

Tues. July 22, 1969

MADRID

Madrid - Franco picks a successor. The Generalissimo today naming as the future King of Spain - Prince Juan Carlos of Bourbon. Pledging to keep the Prince at his side, henceforth - to further his knowledge of Spanish affairs. Adding that Juan Carlos will assume leadership of Spain's thirty-three million people - immediately on death or incapacitation of the present ruler - meaning Franco himself.

However, the seventy-six-year-old dictator emphasizing - he has no intention of resigning in the foreseeable future.

WHITE HOUSE

The flight of Apollo-Eleven is proof again of the scientific contention that "Man seems to be limited only by his imagination." I say "seems" because we can imagine going to the stars and only yesterday President Nixon's space expert Dr. Lee Du Bridge assured me man never will get to the stars - too far-too many many hundreds of millions even billions and trillions of miles away. However, imaginations were soaring today - as the full impact of that lunar landing begins to sink in.

President Nixon, for one, predicting that by "the year Two Thousand - we on this earth will have visited new worlds" - worlds with some "form of life" on them. He was referring to planets near us in our own solar system, Mars or Venus, but we will do it - said he; and, he added hopefully, with the help of other countries - and for the good "of all mankind." The president adding that our space effort "is not an adventure of conquest - but an adventure of exploration

which tends to unite us all."

Yes, this is the greatest of all eras of exploration - far greater than the era of Prince Henry of Portugal and the Elizabethan Era.

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HOUSTON FOLLOW WHITEHOUSE

At Houston Wernher Von Braun today compared the historic importance of Apollo-Eleven to that of "aquatic life first crawling on land."

Reason, said he: "It is the culmination of a dream - and the beginning of a very important new theme in the history of mankind;" A demonstration of man's "ability to walk and actually live in other worlds;" - that "has virtually insured mankind of immortality."

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JODRELL BANK FOLLOW HOUSTON

Sir Bernard Lovell of Britain's famed Jodrell Bank Observatory; said today that the U.S. - has now clearly surpassed Russia in space; that, indeed, Americans have proved - they "can now do almost anything - if they want to."

And this in itself - may lead to an added bonus - said he; for it will serve to encourage for the first time - full-fledged Russian cooperation in space.

SPACE CENTER

Houston again - Robert Gilruth front and center this time. The director of the Manned Spacecraft Center saying that at age sixty-five he is still looking forward some day to traveling in space; to having "a look around up there" - as he put it. At sixty-five why I'm a young man ready for a new career said he. Maybe put a colony on the Moon.

What about his age? Would that prove a deterrent? Maybe - and then again maybe not - says Robert Gilruth. Explaining: "I'm still hopeful that this next ten years will see enough growth in technology so one doesn't have to be brought into the program when he's under forty to be able to fly " to outer Space!

That's even encouraging to me. I'd like to make that trip to the moon. And this may give you a smile. As a group of us sat watching the astronauts step down from their module onto the moon - one of the men near me - I believe it was Jerry O'Donnell one of the heads of Pan Am - said: -

"Lowell, I guess the Moon is the only place you haven't been!

Just pulling my leg!

SPACE

As for Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Mike Collins, - as you have heard over and over they are on their way home tonight. Sleeping part of the time. Also, firing a ten-second rocket blast; which they say lines them up perfectly - for re-entry Thursday in the Pacific. And as you know, preparations are in progress for a welcome such as no men in history ever had.

LONDON

Here's one - like father, like son. Britain's Prince Charles - borrowing a page from his out-spoken parent, Prince Philip. Speaking out in blunt words - seldom used by royalty; urging Parliament to pass adequate anti-pollution laws - before it is too late to save the country's fish and wildlife.

His attitude on this subject - perhaps has surprised some - said the new Prince of Wales. However, he explained: "My object is to be an alarmist - to say that there is a very small line between extinction and survival; and that legislation should be enacted now - and not vaguely in the future." Hear! Hear! How right you are, Prince Charles, wouldn't you say -

ROME

In the midst of a summer heat wave - a preview of winter fashions today in Rome. The trend-setting Capucci collection - including a little something for everybody - especially girl-watchers.

And what will milady do for warmth when the winds of winter start blowing? First - says Capucci - she'll be wearing tights; and second - she'll be wearing coats - down around ankle length. With skirts and dresses "up to here" in some cases - "down to there" in others; but all - slit up the side - a la Hongkong - only more so. The slit often running right up to - so long until tomorrow.