

SPACE

Tues. Oct, 22-68,

At Cape Kennedy - Houston - Washington - all systems are "go" tonight for a manned assault on the moon. *Sothey say!*
Target date - on or about Christmas.

Successful return of the record-breaking Apollo-Seven - clearing the way for official approval; which is now expected - around the middle of next month. As soon as space officials have confirmed from tapes and tests - what they already ^{know} from personal observation; that Apollo-Seven's history-making eleven-day flight - has successfully blazed a trail for manned flight around the moon.

Looking even beyond - General Sam Phillips of the manned spacecraft program predicting ~~an~~ actual lunar landing ~~at last~~ - perhaps as early next spring. If not then - almost certainly before the end of the year - said he.
Smiling broadly, General Phillips adding ^{that} space officials can "talk schedules" for the first time in history - and really mean it. This - said he - "because we are making them now."

ESSEX FOLLOW SPACE

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Meanwhile, the three Apollo-Seven astronauts were happily readjusting to civilization today - aboard the U.S. aircraft carrier Essex. Command Pilot Wally Schirra - who had complained loud and often about space food - interrupting his medical examination for a late breakfast of steak and eggs. Crewmates Donn Eisele, and Walt Cunningham later joining Schirra - in taking a shower, shave and shampoo - also, donning a change of clothes. ^{This was} Followed by a final check of their spacecraft - which Schirra called "a magnificent flying machine" - ~~And~~ so it was.

Best of all - the three astronauts ^{are} said to be physically "A-one," ~~Despite~~ ^{they were} their head-colds, ~~λ~~ suffering no ill-effects from the splashdown early today. Which means that early tomorrow - they'll all be heading back to Cape Kennedy. The plaudits of their President as well as their nation - still ringing in their ears.

VIETNAM

On the war front - in Saigon - South Vietnamese

President Thieu conferred again today with U.S. Ambassador

Ellsworth Bunker, ^{and then} ~~whereupon he~~ issued a formal statement -

saying he "does not oppose" a conditional bombing halt over North Vietnam.

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This apparently a softening of Thieu's position - as stated last week. The South Vietnamese President further

ignoring a key point - he had earlier stressed; a ~~fact~~ ^{previous} assertion that South Vietnam - would never agree to negotiate with the Viet Cong.

~~At the same time - the political arm of the Viet Cong saying for the first time - it wants to be recognized by the United States; it wants to deal with Washington on ways of settling the war.~~

PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM

Effect in Paris - another bull market in peace rumors. With French Foreign Minister Michel DeBre - adding to the speculation. After a meeting with ~~President~~ DeGaulle - DeBre ^{said} ~~asserting that~~ President Johnson's "courageous policy" in Vietnam - is beginning to bear fruit. This ^{is} taken as the first semi-official confirmation - that the United States has really escalated its current peace offensive.

say you're the Shafer?

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - another bill-signing ceremony today. President Johnson putting the final touch to that new gun control law - banning interstate mail order sales of rifles and shotguns - also, ammunition.

"Today we begin to disarm the criminal - and the careless - and the insane" - said LBJ. Adding, however, that "this bill, as big as it is, falls short. - we just must have licensing," said he.

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And what say you, John Shafer?

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CHICAGO

The American Academy of Pediatrics - in session today at Chicago, ~~Hearing~~^{da} report from Dr. Harold Lief of the University of Pennsylvania - to the effect that the pride of American womanhood comes from the South - also, the Midwest.

Dr. Lief basing his assertion - on recent college^{sex} surveys. Showing a participation rate up to fifty per cent - among senior coeds in the Northeast as well as the Far West. ~~While~~ the great majority of coeds in the South and Midwest - were said to remain pure and untouched.

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PHILADELPHIA

In the battle of the polls here at home - Hubert Humphrey scores a major advance. This according to the Sindlinger Survey - of suburban Philadelphia; ^a ~~whose latest~~ tabulation gives ^{ing} Richard Nixon thirty-eight per cent of the vote - Hubert Humphrey thirty-one percent - George Wallace ten per cent. As compared with a forty, twenty-nine, eleven split - just a week ago.

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POLITICS FOLLOW PHILADELPHIA

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Polls or no though - the three major candidates were all running "flat out" today.

Richard Nixon - in Ohio, for his first and probably last whistle-stop train tour - of Campaign Sixty-Eight. Time and again - the Republican contender referring to the Truman campaign of Nineteen-Forty-Eight. Asserting: "It is one thing to give 'em hell - but it is something else again to give 'em Humphrey."

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at Youngstown, Ohio. ^{His}~~Wallace~~ aides accusing police - of
refusing to take adequate security precautions. →

John Shafer

ADD POLITICS

The necessity of which was amply demonstrated today--
at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; where Wallace was struck by
a flying apple core--and narrowly dodged a thrown egg,

John Shafetz

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ARIAS

Washington again - the U.S. serves as a safe refuge -
for still another deposed Latin American president.

Arnulfo Arias of Panama arriving by plane today - after ten
days of sanctuary in the U.S.- controlled Canal Zone.

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