CAPE CANAVERAL -- BAIKONUR

At Cape Canaveral in the U.S. and Baikonur
in the Soviet Union--the countdown continues.

Cosmonauts Leonov and Kubasov to blast-off tomorrow
morning with our Astronauts to follow tomorrow afternoon.

With their rendezvous in space, Thursday.

At Geneva--an agreement today to hold a giant

Summit conference--July 30 in Helskinki. This to

include virtually all the countries of Europe--plus the

U.S., the Soviet Union and Canada. There the world

leaders to ratify a new all European security agreement;

a document also to provide for East-West cooperation in

political, economic and human relations.

And now-----

ENERGY

President Ford has a new compromise oil price control plan; one to drive up the cost of gasoline about seven cents a gallon by 1978; thereby spurring--increased production of domestic oil.

The President's plan--drawing brickbats from

Democratic leaders in Congress. The President defending -saying "there is no cost-free way to reduce our dependence on
increasingly expensive foreign oil." And "this is a small
price to pay--for our independence from the costly whim of
foreign suppliers."

WHITE HOUSE

President Ford today had his semi-annual

physical check-up; and was pronounced "physically fit."

This on his 62nd birthday--which included a "surprise birthday" party and a cruise on the Potomac.

KELLEY

From FBI Director, Clarence Kelley--a statement today confirming a series of break-ins by FBI agents--from the time of World War II though 1966. A "few"--at foreign embassies here in the U.S. Kelley insisting the breakins were ordered--solely for reasons legal--national security.

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TROHAN AND ALASKA

Mountaineer Brad Washburn used to say that

Alaskans were of two types:--those running away from the
sheriff, and those in search of adventure. I've been
with Alaskans for the past week and can tell you they
now include three other types:--thousands lured north
by the new gold rush--that black flowing gold; tens of
thousands to take a look at the wonders of Alaska; and
many who just want to "get away from it all", commune
with Nature.

My trip to Alaska and the West Coast has given me

a chance to do some reading--and here are two books you

must not miss:--"Political Animals" by Walter Trohan who

for 39 years was the Chicago Tribune man in Washington;

and "The Remarkable Life of Dr. Armand Hammer" by Bob Considine.

Walter Trohan "Political Animals";--Bob Considine--
Armand Hammer. Both absorbingly interesting!

The U.S. attempt to scale K-Two, the world's second tallest mountain--has come a cropper. Jim Whitaker and the group, --in the Western Himalayas, in Pakistan have abandoned the climb because of a porter's strike, -- and "severe storms". Their "time has run out".

MARQUESAS KEY

In 50 feet of water off Marquesas Key, Florida-more sunken treasure. Divers locating five bronze
cannon--also, a number of copper ingots,--believed
to be from the Spanish galleon--Nuestra Senora DeAtocha;
one of a Spanish Armada that went down in a seventeenth
centure hurricane.

And now this message....

Maidstone

At Maidstone, England--Jon Lawrence, aged 43, blind for years was getting some tea for his wife and daughter--when he tripped over his seeing eye dog; falling down a flight of steps--smashing his head against a wall; whereupon--suddenly--he could see again.

Moral: --don't be afraid of taking a tumble.

It may be just what you need!

And now for CBS News, this is Lowell Thomas.

Solong until tomorrow!