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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Home are the heroes -- home from the sea of space. Two at least -- as you no doubt know.

Their rendezvous in space -- a complete success. Astronauts Wally Schirra and Tom Stafford splashing down in the Atlantic as planned -- just thirteen miles from the recovery ship, the carrier Wasp. A perfect end to a perfect flight.

As for Gemini Seven, the space champ is in its thirteenth day, with a reported mal-function in the second of two fuel cells -- that supply the space-craft with electrical power. Raising the possibility that our marathon space men Borman and Lovell may be forced down a day early. Final decision to be made by Flight Director Chris Kraft -- before morning.

EXPLORER FOLLOW SPACE

Meanwhile, the United States scored still another triumph in space today ~~EM~~ by putting a forty pound pioneer Satellite - in perfect orbit around the sun. The Pioneer to gather information about cosmic rays, ~~Vital~~ vital to the mapping - of future inter-planetary space travel.

SCHIRRA FOLLOW EXPLORER

Oh yes and Wally Schirra turns out to be the space number one joker. His reported sighting of a strange "object" in "polar orbit" -- sending space officials into conniptions until he identified the object as Santa Claus by playing "jingle bells" on a harmonica. Tom Stafford at the same time -- banging on a set of bells.

Upon landing, however, Schirra disclosed that Frank Borman of the Gemini Seven is quite a funster himself. Seems that Schirra -- a Navy man -- held up a sign to Borman during their historic rendezvous in space. The sign: "Beat Army". But Borman -- a West Point grad was ready and waiting. He immediately flashed back his own sign reading -- "Beat Navy!"

CYCLONE

News today of another disastrous cyclone - the fourth in five years - in the Bay of Bengal - along the coast of East Pakistan. First reports reaching the ^{capital} city of Dacca -- ~~ixxi~~ indicating that the storm and resulting tidal wave - may have claimed as many as fifteen thousand lives ^{with} ~~countless~~ thousands more left homeless.

The whirlwind - clocked at more than a hundred and forty miles an hour ^{snapping} power-lines uprooting trees, blocking highways - and smashing peasant huts over an area of about six thousand square miles. Cox's Bazaar apparently the hardest hit of all. There - thousands of fishermen - caught off shore by the sudden fury of the storm. ~~xxxxi~~ Rescue vessels later reporting after a day-long search - that they found only five survivors.

WILSON

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At the United Nations - a double-barrelled appeal today from British Prime Minister Harold Wilson - first - for a peace in Viet Nam. Second - for patience in Rhodesia.

Wilson asserting that the Vietnamese conflict - cannot be settled by "military means alone". ~~that~~ therefore U N members have a duty - "which in the name of humanity" they cannot shirk - to do their best to ~~do~~ promote peace talks.

As for Rhodesia - he urged African members of the U N - to let London handle the matter. Presumably through economic sanctions - rather than force. Because - said he - the disagreement with Rhodesia was not about principles, but about means for achieving those principles. In any case - Wilson's argument fell largely on ~~the~~ dead ears. More than twenty African nations having staged a mass walkout - in protest against British policy toward Rhodesia - the minute he ~~xxx~~ took the rostrum.

EGYPT FOLLOW WILSON

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This later report - from London. Where
Egypt is reported tonight - to have broken diplomatic
relations with Britain. Raising to six the total
number of African states that now have severed
ties with Britain - for failing to put down the
Rhodesian ~~xxx~~ rebellion.

VIETNAM

"Operation Harvest Moon" in far-off Vietnam, now in the mopping up stage. The U.S. Marines did this today -- and it included a band of Communists they surprised in that bloody Phuoc Valley.

The guerrillas hiding in a honey-comb of tunnels -- when the Marines stumbled on their jungle lair. In the skirmish that followed -- sixteen Communists killed -- seven captured.

In a network of tunnels and caves they also found the bodies of twenty-five additional Communist dead, along with large quantities of weapons, ammunition, uniforms, food, and medical supplies. Indicating that the hideout was once the base -- for a full regiment of Communist Viet Cong.

POWER FOLLOW VIETNAM

Back at Saigon -- that assault on a major power plant in the Communist North -- today termed far more destructive than the first estimate.

The bomber attack credited with disrupting electrical service at Haiphong -- major Communist seaport, now reported also to have knocked out -- about twenty-five per cent of all power in the Hanoi area, the Communist capital -- sixty-five miles to the East.

SLACKS

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From Womens Wear Daily - fashion Bible
of America - news today of a tremendous surge in
ladies slacks.

Production of Madame's trousers - up from
about thirty-five million in Nineteen Sixty - to
more than sixty million last year. With Nineteen
Sixty Five expected to set an all-time high - when
the final tally is completed. Womens Wear Daily
commenting that apparently - "the end is nowhere

in sight." No pun intended - the end nowhere
in sight!

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~~Be that as it may - the~~ ^{This} trend to slacks
for all-purpose wear ~~was~~ deplored today by New
York fashion designer Pauline Trigere. Mademoiselle
Trigere declaring that slacks are all right - for
skiing - for the country, for travelling and such,
but for dress-up -- no dice.

The reason - says Mademoiselle - same as
that behind the advice of poet Ogden Nash. Who
— remember Warren —
once observed that "women in slacks - should never
turn their backs."

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WEDDING

J. Wilson

A surprise elopement to Mexico today united two of the world's greatest fortunes. Charlotte Ford - daughter of Henry Ford the Second - married to Greek shipping tycoon Stavros Niarchos. The wedding at Juarez - first for the bride - who is twenty-three; ~~second~~ ^{third} for the groom - who is fifty-four.