

Thurs, Nov. 20-69.

1/2 At the top of the news tonight - the Moon Men
on their way back to Earth -
~~men return~~ - as you no doubt have heard by now.

Astronauts Pete Conrad and Al Bean - blasting off from
the surface of the Moon, rejoining their space buddy -

Dick Gordon - aboard the Apollo Twelve command ship =
Yankee Clipper. As we look back now ~~it's~~ a story ~~perhaps~~
best told by the astronauts themselves.

With Al Bean sitting beside him in The Intrepid
- Pete Conrad ticking off the final seconds of that lunar
count-down: "five - four - three - two - one!" said he.
And away we go!" A moment later - Conrad observing:
"Right down the pike"! Then the rendezvous and docking
in lunar orbit. A gentle jolt, a lock - and Dick Gordon
singing out: "You're home free, boy." To which Conrad
replied: "Super job, Richard - that was beautiful."
A sentiment shared by millions who watched by television
- here below.

MOON ORBIT

Later on - its job done - the "Intrepid"
was sent crash diving back to the Moon. Serving as
a successful test of that Moon quake meter - left
behind on the lunar surface. With that, the flight of
Apollo Twelve heading into the home stretch - A Okay -
all the way.

~~Getting back to work with a bang - Henry~~

Cabot Lodge calls it quits. ^{1st} Announcement today - from the White House. Our number one man in Paris giving as his reason - the fact that ~~the~~ "personal matters at home require my attention."

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Less⁺ there be any misunderstanding though - Lodge emphasized in his letter of resignation that he still supports U. S. policy in Vietnam. Indeed Lodge asserted^s that the President has "left no stone unturned" - in his efforts to negotiate an end to the war." Only trouble said he, sadly - "the other side has flatly refused to reciprocate - in any kind of meaningful way."

In return, the President telling Lodge: "I could have asked for no better representative." And he added: "You have the satisfaction of knowing - that you have done all that imagination and dedication to peace could have accomplished."

Next question: After Lodge - whom? A problem

complicated by the simultaneous resignation - of Lodge's
chief deputy Lawrence Walsh. The double departure
leaving a veteran career officer - Philip Habib - as acting
head of the American peace delegation; ^{with a} ~~and~~ Lodge's
successor ~~is~~ as yet no where in sight.

However, the White House stressed that Lodge's
resignation - "should in no way be interrupted as a
down-grading of the talks." Adding that there has been,
quote - "no abandonment of hope!"

All this - following another session of fruitless talks in Paris. ~~Moreover~~ ^{the} The effect of Lodge's resignation on the Communist side - publicly, at least, none at all. An enemy spokesman observing that Lodge, - has merely followed Washington's orders. And ~~he~~ ^{ing} added that the Communists ~~are~~ looking for a change of policy - not ~~negotiators~~ negotiators.

In the Middle East - again Arab versus Arab today. The place - same as before, Lebanon. With a force of about a hundred guerillas - attacking a Lebanese army outpost at Nabatiyyeh, about forty miles south of Beirut. The battle - brief as it was - shattering a cease fire agreement barely two weeks old.

As for reaction - Syria and Iraq immediately pledged their support of the guerillas. Syria also closed once more its border with Lebanon - a border that was only reopened just a week ago. The battle further threaten^S_A efforts by Lebanon's Premier designate - Rashid Karami - to form a new government. The old one - which he also headed, you'll recall - a victim of that earlier army guerilla clash.

HYANNISPORT, MASS.

Hyannisport, Mass. - a private funeral

*service today. The Kennedy family - those that ^{remain} ~~are still~~
and they are many -
~~are~~ bidding a quiet farewell to the patriarch of the clan.*

*- Joseph P. Kennedy. The tribute led by Senator Edward
Kennedy - who delivered a brief eulogy; his remarks
including a passage written years ago by his brother -
the late Senator Robert Kennedy. The latter saying of
his father - he was not "without fault - his judgement has
not always been perfect - but somehow he almost always
made sense."*

WASHINGTON

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From Governor Rockefeller of New York - a
defense today of military juntas in Latin America. This -
in ~~his~~ testimony before a Senate Foreign Relations
Sub-Committee. Rockefeller asserting that military
regime^s "south of the border" - are fast becoming forces
for social change; and are, in many cases - he added -
the only alternative to "anarchy and chaos."

~~Speaking of which~~ ^a riot today in
Milan, ~~Italy~~ With a band of ^e carabinieri - tearing up two
of their own barracks buildings; ^{and even} battling with fellow
officers - 'til they were finally brought under control
through the use of tear gas.

Reason for the policemen's revolt - ~~we are told~~
- the news that one of their number has just died; ^a as a victim
of ~~the~~ ^{the} battle yesterday with anarchists - in the midst of
a nationwide general strike. ^{Warren -} ^{were} The mutineers said to reason:
"If no one else gives a hang - why should we!"

MONTGOMERY

From Spiro Agnew - another fighting speech tonight at Montgomery, Alabama. The Vice President attacking those segments of the news media that have grown, as he put it, "fat and irresponsible" in virtual monopoly situations. All of which is almost certain to raise another hue and cry - against the threat of official censorship; ~~all of which, nevertheless, recalls a couple of quotes - perhaps well worth noting at this time.~~

The first from Thomas Jefferson - who said: "I have pledged at the altar of God - eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." The second - in effect, a corollary from William James -- who observed: "A great many people think they are thinking - when they are merely ~~rearranging~~ rearranging their prejudices." Think about it.