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MARS

Life on Mars? Not hardly. That verdict - from space scientists today. Based on the second set of photos taken by ~~the~~ Mariner-Four - on its ^{miraculous mission to Mars.} ~~historic picture-taking mission to Mars.~~

The second set shown for the first time - in ceremonies today - at the White House. And, no trace of anything - that would indicate the existence of those so-called Martian canals. The photos, nevertheless, revealing the presence of moonlight craters - possibly from two-to-five billion years old.

On the basis of this evidence - Mars declared a "dead" planet. Much as our own moon.

VOTING

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House and Senate conferees today agreed on a compromise version of the President's proposed voting rights bill. One that would strike down virtually all legal barriers - to negro voting in the South, while providing for a Court test of Poll taxes - still used in four Southern states.

The House ^{is} expected to approve the compromise - early next week. The Senate - shortly thereafter. The long fight - all but over.

GENEVA

At Geneva - Britain and Italy today joined the United States - in urging prompt East-West talks to end the nuclear arms race. But Soviet reception to the joint appeal - frosty at best. *with*

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~~This~~ comment - from Soviet delegate Tsarapkin, ^{that} The U.S. decision to send more troops to Viet Nam - "is not a contribution to the Disarmament Conference." ^{So} said ~~he~~ Tsarapkin.

What's worse - there's renewed Western speculation ~~that~~ Russia may use the troop-buildup in Viet Nam as still another excuse to stall any real progress toward disarmament.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW GENEVA

~~The President's~~ ^{That Washington} decision to send additional men to --
~~Viet-Nam~~ - "a colossal risk," so said radio Moscow today.
The Soviets calling the move - "the beginning of a new stage
in the escalation of the war," one that might reach a point -
"beyond which it would not be possible to control events."
But reaction from the non-communist world - by and large *is*
quite the opposite. A Spanish commentator, for one -
asserting that "the communist aggression of the last few years -
has now been met with the only language the communists
understand."

A Rome newspaper adding - there can be no more doubt.

"If America were to yield in Viet Nam - it would have to
yield everywhere."

VIET NAM

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In Viet Nam itself - another troop landing today;
with the first of four thousand men of the famed Hundred and
First Airborne Division ~~steering~~ ashore at Cam Ran Bay. The
- its insignia, -
"screaming eagle," to serve as defenders of a new arsenal and
air base ~~is~~ already well under construction.

Meantime, veteran U.S. and Vietnamese forces - on a
new offensive; ~~Pranking~~ major ground action against the
communist Viet Cong - at three points in South Viet Nam. While
at the same time - American war planes continued to smash at
the communist North.

YUGOSLAVIA

Meanwhile, President Tito of Yugoslavia -- today continued his private talks with visiting Indian Prime Minister Shastri. At the resort city of Dubrovnik -- on the Adriatic.

No official word -- as yet. But the two leaders of the non-aligned nations -- said to be mapping their own Viet Nam plan that may call for the United States to stop fighting in Viet Nam before peace talks can get under way. Whereas we have long insisted that peace talks must come first.

MEDICARE

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President Johnson today disclosed plans to sign the new Medicare bill - at a special ceremony tomorrow at Independence, Missouri, in the presence of and as a tribute to - former President Harry Truman, a pioneer - in the field of health care for the elderly.

BERLIN

A daring circus-like escape - reported today from Berlin, ^{with} ~~where~~ an East German family of three - literally soared to freedom over the Berlin wall, ^{that is by getting across} ~~by swinging across~~ hand over hand, ^{using} ~~from~~ a rope strung ironically - from the top of the headquarters building - of the communist East German government.

The family - a nine year old boy and his parents - said to have hidden in a bathroom, ~~until~~ the building - which forms a part of the Berlin wall - was closed and locked for the night. The father later tying one end of a nylon rope - to the flag pole of the sixty foot building. Hurling the other end to friends in West Berlin - who tied it to the back of a truck.

The escape - all the more breathtaking - because the refugees were clearly visible to dozens of West Berliners. As they inched across the rope - one by one. Also easy targets for any communist border guards - who ^{but didn't} ~~might have~~ happen~~d~~ ^{by}.

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The flight - made possible in part by the extreme
darkness. Flood lights on the communist side of the wall - for
some reason not turned on last night as usual. Why? We may
never know.

QUINTUPLETS

Another set of Quintuplets - born today, in Falun, Sweden. Also an explanation today - for the sudden rash of multiple births.

The Swedish quints - delivered to a woman - who had been given hormone treatments - for infertility. The doctor who treated her - later reporting the birth of septulets last February, ~~to~~ another Swedish woman - under similar treatment.

While from New Zealand - disclosure today that the mother of those just-born Auckland quints - had also taken the same hormone. Doctors on both sides of the world - agreeing that multiple births are the rule rather than the exception - for women who have received such treatment.

The septulets. - ^{They were} still born, however. And of the Swedish quints - four dead. The other, at last report, ^{not} in good ~~pretty~~ shape."

PRISONERS

Attorney General Katzenbach today strongly endorsed a Senate bill -- calling for a series of Federal prison reforms. Designed to put more faith and trust in older convicts -- who soon may be eligible for parole. Also to facilitate the rehabilitation -- of youthful inmates. Said Katzenbach -- "to help make first offenders last offenders."

SALESMAN

From London - the story of a terrible-tempered salesman. One David Wright who bought himself a peck of trouble, ~~By~~ doing what many of us may have been tempted to do at one time or another.

Salesman Wright waiting patiently for a parking space - so the story goes. Then finally finding one - and preparing to back into it - when a smaller car zipped into the opening. Wright so exasperated by the incident that he promptly backed his own car slam-bang into the other. *His little*

~~But a lot of good it did him. A temper tantrum, Warren,~~
costing him eighty-four dollars in fines and Court costs, ~~Plus~~
a whopping repair bill.