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APOLLO

Good Evening Everybody.

From up here in the snowy Adirondacks I want to thank Mike Wallace and Richard C. Hottelet for giving me a chance to shake off whatever it was that hit me last week.

I hope you have all been following Mans first flight to the Moon and back. As for our Apollo-Eight astronauts tonight - they are moving thru space at four thousand miles per hour, hurtling toward home, that is toward their splash down which is expected to take place tomorrow morning shortly before eleven o'clock, Eastern Standard Time. As they move steadily closer to home, they relayed what was described as a "breathtaking beautiful" television view of their home planet; showing the western hemisphere wrapped in clouds and gleaming in the sunlight, with a storm swirling around the tip of SouthAmerica. Said Astronaut Bill Anders:

"Looking down on the earth from so far out in space, I

think I must have the same feeling that the travelers on the old sailing ships used to have."

The Curator of a planetarium in Houston, says that persons throughout the world may be able to see the spacecraft through binoculars tonight as it races towards us. It will look like a faint star, if the sky is clear.

## FIRSTS

The Apollo Eight Astronauts have already established a whole string of "firsts". In addition to setting new speed records for humans and going farther away from earth than anyone ever before, they are also - the first to leave the earth's gravitational field - first to reach the moon's gravitational field - first to orbit the moon - and first to see the moon's far side.

## ATTACK

Two Arab commandos, using submachine guns and hand grenades, blasted an Israeli jetliner at the Athens Airport to-day. One Israeli passenger killed - two hostesses injured. The El Al plane, with forty-three passengers and ten crew members on board, was badly damaged. The two hostesses were injured when they leaped to the ground during the panic. Police arrested the two Arabs who said they were members of the Palestinian Al Fatah guerilla operation. They were quoted as saying they had planned to destroy the plane and kill all Israelis on board.

In Moscow, the government newspaper Izvestia says the Aswan High Dam in Egypt and its approaches have been surrounded with anti-aircraft guns as protection against Israeli commando raids.



## JET LINER

A Pan American cargo jet liner - loaded with mail for Viet Nam - crashed shortly after taking off from Elmendorf Air Base near Anchorage, Alaska. All three crewmen killed. The plane, scheduled to land at Anchorage Airport had landed at Elmendorf Air Force base because of fog.

INDIA

Twenty-eight women and children, reported burned to death in Southern India, in a clash between Communist and non-Communist farm workers near Kizalpur, in Madras.

Violence over wage payments and hiring policies began when about one hundred pro-communist workers attacked a group of farm laborers in a rice field. A mob of non-communist peasants retaliated by setting fire to nearby thatched huts, ~~workers~~ workers homes.

NEW YORK

City officials in New York have declared an "Official State of Peril" in the flu-ridden city. This because of continuing problems brought on by the recent strike of oil fuel truck drivers. The strike has ended, but officials now charge that oil dealers are not adhering to a priority list for emergency deliveries to hospitals, nursing homes, apartments where people are ill, and so forth. They say some companies refuse to put men on overtime to speed such deliveries. According to Health Department figures, at least ten thousand seriously ill persons - many with the Hong Kong flu - tonight are in apartments without heat, with even hospitals having a rough time. Complicating the situation a cold wave, in New York City almost down to zero. The City's Emergency Control Board is threatening to bring criminal charges against dealers who ignore the priority list.



## TIGER

A nine foot, four hundred pound tiger was shot and killed by a Marine patrol in South Viet Nam - just after the animal attacked a Marine sleeping at a lonely outpost near the demilitarized zone. The injured man is reported in satisfactory condition, though badly cut and slashed about the neck and shoulders. The tiger may be the same one that killed a Marine last month, only ten miles away. A man eating tiger is usually an old one - or a wounded tiger, one no longer able to hunt as tigers usually do. Usually, Warren, a tiger is not a man eater!



## WEATHER

A storm spilled more snow over the Rockies to-day. And further snow warnings are out for Arizone, New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming. Also, travelers are advised to keep their snow shoes handy in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

As for these North Eastern States, New York and New England, the mercury dipped to twenty-two below at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, while at Malone, New York it went to forty below. Where I am, in the Adirondacks at Lake Placid, clear, sunny and cold with perfect snow for skiers, Warren. Ideal Christmas weather.

## DEPOSIT

In Ansonia, Connecticut, twenty year old Frank Lombardi - who'll be married this Saturday - lost a bank deposit bag containing more than two thousand dollars in cash. Lost it Christmas Day. But it was returned to him - by a man who could qualify as Santa Claus' assistant. The good deed was performed by Henry Pierkarski who found the money bag in the street while returning from Church services full of the spirit of Christmas - spirit not spirits; and so long until tomorrow - Warren.