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SPACE

For the men of Apollo-Twelve - a "long day's night" today. Astronauts Pete Conrad, Al Bean and Dick Gordon - sleeping away the daylight hours - daylight, at least, here in New York. By the time they awoke late this afternoon - their spacecraft fully in the clutches of lunar gravity; ~~Fast~~ heading toward an expected top speed of five thousand miles per hour - by the time they actually enter lunar orbit.

That achieved - the Apollo-Twelve will face it's next "moment of truth" - at exactly Ten-Forty-Seven tonight, Eastern-time⁹; on the back side of the moon - cut off from earth - when the three spacemen fire a braking blast from their main rocket engine. A blast that will trim their orbit en route to that manned landing Wednesday¹ or else send them shooting off in space.

If there's any anxiety though - the new "moon-men" have yet to show it. In fact, Dick Gordon reporting^{5:} "We're all three in good spirits - doing great." And more than that - ~~he added~~ ^{said he} - "we've enjoyed the scenery."

HYANNIS PORT

The "Kennedy compound" at Hyannis Port, Mass. - scene of a lonely vigil today. With members of the Kennedy clan - arriving from around the world. Assembling at the bedside of Joseph P. Kennedy - the fabled "founding father;" *of the so-called* who suffered a heart attack over the weekend - and later was reported unconscious and near death. A spokesman for the family saying - they were all "watching and praying."

DULLES - Sato

Japan's Premier Sato - a visitor today to these shores.

Arriving at Dulles International ~~Airport~~ in Virginia - en

route to three days ~~of~~ talks with President Nixon, starting

Wednesday. ^{Premier} Sato telling reporters - he is confident his "visit

will prove fruitful;" as, indeed, it must - if he is ever to

pacify his critics at home.

Sato's main goal, of course - to win the return of

Okinawa to Japanese control as soon as possible. This an

issue that has so inflamed Japanese leftists - it took nearly

fifteen thousand police to ensure Sato's safe departure from

Tokyo. And even as he arrived in this country - a mob attack

on Okinawa itself. With a crowd of about seven thousand

demonstrators - attempting to invade ^{a big} ~~the~~ U.S. ~~Kadena~~ Air Base.

When they couldn't get in - hurling firebombs and acid at

security guards. Luckily ~~though~~ - no one hurt.

BU PRANG

Here at home - and also in Vietnam - U.S. investigators continued to probe today - that alleged massacre of South Vietnamese civilians. The Army attempting to separate fact from fiction - amidst a mass of conflicting reports.

Meanwhile, the war goes on. Air action today including a strike by Allied aircraft - for the second straight day - across the Vietnamese border into Cambodia. Knocking out two enemy gun batteries - that had earlier shelled the U.S. Green Beret camp at Bu Prang.

SALT

In the Middle East - Israeli jets thundered to the attack today. Blasting Iraqi, Syrian and Jordanian gun emplacements - near the town of ^{the} Salt in Jordan. The raid lasting more than two hours - longest in recent ^{months} ~~memory~~. Reflecting Israel's apparent decision last week for massive retaliation - in the face of continuing border raids.

Later on, a second Israeli air strike - near the Dead Sea in southern Jordan. This one aimed at a key Egyptian radar installation - destroyed originally a year ago but since rebuilt. Returning pilots saying - it was "severely hit." According to Tel Aviv - leaving Egypt once again wide open to Israeli air strikes.

HELSINKI

In a mirrored hall at Helsinki - once the symbol of Czarist power - a champagne toast today, and ~~so~~ the beginning of those long-awaited Strategic Arms Limitation Talks - between the U.S. and ^{the USSR,} ~~Russia~~.

In the formal statements that followed - Vladimir Semenov voicing Russia's hope for an early end to the arms race; calling this of "vital interest not only to the Soviet and American peoples" - but also to the whole world. Next up - America's Gerard Smith - reading a message from President Nixon; who said the parley represents - "one of the most momentous negotiations ever entrusted to an American delegation." He ^{- Warren -} further called for an eventual agreement - in which both sides can have full confidence.

CANBERRA-PALO ALTO

Canberra--the capital of Australia--is one of the exciting new cities of this world. It's only a few years ~~old~~ ^{old} - laid out in spectacular manner. And when I was there the other day--I heard the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, make a remark ~~that~~ I'll not soon forget. He seems to think that man is out to destroy the beautiful things there are ~~on~~ ^{of our} this whirling planet,

I'm reminded of it ~~now~~ ^{today} because of ~~what~~ Gladwin Hill ³ ~~tells us about~~ ^{N.Y. Times report on} a movement ~~that's~~ just getting underway at Palo Alto, California. Instead of demonstrating against the war in Vietnam--students from forty California colleges are starting a campaign to try and improve what they call, quote, the "quality of life." This has to do with our environment. ~~Their idea~~ ~~is to get busy and~~ prevent the human race from destroying itself, through "ecological disaster"--the wrong use of chemicals; pollution of ~~our~~ rivers, lakes and seacoasts--and, of course, pollution in the air.

To get back to the Governor-General of Australia--he

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said the Australians had better hurry up and reflect a bit about the value of their possessions. ~~Said he to the people "down under":~~ ^{said he,} "Before you destroy a tree¹ reflect a moment that the tree took ^{four} forty--fifty--eighty years to grow." In other words, in a matter of minutes or even less ^{with} a modern electric saw ^{you} can destroy what it took the ^g Almighty decades to achieve.

~~So we have both~~ Canberra and Palo Alto telling us the same thing.