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Another evening. Another setback today for supporters of legislation to save the Lockheed Aircraft Company from bankruptcy - collapse of a tentative agreement it was hoped would bring the stalled bill to a vote in the Senate tonight. The idea was to scrap a broad corporate aid bill and allow the Senate to vote yes-or-no on the merits of granting loan guarantees to Lockheed alone ~~Two~~ Two-Hundred-Fifty million dollars worth. The move was abandoned when administration backers conceded they didn't have the votes to pass it. Lockheed supporters now are preparing for a third attempt tomorrow to shut off debate on the bill and bring the question to a vote.

LUNAR ORBIT

In the flight of Apollo-Fifteen - another major milestone today. ~~with~~ ^(The big →) moonship ^{entered} lunar orbit - at precisely four-oh-six, Eastern Daylight Time.

And almost immediately, the men of Apollo-Fifteen launched ^{of} the most extensive and costly study - ever made of the moon. Among other things - attempting to determine more fully the composition of the lunar crust. This by means of sensors - attached to a twenty-five foot boom at the rear of the spacecraft; ^{and with the help of} also, a Seventeen Million-Dollar cluster of electronic equipment - stashed away in a side bay.

Still to come - at eight-fourteen ^{Eastern time} tonight - another brief firing of the spacecraft's main engine; to lower its orbit - to a distance of about nine miles; ^{from THE LUNAR SURFACE -} setting the stage for that crucial lunar landing operation - now, ~~hopefully,~~ less than twenty-four hours away.

PARIS

At the peace table in Paris - a farewell appearance today for America's David Bruce; who again appealed for an immediate cease-fire in Indochina - "as part of a general move to end the war."

But the Communist side - again turned ~~up~~ him down flat. Calling the Bruce proposal - a "trick"; aimed ~~solely~~ solely at legalizing the U.S. presence - in South Vietnam. After which - a "bon voyage" from Hanoi's Xuan Thuy; and David Bruce joined ~~the~~ the ranks of those who have tried - but failed - to bring peace to Vietnam.

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Nevertheless, the war continues to wind down - from the stand point of U.S. - involvement. As shown by the latest casulaty report from Saigon; American combat deaths last week - totaled thirteen; except for the previous week - when the figures was eleven - the lowest toll in more than six years.

DETROIT

The cost of new Ford cars - going up. According to an announcement today from Detroit - an average of about five per cent; including a jumpe of a Hundred-and-Fifty dollars or so - in the price of a new Pinto. And Chrysler later announced - that it, too, is planning a gneral price increase.

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FBI

**From the FBI - an announcement today that it has
now shut down - about a hundred of its small regional
offices; which once numbered - about five hundred, in all.
This - we are told - part of a move to tighten security;
prompted by the recent theft of more than a thousand secret
documents - from just such ^{a small} office at Media, Pennsylvania.**

KHARTOUM

At Khartoum - Sudanese President Numeiry announced today - the start of a government investigation; to determine - said he - the extent of foreign involvement - in last week's attempted Communist coup.

At the same time, Numeiry noted that Soviet criticism of fourteen post-coup executions - has strained Sudan's ties with Eastern Europe. "I do not want any deterioration - in our relations with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries" - said Numeiry; "but if they want to choose that path - we will have no alternative."

KINSHASA

Communist diplomacy was also undergoing a strain today - at Kinshasa in the Congo. That country ordered the expulsion of ten Iron Curtain diplomats - for allegedly helping to foment recent student demonstrations. Indeed, the Congo's President Mobutu charging that this was the first step - in a plot against the government and against his own life.

COMMERCE

From the U.S. Bureau of Standards - after three years of study - a recommendation today that the U.S. should switch to the metric system of weights and measures.

Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans - who endorsed the recommendation - adding that the changeover should probably take about ten years.

But Stans also emphasized that many aspects of the present U.S. measuring system - will remain unchanged.

For example - said he - "I don't think you will ever hear a sports announcer say - 'the Washington Redskins have the ball, third down and nine-point-one-four-four meters to go.'"

TEL AVIV

In the strife-torn Middle East - Tel Aviv - U.S.

**diplomatic trouble-shooter Joseph Sisco - conferred today
with U.S. Ambassador to Israel J. Walworth Barbour; looking
for possible ways and means - of reviving Mideast peace talks**

**But to do that - said at least one Israeli newspaper - he
would first "have to pull something out of his hat."**

Casper, Wyoming - a post-script today - on the return
of nine-year-old, ~~brain-damaged~~ ^{retarded} Kevin Dye. Doctors
reported ~~the~~ the youngster ^{is} "in beautiful shape." ~~and predicted~~ ^{and predicted}
he'll likely be ready to go home again - "in about forty-eight
hours."

In the meantime, Kevin's parents expressed ~~of~~ thanks -
to more than two thousand persons who helped in the search.
Mrs. Dye saying: "I think it is remarkable that people can
care so much about others - that they will climb mountains,
swim streams and do what they've done to find one ~~lost~~ [→]
^{little} lost boy." ~~That~~ ^{said} she ~~said~~ "the greatest manifestation
of love - I have ever seen."

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "SPACE"

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;

discussing tonight - the harvest of space. Lowell...

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*In a moment we'll hear from Lowell Thomas. First this
message....*