantity of the gas; ^{and} ~~who~~ were rushed to a hospital -- but later appeared unharmed.

MANILA

The World Medical Assembly -- in annual convention today at Manila. Principal speaker: Dr. Louis Chase -- professor of psychiatry at Boston University, Tufts Medical and Harvard University; with his own personal solution -- to world problems.

Dr. Chase suggesting that world leaders of the future -- should be required to undergo "psychological screening." To weed out the sick -- the unfit -- the incompetent ~~and so on~~ ^{in order to} prevent future wars.

The doctor declaring that "many, many wars -- could have been avoided -- if some nations were not led by sick people." Nazi Germany under Adolph Hitler -- a prime example -- said he. Adding that American business, government and education now "take advantage of psychological screening" -- so why not the whole world.

2 ~~HE~~ But who's to screen the screeners ^{Warren?} That -- he didn't say.

MONTREAL

From the University of Montreal in Canada -- news today of a remarkable experiment; with great potential -- in the treatment and prevention of cancer.

Dr. Paul Le Maude trying to find a reason for a well-known medical fact -- that the body's natural defenses react against cancer in some cases; and not -- in others; when he hit upon the theory that these natural defenses -- might be triggered in part by excessive secretion of hormones from the adrenal glands.

His conclusion: To help prevent deadly disease -- live a little -- love a little -- get your adrenalin up.