

SPACE

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To be - or not to be? And if so - when? Those are the questions tonight - about that American "space walk" - announced for next week.

Blast-off for the Gemini-Four - originally set for Thursday, June third, ~~But~~ reportedly postponed earlier today - because of a dead cell in a battery. The Gemini-Four actually removed from its perch - atop a Titan-Two booster rocket - so technicians could get at the trouble.

A final simulation flight test - planned for today -- cancelled out automatically. First word indicating further - that the whole flight might be delayed for as much as a week - possibly to June tenth.

Then - a brief word from the Federal Space Agency: "We are having some very minor problems" said the announcement. That's all. Flight Director Christ^U Kraft - later rescheduling the simulation flight - for

tomorrow. After that - said he -- "we will determine if we can meet the present scheduled date."

So it's wait and see. The Gemini-Four up in the air - even before it gets off the ground.

RENDEZVOUS FOLLOW SPACE

In any case - astronaut Ed White will try another space first - as part of his space walk -

whenever the flight. The Federal Space Agency announcing today - that White will try to make the world's first rendezvous in space. Attempting to propel himself - toward the burned out second stage of the Gemini Four's launching rocket. If successful - truly a milestone in space.

DOMINGO

This late report today - from Santo Domingo.

Foreign ~~ix~~ diplomats said to have given up all hope - of forcing a peaceful solution to the Dominican crisis - at this time. The United States and the Organization of American States -- reportedly trying now - simply to get the country back on its feet. ~~At~~ ^{End} At the same time - hopeful of establishing a status quo between rebel forces - and the ruling military junta, ~~Until~~ nationalist tensions - have a chance to cool.

As part of that plan - the O A S today took over the role of banker in Santo Domingo. Troops under the command of the O A S - occupying the ^D Dominican Central Bank. Followed by an announcement that the O A S - will now assume the obligation of paying all ~~pubis~~ public employees - for the foreseeable future.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW DOMINGO

Meanwhile, President Johnson today disclosed the scheduled withdrawal -- of another seventeen hundred American servicemen -- now assigned to the Dominican Republic. This in a commencement address at Baylor University -- in Waco, Texas.

The President also urging creation of new international machinery -- to deal swiftly with any future Communist threat to this hemisphere.

VIET NAM

Another tragic accident today - at that Bien Hoa Air Base in Viet Nam. Nine Americans killed - when two army helicopters collided shortly after take-off -- and crashed in flames. Two other crewmen remain in serious condition - at the Saigon Navy hospital.

FRANCE

President DeGaulle today ordered the withdrawal of all French
officers -- from the military staff of the southeast Asia Treaty
Organization. According to the French Foreign Office -- the move
marks an end to any further French military cooperation -- with
the Seato Alliance. Although there is no official explanation,
the French order is seen here as another reflection of DeGaulle's
growing dissatisfaction -- with U.S. policy in Southeast Asia;
particularly in Viet Nam. Indeed, the move is considered another
indication -- that France may soon quit the alliance altogether.
By treaty -- it can do so at any time -- merely by giving twelve
months' notice.

The Middle East reverberated today - to charge and counter-charge, ~~in~~ the wake of those Israeli raids - on three Jordanian border towns, ^{raids in} ~~in~~ which Israeli ~~raiders~~ - destroyed a fuel depot and six buildings.

According to Tel Aviv - the attack ^{was} aimed only at bases of a secret organization known as "Al Fatah".

"Al Fatah" - said to be a commando-like ring of saboteurs.

Palestinian Arabs - who have carried out a number of recent

raids - inside Israel. Israeli dispatches emphasize ² ~~ing~~

that all the buildings were checked for occupants - and

found to be empty - before they were blown up.

But from Amman, Jordan ^{comes} ~~a~~ report that at least four persons were killed - and four wounded in the Israeli

raids. King Hussein later calling the attack - a major

threat to peace in the Middle East. Any more raids - said

he - "and Jordan will retaliate ruthlessly." And if that

happens - said Hussein - "Jordan will be supported" by

all Arabs."

MINE

The death toll in that Indian coal mine disaster

- now set at about three hundred and seventy-five. ~~was~~

Scene of the tragedy - ~~in~~ the state of Bihar - about two

hundred and fifty miles from Calcutta. The mine in the

midst of a change of shifts - with twice the normal number

of ~~m~~^on underground - when it blew up. Force of the

explosion so great - that it killed a miner standing on

the surface.

QUEEN

At Hamburg - a royal send-off today for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. Hundreds of thousands of Germans paying a final tribute to the Queen - as she boarded the royal yacht Britannia - for the voyage home. The Queen's eleven day tour of Germany - ending on a note of hope; A hope - said the Queen - that "the dark years" of enmity between England and Germany - are over forever.

TINO

A federal judge in Newark, New Jersey - today sentenced Anthony "Tino" Deangelis - to ten years in prison. The former salad oil king - central figure in a one-hundred million dollar fraud - also ordered to pay forty thousand dollars in fines. However, imposition of the sentence ^{is} held in abeyance for three months - pending a psychiatric report.

GUMBALLS

With one holiday almost here - and the Fourth of July just ahead -- we have a warning today from the Federal Food and Drug administration, about a recent influx of Japanese firecrackers - sort of like miniature cherry bombs, designed to explode - when hurled against a hard surface.

It seems that children have ben mistaking these brightly colored firecrackers - for gumballs. And when they bite into them! - The F D A says that as yet - there have been no serious injuries - but there have been a lot of painful burns.

PEEP

In the City of Hartford - the Connecticut State Senate today began deliberations on a house-passed bill, aimed at banning ~~all~~ closed circuit television - from department store dressing rooms.

The dressing room TV - said to have been installed originally in a number of Connecticut stores - now demanding that the stores find some other means of protecting their property.

Reason - store detectives - said to have been peeking at ~~the~~ lady customers. Also, ^{- sick -} inviting in their friends - to join the electronic peep show. That - ~~anyway~~ say the legislators - is a gross invasion of privacy.

FRUIT

From Moscow -- a report today that four Russian fruit dealers - have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from eight to fifteen years. According to Pravda - the fruit dealers convicted of faking spoilage and loss reports -- over a long period of years, ~~and~~ thus diverting about ~~to~~ fifty-five thousand dollars - into their own pockets.

The money reportedly used - to finance "organized drunken parties". The four ^{human} rotten apples removed from circulation - said Pravda -- before they could ~~set~~ spoil the whole barrel.