

VIET NAM

good evening.

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Thousands of U-S Marines have landed in Viet Nam from the American Seventh Fleet to join South Vietnamese troops in closing a trap on a Viet Cong regiment near Dan Nang. An estimated fifteen-hundred Communists are believed to be in the trap which was sprung in the largest amphibious operation the Marines have carried out in the war. Heavy fighting is reported raging about twenty miles south of Da Nang, site of a big U-S air base. The American and South Vietnamese forces have the Communists caught in a rough triangle. One Marine officer said "the only way the enemy has to go is up Highway One-- and the Air Force would just love that."

PLANE

The Air Force is getting a new plane -- authorized today by President Johnson, who okayed the purchase of two hundred and ten new flexible-wing bombers, called the FB-111 -- as replacements of B-52's and B-58's being cut back in Defense Secretary McNamara's economy program.

CONVENTION

(AFL-CIO President George Meany today ordered

~~about~~ ^{some} 50 anti-war demonstrators to be cleared from the balcony at the labor federation's convention in San Francisco. The demonstrators -- sponsored by a San Francisco State College student committee -- held placards protesting the Vietnamese War while Secretary of State Dean Rusk was addressing the convention. He told the union leaders there is NO basis for peace at this time, despite ~~effective~~ ^{open} diplomatic contacts with North Viet Nam.

ALABAMA

Old History repeated itself in the south today -- an all-white jury in Selma Alabama taking just ninety minutes to free three white men they found innocent of guilt in the fatal beating of the Reverend James Reeb, a Boston minister and Civil Rights worker. There were fifteen whites in the courtroom who applauded -- and one hundred negroes who groaned. Tonights verdict did NOT follow the pattern of recent verdicts in Alabama which on two occasions found white men guilty of Civil Rights crimes.

Gemini-Seven astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell are soaring through space, ^{tonight} heading toward the midway point of their fourteen-day journey. As of six P.M. -- Eastern Standard Time -- they had been in space six days, three-and-a-half hours. Ninety-two orbits completed -- with one-hundred-fourteen more trips around the world to go. Today was their busiest day on board the spaceship so far. They coped with hoarseness, dry noses, minor problems in fuel cells, and experiments that had trouble coming off. Command pilot Borman, speaking by radio to Mission control, said: "I feel like I was born up here." And he added -- "I feel fine -- a little sleepy--but Lovell is bouncing all over the place." ~~Meantime~~ ^{at} Cape Kennedy, Gemini-Six Astronauts Walter Schirra and Thomas Stafford are all set for their blastoff to carry out a historic space rendezvous with the Gemini-Seven. They are scheduled to take off at 9:54 A-M --Eastern Standard Time--this Sunday. If all goes as planned, they will rendezvous with Borman and Lovell on

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Sunday afternoon, five hours and forty minutes later. The two ships will perhaps be only inches apart. The Gemini-Six spacecraft is pronounced in "go" condition -- and the Weather Man says the outlook is good.

WASP

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"Wasp" (Four crewmen on board the ~~US~~ aircraft carrier
have been flown from the Atlantic to the United
States mainland because they are suspected of having
tuberculosis. But the outbreak of the disease is NOT
expected to affect the carrier's role as the recovery ship
for Gemini-Six and Seven. Medical officers say the outbreak
could NOT be described as being "anything like an
epidemic."

COSMOS

Russia today launched the ninety-ninth in its series of unmanned Cosmos experimental satellites.

As usual, the Tass News Agency said the Cosmos is carrying "scientific instruments" for continued space research.

In Washington, the State Department said Russia has assured the United States that it will continue to abide by a United Nations resolution against sending weapons of mass destruction into outer space

FIREBALL

The Air Force and a group of astronomers have decided that the "fireball", which streaked across the sky over the United States and Canada last night, was a large meteor -- which probably burned up in the earth's atmosphere. The fiery display was like a salute from the Heavens for America's Gemini astronauts--but it was too far north for them to see it. The fireball was sighted in at least ten states from coast to coast and as far south as Virginia.

STORM

A violent winter storm is threatening to flood the British Houses of Parliament, with high tides sending the River Thames to within eight inches of the ^{Historic} building. All employees have been evacuated from the basement rooms. The storm is also raking the Atlantic with gales, whipping up mountainous waves which threaten to capsize or sink the Greek Freighter "Costantis" off Ireland with twenty-seven men aboard. The crew is clinging to the flooded ship as it wallows in heavy seas. France and Holland are also feeling the brunt of the storm. Six persons are known dead.

INDIA

India and the United States have signed an agreement for the shipment of a MILLION-and-a-half tons of American grain to help meet the food crisis in drought-stricken India. Speaking in the Indian Parliament, Premier Shastri expressed his sincerest thanks to President Johnson for going along with the new program. The grains, valued at nearly eighty-eight MILLION dollars, could start reaching India within six weeks. At the same time, Premier Shastri announced that he will go to Washington to meet with President Johnson on February First. Shastri said the talks would lead to a closer understanding between "our two countries and to a better appreciation of each other's points of view." There's no word on how long Shastri will stay in the United States.

SAXOPHONE

The FBI says its agents have arrested a twenty-year-old Army deserter -- Daniel Fravel -- while he was playing saxophone in a rock-and-roll band at Birmingham, Alabama. He couldn't have chosen a band with a more appropriate name -- it's called "The Fugitives."

Warren -- would you call this a blue note in the news?

SPIRITUALIST

A property owner in Fort Lauderdale, Florida has changed her mind about "spiritualism" and now she wants her land back. Last Month, Mrs. Mattie James gave a spiritualist the deed to her land with the idea of having the property transferred to the "spirit world" for perpetual safe-keeping. In a suit filed in court, Mrs. James now says the spiritualist -- Angie Nicholas of Miami -- told her that, in return, she would receive a large amount of money and that "miraculous feats would be performed." Mrs. James later decided she had made a grave mistake and asked the spiritualist for the return of the deed. But she was told that the property could not be returned until sometime next year, because it was being transferred from place to place in order to be "blessed."

This is Net Calmer in New York, saying goodnight.