

SPACE

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From Moscow -- a charge today that America's Gemini-Five -- is a super spy in the sky, <sup>On</sup> a photo reconnaissance mission -- over Viet Nam, Cuba and Communist China. Its "main purpose -- to check the possibility of intercepting -- artificial satellites." Thus essentially -- a military operation.

The American answer -- from President Johnson at his White House news conference a few hours later. The Chief Executive first announcing plans -- for development of a U.S. manned space laboratory, <sup>At</sup> a cost -- of a billion-and-a-half dollars. Pledging, however, that America will never put weapons of mass destruction -- into orbit around the earth.

"The heavens" -- said the President -- "belong to all the people." "Our dream of space" -- he added -- "is a dream of peace and friendly cooperation by all nations of the earth." To prove the point <sup>he invites</sup> -- Moscow ~~invited~~ to send a top representative to Cape Kennedy, <sup>to</sup> witness the launching of ~~the~~ Gemini-Six -- some time in October.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW SPACE

The rest of the President's news conference -- all over the lot. Including a report that more than twenty-seven thousand Negroes -- have been registered <sup>by federal examiners</sup> in thirteen Southern counties. Since enactment -- of the new voting rights law.

Also an announcement -- that Congressman James Roosevelt of California -- has been named U.S. representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. A post once held by his mother -- the late Eleanor Roosevelt.

Plus a warning -- to both management and labor in the steel industry, ~~To~~ do nothing in their current contract talks -- that might hurt the nation's economy.

As for Viet Nam -- the President asserted that he and his advisors -- are devoting every waking hour -- to the goal of substituting words for guns. "Peace -- that simple five letter word -- is the most important in the English language to us" -- said the President. Adding that if the Communists think for one moment -- that the American people are not united on Viet Nam -- then they are dead wrong.

## VIET NAM FOLLOW PRESIDENT

Meanwhile, in Viet Nam itself -- a Soviet-made ground-to-air missile -- said today to have downed another American plane. The third so lost -- in recent weeks.

This one -- a Navy jet. Blasted from the sky -- seventy-five miles south of Hanoi. One crewman presumed killed -- the other still missing.

Back in Saigon -- the latest release of U.S. casualty figures, showing a record number of fifty-nine Americans -- killed in battle in Viet Nam in the last week. This one consolation: Allied troops killing eight of the Communists -- for every man they lost.

GEMINI

Speaking of ~~the~~ Gemini-Five -- as we were a few moments ago -- it's still up there. Hurtling through space -- at better than seventeen thousand miles an hour. Setting space endurance records -- one after another -- with every tick of the clock.

Astronauts Conrad and Cooper -- so relaxed that at one point today -- they told a flight surgeon they had taken off their space suits. For greater comfort -- they said.

There followed a shocked silence -- until the doctor realized they were joking. His own pulse rate ~~was faster than~~ <sup>(by then -- faster than</sup> that of the astronauts.

~~by then faster than that of both men in the spacecraft~~

~~space~~

NAP

By the way -- one of the jobs undertaken by the Gemini-Five -- that of mapping portions of the earth. Through a series of photographs of desolate and isolated areas -- some of them never before seen by the eyes of Man.

That job -- about ninety per cent complete -- the Space Agency reported today. Astronauts Conrad and Cooper -- said to have taken hundreds of photographs of uncharted regions -- in Australia, Mexico, East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.

Geologists particularly interested -- in the first detailed study of <sup>the Great</sup> Rift valleys, That extend from Turkey -- through Syria, Jordan, the Red Sea and Eastern Africa -- as far south as Mozambique. Why? Because they believe <sup>this is</sup> ~~them~~ similar -- to ~~the hills found~~ <sup>some</sup> on the moon.

Another clue perhaps -- to the origin of earth-- and the beginning of Man.

BERLIN

A sharp political setback today -- for Mayor Willy Brandt of Berlin, Socialist candidate -- for Chancellor of West Germany, when it was disclosed that his sixteen-year-old son -- Peter -- has signed an anti-American petition.

The petition -- circulated by an alleged Communist Front Organization, Accusing the United States of endangering world peace -- of using poison gas in Viet Nam. Further demanding withdrawal of all American forces -- from South Viet Nam.

Young Brandt said to be a radical -- also an outspoken critic of his father's policies, <sup>and</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>ing</sup> signed the petition knowing full well ~~that~~ it would embarrass his father. Which it has.

## PARTY

A so-called "swingin' party" <sup>at</sup> ~~is~~ fashionable East Hampton -- on Long Island -- broken up today by a police raid. Twenty-three party-goers -- arrested on charges of possession of narcotics and disorderly conduct. Another -- found to be an Army deserter. The rest -- nearly four hundred in all -- told to get out of town -- but fast.

The celebrants -- described as "beatnik types."

Young people of high school and college age -- some from as far away as Kentucky. Many of them -- young girls. One raider asserting that -- "these are the kids that carry the signs -- that are against everything."

## SURFER

Larry Capune of Newport Beach, California -- the world's new long-distance surfboard paddling champion. Upon completion of a thirty-six-day trip -- of nearly a thousand miles. A trip in which he paddled an eighteen-foot surfboard -- by hand -- from Coney Island, New York, to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The new king of the surfers -- just twenty-three. Tired, but tanned and fit after his marathon run. Reporting several close calls with sharks -- along the way.




## SILVER

Ah, fame -- so fleeting. As illustrated once again--  
in this dispatch from Detroit.

The great horse Silver -- "Hi-ho Silver" of Lone Ranger  
fame -- offered today to the Detroit Zoo, as a gift to the  
children of that city -- from Mrs. Brace Beemer, widow of the  
man -- who played the Lone Ranger on radio -- for so many years;  
who also appeared with Silver -- at rodeos, fairs and children's  
benefits throughout the country.

At twenty-seven -- Silver's halcyon days -- long gone.  
Never again -- "the thundering hoofbeats of the great horse  
Silver." Never again to carry the Lone Ranger -- to new heights  
of Western excitement and adventure.

Worst of all -- the Detroit Zoo doesn't want him. Silver  
too tough -- and too old -- say Zoo officials. It would take  
two fences to hold him -- and he's just liable to snap at  
the youngsters -- who would be sure to come and visit him.

For Silver - - there seems nothing left -- but the  
glue factory. Ah, fame -- Warren -- so fleeting! Here's   
salute to you, Silver! Hi-ho!

## MURDER

A bizarre case of murder -- reported today here in New York. With the death of an East Side landlady -- after she had been beaten by one of her male tenants. A man who accused her -- of poisoning his dog.

Why so strange? Well, mostly because of -- the ages -- of the <sup>people</sup> ~~persons~~ involved. The victim -- seventy-eight years old. Her assailant -- ninety-eight years old. A man who used his cane -- as the murder weapon. The oldest man ever charged with homicide -- indeed, the oldest man ever arrested -- here in the city of New York.