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From Mid Pacific.....

From Washington.....

From New York..... comes today's news. Good

Evening, Everybody. This is Jerry Landay sitting in for

Lowell Thomas.

On the Sixth Anniversary of the return of the first astronauts to reach the moon - the first astronauts to engage in an international space mission returned to earth. Apollo Commander Tom Stafford wrapped up the splashdown in a handful of words: "This baby is right on!" The Apollo - landed in the Pacific twenty-one seconds early - about three hundred miles off Hawaii - but only five miles from the recovery carrier New Orleans - and within full view of those on board. The end of a fiery return journey through the atmosphere that began about one-hundred-thirty miles above the earth - with a braking burst by the Apollo engine.

There was just one hitch on the splashdown - but a minor one. The Apollo landed upside down in the water - but was soon righted with the help of inflated flotation bags.

Earlier In Moscow where he and Valerie Kubasov held a news conference - Soyuz Commander Alexei Leonov wished their former space partners good luck and "a soft landing." Leonov told newsmen in accented English that everything ~~went~~ in the joint mission ~~went~~^{went} as smooth as a peeled egg." But Leonov confessed the mission had been very tense and tiring. Because, he said, "we did not have the right to make mistakes." The Russians evidently intend to have the last word - this round in space. Those two cosmonauts in the Salyut space station have fired the braking engine of their Soyuz ferry - apparently lining up for a return to earth in the next twenty-four hours. The Salyut crew has set a record - remaining in orbit for two months and one day. They're now second in the record books - for tenure

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in space. The number one position: Eighty-Four days - still belongs to the American astronauts.

After some tense haggling over the wording - the United Nations Security Council has approved a resolution - extending the mandate of the UN peacekeeping force in Sinai - for threemonths. The renewal of the mandate came just six hours before it was due to expire. Egypt had objected to the wording of a clause "expressing satisfaction" with her support for renewal the mandate President Sadat wanted the council to "express appreciation" - a strong accolade. The Israelis objected to both. The matter settled when the Council President orally expressed his appreciation for Egypts positive response.

HOUSE

The House has said no to President Ford's request - for at least a partial resumption of arms shipments to Turkey. The House rejection - by a margin of seventeen votes, included many notes which were changed at virtually the last minute. This followed charges that Turkey's threat to close U. S. bases on Turkish soil - was nothing more than "blackmail."

SENATE

The Senate has moved ever closer to passing an extension of the Voting Rights Act of Nineteen-Sixty-Five. In the process - the Senate rejected overwhelmingly - attempts by Southern Senators to weaken the bill. The only question now is whether the House will accept only a seven-year extension, approved in the Senate - or hold out for ten years as originally provided in the House version.

GRAIN

The Soviet Union - is apparently in deeper trouble than originally forecast - with its own crops of grain. The drought continues to wither the Russian Crop - and prospects for the harvest continue to grow worse. Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz is now quoted as saying Russia may need to buy from foreign sources as much as she did in Nineteen-Seventy-Two. In that year - Russia bought nearly thirty million tons of grain - including nineteen-million from this country. So far this year - she's bought nearly ten million tons of American wheat, corn and barley. To prevent a recurrence of the shortages and higher food costs of three years ago - the Agriculture Department has asked private dealers that it be notified before opening new negotiations with the Russians for more American grain.

NEW DELHI

In the Indian Parliament, a bill was passed today barring any legal challenge - to India's present State of National Emergency. The new rule was quickly denounced, however - by opposition political leaders. Socialist leader Tribit Chaudhury saying the State of Emergency - cuts "at the very root of Parliamentary democracy." He added: that the new law barring a legal challenge - will itself be contested in the courts.

LONDON

*For the first time since Nineteen-Forty - the
jobless rate in Britain today topped the one million mark.
Employment Secretary Michael Foot calling the situation -
"extremely serious;" he added the number of unemployed
could get even higher - later in the year.*

SHORTS

CIA Director William Colby - made his ninth appearance - before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence - and testified - the CIA opened nearly Sixty-eight-thousand letters - in five cities - during an illicit mail operation.

SHOPPING

From the U.S. Education Commission - a report today on a comparison study of men and women - and how they use basic math in solving everybody problems. The study concludes that men "consistently outperform females on exercises involving buying and household situations."

I'm Jerry Landay - CBS News.

CLOSE

They like to call New York - the big apple. But the Big Apple lost a little ~~more~~^{more} of its polish today. Moody's Investors Service - has become the second house of its kind - to declare New York a bad credit risk. Meaning - Moody is telling investors not to put their money into short-term notes and bonds floated by the city fathers of the Big Apple. Moody's follows Standard & Poors - in declaring New York City's credit is suspect. New York must raise three billion dollars by August - if it's not to default on its bills - or face possible bankruptcy. Subway fares are going up. City workers face layoffs and pay freezes. The Big Apple has come upon hard times.

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