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Millions and millions around the world -- today shared in the thrill of soaring through space; via the televised films -- of the flight of the Gemini Four -- and the "space walk" of Astronaut Ed White. Some of the most spectacular color film -- ever made.

There was Major White -- pushing away from the spacecraft. His uniform -- a brilliant white against the vivid green and blue of the earth -- and the black void of space. Ed White -- saluting his space partner -- Jim McDivitt; then twisting -- turning -- tumbling about the Gemini Four. In a sort of space ballet -- that included even a closeup -- through the windshield of the space ship.

All the while his gold plated safety line -- a glittering writhing snake -- that trailed him through space. While a quarter of the earth -- flashed by below. Pat White -- the space walker's wife -- one of the first to see the film, summed it up, saying, -- "now I know why he didn't want to come back in."

## WASP FOLLOW SPACE

In the meantime, the two astronauts themselves are still aboard the aircraft carrier WASP. Circling slowly today -- off the coast of Florida. Where they'll stay pending completion of three days of post-flight medical examinations.

Although the full report is not yet available, the chief astronaut physician aboard the ship -- says they came through the flight in excellent condition. Even better than some of the pioneering Mercury astronauts -- who made much shorter flights. As a result -- the space doctors are said to be "tremendously optimistic" -- about the feasibility of prolonged flight through space.--To the moon -- and beyond.

**Incidentally, Chicago today was chosen the  
only major city that will get a chance to honor the  
SS astronauts.**

## STATE

The big news on Viet Nam - comes today from the State Department in Washington. The U S commander in the Far East - said to have ~~has~~ been given a green light for the first time, ~~To~~ commit American marines and paratrooper - to a major combat role in the Vietnamese war.

Until now - American ground forces were restricted to - "aggressive patrolling". This limited to the defense perimeters - around key U S air bases and port facilities.

The new role for U S fighting men - one of combat support for South Vietnamese forces - when and as needed, ~~Subject - to just two qualifications. One,~~ <sup>provided -</sup> the South Vietnamese military command ~~must~~ <sup>S</sup> request such assistance. And ~~the~~ U.S. troops must operate alongside South Vietnamese forces - and not on their own.

VIET NAM FOLLOW STATE

Meanwhile, halfway around the world -- American warplanes today again blasted Red military targets - in the Communist North. While in the south - a series of sharp ground clashes, ~~R~~anging all the way from Da Nang - to the Mekong delta. U.S. troops said to have killed seventy-seven guerrillas - capturing twenty eight more. No American dead - <sup>but</sup> ~~but~~ nine wounded.

## CONGRESS

*By unanimous vote - the Senate agreed today to divert twenty five million dollars - from U S military aid to Latin America. The money to be used to help support that inter-American peace force - in the Dominican Republic.*

*Across Capitol Hill - the House Judiciary Committee voted today to make it a federal crime - to kill the President. Also, the Vice President or any other government official - who is next in order of succession. The penalty - death in the electric chair.*

## GAMBLE

A young Cleveland woman - perilously close to death -- is gambling her life today - on a gambler. Here's the story:

The gambler - one James Toney, ~~Shot~~ and fatally wounded by his girl friend - following an argument over gambling losses. After his death - ~~the~~ Toney's kidney was removed - with the permission of his estranged wife, ~~And~~ later transplanted into the body - of the dying woman.

In any case - it's a long shot. Taking anywhere from two days to two weeks - to tell whether the transplant ~~is~~ <sup>will be</sup> successful - or not.

## MOROCCO

In Morocco -- Premier Ahmen Bahnini resigned today -- and King Hassan the Second immediately assumed full emergency powers. The King's action -- in effect -- dissolving the parliament that refused to back Bahnini's bid -- for a broad national unity cabinet.

King Hassan is now expected to form his own personal cabinet; based on a promise of broad social reforms -- for the Moroccan poor. The latest government crisis is a direct result of the bloody riots by jobless workers; in Casablanca, Fez and Rabat -- earlier this year.



## MINE

*Rescue operations continued today - in the wake of that Yugoslavian coal mine explosion. The world's' fourth major mine disaster - in less than a month. So far - more than a hundred and twenty bodies recovered from below ground - with little hope of finding any more survivors. The final death toll - expected to reach about a hundred and sixty men.*

*Twenty five other miners miraculously escaping death - when they followed a fresh air current to a break in the rubble. Among them- a foreman who survived a similar blast in the same mine - thirty-one years ago. The dead in that long ago accident - totaling a hundred and twenty seven men.*

## SPAIN

*In Spain - fourteen airmen were killed today in a mid-air collision. Near the Spanish Air Force base - at Alcantarilla. Two German made junkers - crashing together during a paratroop training exercise. Both planes - plunging in flames. The first such accident ~~in~~ at the Alcantarilla Air Base - in the eighteen years it has been in existence.*

## MALAYSIA

*This next - from Kuala Lumpur. The Federation of Malaysia - embroiled in another international crisis today. And for once - it has nothing to do with Sukarno.*

*This problem - maybe a bit more ticklish. For it involves the question of who shall reign as "Miss Malaysia" - in the forthcoming Miss Universe Beauty Pageant.*

*The "Miss Malaysia" preliminary - set for this Saturday. But contestants <sup>wer</sup> thrown into a tizzy today - by a government decree ~~Forbidding~~ forbidding the girls from parading in their swim suits - under penalty of the law. On the grounds - that it is against Malaysia's national religion of Islam - to exhibit any part of a woman's body.*

*This late report - from sponsors of the beauty pageant. If the ruling stands - "we have alternate plans" - say they. But just what - not disclosed.*

*What do you think? <sup>Did?</sup> Could it be veils? Or will they settle for graceful Malay sarongs? ~~failing that - muu-muus, anyone?~~*

## CUBA

*Two new records reported today - from Castro Cuba. The first - a record sugar crop - of six million tons. Announced personally by Fidel Castro - in a radio broadcast from a sugar mill in Oriente Province.*

*The second - a record for brevity - set by Castro himself. He spoke - for just seven minutes. As compared with some of his earlier speeches - that have ranged up to five and a half hours in length.*