

Tues, Nov. 15-66,

Home ^{they} are! ~~the heroes~~ -- home from space. Astronauts Jim

Lovell and Buzz Aldrin -- splashing down today in the ~~blue waters~~
of ~~the~~ South Atlantic. Their pinpoint landing in Gemini-Twelve
-- a perfect ending to the Two-man Gemini series of space
missions.

For all their troubles with balky rocket thrusters -- the
two astronauts ^{were} covered with laurels at the end of their Four-day
mission. ~~Among them~~ -- Buzz Aldrin's all-time record of Five-
and-a-Half hours of walking or standing in space. Jim
Lovell's all-time record of Four Hundred and Thirty-Two hours --
nearly Eighteen days -- spent in orbit. And best of all -- proof
at last that man can live and work in space.

Dr. Robert Gilruth -- director of the Manned Spacecraft
Center at Houston -- wrapping it up in a single sentence. "With
today's flight" -- said he -- "we have done all we needed to do
as a prelude to Apollo." A reference, of course, to the Three-
man series of space voyages -- set to begin early next year; a
series that will end -- hopefully -- ^{with} ~~in~~ manned flight to the
moon.

WHITE HOUSE

In the face of impending surgery -- a ~~last-minute~~ flurry of activity today at the White House. President Johnson signing bills -- undergoing a last-minute physical examination -- and finally conferring with his top advisers; preparatory to entering Bethesda Naval Hospital -- where he will be operated on tomorrow morning.

PARIS

Meanwhile, a report today from Paris -- that President Johnson is "almost certain" to meet with French President DeGaulle; during his scheduled trip to Europe -- next Spring.

As announced by LBJ last week -- the tour to include formal state visits only to Britain and West Germany. Diplomatic sources maintaining, however, that the President will also "stop over" in France; in an effort to seek a thaw -- in the current freeze between Washington and Paris.

If the report is borne out -- if the meeting does come off -- it will mark the first face-to-face meeting between Johnson and DeGaulle -- since the death of President Kennedy.

VIET NAM

Communist Viet Cong guerillas ^{now} ~~up~~ up to their old tricks today in Viet Nam. Baiting a trap for troop-carrying American helicopters -- in that continuing "Operation Attleboro" near the Cambodian border. And, worse luck -- it worked.

The Viet Cong wait^{ing} until several of the helicopters had landed -- and then they opened up. Cutting down at least Three of the choppers -- ~~the~~ even before they had a chance to return fire. No immediate word as to casualties -- but each helicopter normally carries a complement of Eleven men.

At the same time -- another outburst of Communist terrorism -- in and around Saigon. (Viet Cong infiltrators attacking a series of government outposts -- with machine guns, mortars and grenades.) Killing at least Four government soldiers -- ^{also} ~~their~~ their Four wives -- and Three of their children; as well as wounding -- some Twenty other civilians.

DALLGOW

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The makings of an international incident today -- in the tragic crash of a Berlin-bound Pan American jet mail plane near Dallgow, in East Germany.

Russian officials waiting Twelve hours -- before confirming the accident. East German officials waiting Four hours more -- before confirming the death of all Three crewmen aboard the ship.

The Soviets further asserting that U.S. officials would have to seek permission from East Germany -- if they hope to gain access to the crash scene. An apparent effort to force direct talks with the East German Communist regime -- which Washington refuses to recognize.

PRAGUE

Another incident involving Americans behind the Iron Curtain -- disclosed today in Washington, ^{and} Almost certain -- to set off diplomatic fireworks.

Vladimir Kazan-Komarék of Cambridge, Massachusetts -- a naturalized American citizen -- among a group of travel agents on a Moscow-to-Paris flight aboard a Soviet airliner; when the ship diverted from its scheduled course -- and landed at Prague in Kazan-Komarék's native Czechoslovakia.

The one-time Czech--who fled his homeland about the time of the Communist takeover in Nineteen-Forty-Eight -- quickly arrested by Prague police on a warrant issued in Nineteen-Sixty-Three, charging him with high treason -espionage -- and attempted murder. Kazan-Komarék is said to have furnished arms, money and equipment -- to a so-called "anti-state organization."

SOFIA

At Sofia in Bulgaria -- a surprising dash of cold water today -- on that Bulgarian call for a worldwide Communist summit meeting. Purpose: To consider the sins of renegade Red China -- with a view to banning the Chinese from the rest of the world Communist movement.

Despite a public second from Soviet Communist Party Leader ~~Leonid~~ Brezhnev -- Romanian Communist Party Leader Nicolae Ceaușescu flatly rejecting the idea. This at continuing sessions -- of the Ninth Congress of the Bulgarian Party.

Ceaușescu pointedly calling attention to a Kremlin declaration of Nineteen-Sixty-One -- stating that every Communist country has the right to shape its own policy. Adding that rather than "deepen disagreement" -- world Communist leaders should do everything in their power to strengthen "consolidation of the whole anti-imperialist front" -- as he put it.

PEKING FOLLOW SOFIA

Be that as it may -- no attempt at solidarity on the Eastern front, ~~In fact -- just the opposite~~^{where} Radio Peking today serving^{ed} notice that Red China intends to proceed "at top speed"-- in developing its own nuclear arsenal, whether Russia likes it -- or the United States -- or anybody else.

Attempts at securing a worldwide nuclear test ban treaty -- just "one more deal in the ~~many~~^{many} deals between American imperialists and Russian revisionists" -- said Radio Peking. Adding that China would never be a party to such a treaty -- or even to the existing partial test ban, in which, it said, Russia had sold out not only its own people -- but also the entire Communist block.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations -- a request today from Jordan for an "urgent" meeting of the U.N. Security Council. Jordanaian officials accusing Israel of open "aggression" -- in the wake of that Israeli attack Sunday on the Jordanian village of Hebron.

Within a matter of minutes -- request granted. The Security Council to consider Jordan's charge -- ~~at~~ ^{at} Eleven tomorrow morning.

BISHOPS STORTFORD

Scarface Harry Roberts -- Britain's most wanted criminal -- was flushed from hiding and captured today on a farm near Bishops Stortford, England. Alleged triggerman in the brutal slaying of three unarmed London policemen -- Roberts, nevertheless surrendering without a struggle.

The arrest culminating a search by some Three hundred policeman -- acting on a tip by a local gypsy. The search disclosing Roberts' hiding place -- a carefully camouflaged tent in a wooded area barely Thirty miles from London; where Roberts had hidden for weeks -- calling on his experience as a jungle fighter in the British Army in Malaya.

The current trial of two other man implicated with Roberts in the triple-slaying -- immediately halted by the fugitive's arrest. All Three-will now be tried ~~together~~ together, Warren

CHICAGO

Found: A sure-fire ~~is~~ method of telling whether your teen-aged son will be a ball of fire -- or whether he'll simply coast through life.

According to three researchers at the University of Michigan -- it's all in the blood. "It" being ^{an}~~uric~~ acid -- a waste^o product of the body's metabolism, found in highest quantities -- in teen-aged boys with great drive and ambition. As such -- an effective barometer of future success -- they say; providing, of course, the youngster has reasonable intelligence to begin with.

~~What~~ ^{What} about ^{teen-aged} girls? ~~Wait~~, the same test ^{tried} on a group of young ladies -- but it proved just one thing; that the fair sex -- is totally unpredicable.