

Thurs. July 10-69  
Dallas Texas

CAPE KENNEDY

CAPE KENNEDY - A FAST COMEBACK TODAY. WITH A PAIR OF SUPER-CLEAN SPACE TECHNICIANS - CRAWLING INSIDE A CAVERNOUS FIRST-STAGE FUEL TANK OF THE MOON-BOUND APOLLO ELEVEN. THERE, TRACKING DOWN AND REPAIRING A SUDDEN LEAK - IN THE SPACE CRAFT'S HELIUM GAS PRESSURIZATION SYSTEM. CLEARING THE WAY FOR START OF THE FINAL COUNTDOWN TONIGHT - SHOOTING FOR BLASTOFF NEXT WEDNESDAY.

THE TROUBLE - AS IT TURNED OUT - SIMPLY A LOOSE NUT; WHICH WAS MERELY TIGHTENED - THE SYSTEM RE-TESTED - AND THEN A SIGH OF RELIEF ALL AROUND. SPACE OFFICIALS ANNOUNCING - " THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED." AND NOW IT <sup>is about to</sup> ~~BEGIN~~ IN EARNEST - MAN'S GREATEST ADVENTURE - <sup>To Land on</sup> ~~THE CONQUEST OF~~ THE MOON.

PEACE

PARIS AGAIN - NORTH VIET NAM'S XUAN THUY WAS BACK IN ACTION TODAY - FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WEEKS; HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM HANOI - WITH WHAT WERE THOUGHT TO BE NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNIST PEACE NEGOTIATORS.

NEVERTHELESS, TODAY'S PARLEY - PRETTY MUCH THE SAME OLD STORY. XUAN THUY ASSERTING THAT PRESIDENT NIXON DOESN'T REALLY WANT PEACE - OR ELSE HE WOULDN'T BE FOLLOWING THE SAME POLICIES AS FORMER PRESIDENT JOHNSON. HENRY CABOT LODGE REPLIES THAT THE COMMUNIST STAND IS , IN EFFECT - A DEMAND FOR "CAPITULATION BY OUR SIDE." ADDING: "THIS IS UNREASONABLE" - WE SHALL NOT CAPITULATE."

VIET NAM - FOLLOW PEACE

*Meanwhile*  
HALF A WORLD AWAY - THE WAR GOES ON. ENEMY ACTIVITY  
*included*  
INCLUDING TODAY - THE BOMBING OF AN AMERICAN MILITARY BILLET  
NEAR SAIGON - ALSO, A SHELLING OF SAIGON'S GIANT TAN SON NHUT  
AIR BASE. THE TWO TOGETHER PROMPTING AN ALLIED WARNING -  
AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST  
THE CAPITAL.

ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE - CASUALTY FIGURES FOR THE PAST  
WEEK - LOWEST IN SIX MONTHS. REFLECTING A LULL IN THE GENERAL  
LEVEL OF FIGHTING - SIMULTANEOUS WITH A DROP IN COMMUNIST  
INFILTRATION FROM THE NORTH. IN WASHINGTON - THIS TAKEN AS  
A POSSIBLE SIGN THAT THE ENEMY INTENDS TO DE-ESCALATE THE WAR -  
WITHOUT ACTUALLY ADMITTING IT. AT LEAST - THAT'S THE HOPE.

MOSCOW

FROM SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO - AN  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ~~TODAY~~ IN POSSIBLE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN  
SUMMIT TALKS. GROMYKO ASSERTING THAT U.S. "FEELERS" ON THE  
POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETING - "HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED IN  
THE SOVIET UNION." ADDING HIS HOPE THAT "GOOD" RELATIONS  
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND RUSSIA - CAN BE TRANSFORMED SOON INTO  
"FRIENDLY" RELATIONS.

SUMMIT OR NO, THOUGH - GROMYKO CALLING FOR MORE  
RUSSIAN-AMERICAN TALKS AT LOWER LEVELS. HE ALSO URGED  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A SO-CALLED - "NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE" IN THE  
MEDITERRANEAN. FURTHER DEMANDING U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM VIET  
NAM - BUT COUPLING THIS WITH A WISH FOR EVENTUAL AGREEMENT AT  
PARIS.

CAIRO - TEL AVIV

IN THE MIDDLE EAST - CONFLICTING CLAIMS TODAY, AS  
USUAL. CAIRO TELLING OF AN EGYPTIAN COMMANDO RAID ACROSS THE  
SUEZ CANAL \_ - ONE THAT SUPPOSEDLY KNOCKED OUT FIVE ISRAELI  
GUN POSITIONS. TO WHICH TEL AVIV REPLIED: "THERE IS NO  
EVIDENCE OF ANY CROSSING \_ - AND NO DAMAGE TO ANY OF OUR GUN  
POSITIONS." LATER, ISRAEL RETURNING THE BODY OF NINE EGYPTIANS -  
KILLED IN A COMMANDO RAID EARLIER THIS WEEK.

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT - EGYPT TODAY OFFICIALLY  
RECOGNIZED COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY. ~~BECOMING THE~~ FIFTH ARAB  
NATION - TO DO SO. DROPPING A PROMPT CHARGE FROM WEST GERMANY  
THAT RUSSIA FORCED THE MOVE - UNDER A THREAT OF CUTTING OFF ARAB  
ARMS SUPPLIES.

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PARIS      FOLLOW TEL AVIV

~~REVERSE SIDE~~ - AN ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY FROM PARIS;  
TO THE EFFECT THAT FRANCE WILL SOON LIFT ~~AT~~ AT LEAST A CORNER  
OF ITS TOTAL ARMS EMBARGO ON THE MID-EAST. ENOUGH TO PERMIT  
THE DELIVERY OF SPARE PARTS - FOR FRENCH-MADE EQUIPMENT ALREADY  
IN ISRAELI HANDS.

HOWEVER, FRENCH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU MAKING IT PLAIN -  
HE HAS NO INTENTION OF DELIVERING THOSE FIFTY MIRAGE JETS  
THAT ISRAEL HAS ALREADY PAID FOR. POMPIDOU DECLARING:  
"THE AIM OF FRENCH MID-EAST POLICY - IS NOT TO SELL ARMS BUT  
TO HELP RE-ESTABLISH PEACE." AND HE ADDED: " I WISH TO STRESS -  
THERE IS NO SOLUTION FOR ISRAEL IN WAR OR IN A MILITARY ACTION."

CHUR

AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THAT EUROPEAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE AT CHUR, SWITZERLAND - A DIRECT CHALLENGE TODAY TO THE TEACHINGS OF POPE PAUL. THIS - FROM BELGIAN CARDINAL LEO SUENENS ; WHO URGED A COMPLETE NEW LOOK - AT THE QUESTION OF PRIESTLY CELIBACY. ALSO SUGGESTING A FULL EXAMINATION - OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ADMITTING MARRIED MEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD. HIS REMARKS DRAWING PROLONGED APPLAUSE - FROM A NUMBER OF LIBERAL YOUNG CATHOLIC PRIESTS WHO WERE PRESENT. ~~HOWEVER,~~ THE RESPONSE FROM <sup>his</sup> FELLOW BISHOPS <sup>was</sup> "MORE RESTRAINED." - ~~WE ARE~~ ~~TOLD.~~

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SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC

SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC - ABOUT A THOUSAND MILES  
DUE EAST OF MARTINIQUE - A STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL IS UNDER WAY  
TONIGHT. THOR HEYERDAHL AND HIS CREW OF SIX - "WORKING  
DESPERATELY," TO KEEP THEIR PAPYRUS RAFT FROM SWAMPING IN  
HEAVY SEAS. ~~C~~CROSSING OVERBOARD - SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, ANYTHING  
THEY CAN POSSIBLY DISPENSE WITH; TRYING TO KEEP THEIR SAGGING  
STERN - FROM PULLING DOWN THE REST OF THE CRAFT. AND, ~~THAT~~<sup>it's</sup>  
ESCORT VESSEL THEY'VE CALLED FOR - STILL MORE THAN FOUR DAYS  
AWAY.

ALL OF WHICH MIGHT DISCOURAGE A LESSER MAN - BUT NOT  
THOR HEYERDAHL. WHEN LAST HEARD FROM - THE ~~FAMED~~ NORWEGIAN  
EXPLORER <sup>was</sup> TELLING SHORE STATIONS: "WE'RE HAVING A TOUGH TIME -  
WE'RE NOT IN GOOD SHAPE ANY MORE - BUT EVERYONE IS HAPPY AND  
WE'RE STILL ON SCHEDULE." ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING HE STILL HOPES  
TO REACH THE AMERICAS - PAPYRUS BOAT AND ALL; JUST AS THE  
EGYPTIANS MIGHT HAVE DONE IT - SOME THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

How would you like to be in that  
Papyrus boat, Warren - with Thor Heyerdahl?



LONDON

THIS NEXT - FROM LONDON: WHERE BRITAIN'S OLDEST  
RESIDENT - TODAY CELEBRATED ANOTHER BIRTHDAY. SPRITELY  
ALICE STEVENSON - A HUNDRED AND EIGHT AS OF THIS DATE.  
PASSING UP THE TRADITIONAL BIRTHDAY CAKE - IN FAVOR OF A BIG  
BOWL OF STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM.

AND HOW DOES ALICE STEVENSON ACCOUNT FOR HER LONGEVITY?  
EASY - SAID SHE; NO MEDICINE! - NO TELEVISION! - "I JUST DON'T  
BELIEVE IN THEM."

BY THE WAY - IT'S MISS STEVENSON. NOT THAT SHE HAS

ANYTHING AGAINST MARRIAGE, THOUGH. AT AGE A HUNDRED AND EIGHT -  
*she* APPARENTLY *s* STILL HOLD~~ING~~<sup>S</sup> TO THE THEORY *that* "IT'S NEVER TOO  
LATE."

*Out here in Dallas, Texas, at KRLD it  
is time to say - s-l-u-t-m.*