

SPACE

For the first time on American TV - a r-r-r-eally big show today. As you no doubt know by now - astronauts Wally Schirra, Don Eisele and Walt Cunningham broadcasting live and in color "from the Apollo room high above everything." Giving American viewers - their first glimpse of working astronauts in space. Also, a fleeting picture of a U.S. Gulf Coast flashing by at nearly eighteen thousand miles an hour and a hundred and thirty miles below. Command Pilot Schirra further advising his audience - to "keep those cards and letters coming, folks."

Indeed, the show was such a success - they're planning another just about the same time, same place tomorrow morning. In the meantime though - back to business. Four hours after their T.V. debut - the astronauts generating a blast from Apollo seven's main maneuvering engine. Successfully changing in orbit - to a low-point of about a hundred and three miles, from where they can use their smaller

control rockets to return to earth in case of any  
emergency in the seven days still to go.

## CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - it's all over but the rejoicing. The nineteenth congress of the United States - finally adjourning calling it quits after democratic liberals in the house agreed to give up their fight for a "three-way great debate 1968". Both house and senate adjourning without challenge - despite the obvious lack of a quorum in either chamber. If the nineteenth congress is gone, however, it's not entirely forgotten. The White House again hinting today at a special senate session - to consider the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. Although a final decision - will probably await the outcome of the election.

WALTER REED FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

One brief pause today in the mad rush to adjournment. House members marking former President Eisenhower's 78th birthday - with a standing ovation. Later - at Walter Reed - quite private, a birthday party. With an army band providing the accompaniment - playing some of Ike's favorites outside his window.

Best of all, doctors reported today that the General has progressively regained strength" - since his seventh heart attack last August first. Adding that he is up and about now - "for several hours daily."

## VIETNAM

IN Vietnam - enemy forces reopened an old front today - using new weapons. For the first time - Viet Cong gunners pounding a South Vietnamese City - with powerful, Russian made, hundred and forty millimeter rockets. The target - Quangnai on the Central Coast, a provincial capitol long considered a prime target in the enemy's recurring scheme to cut South Vietnam in two.

On the peace front - North Vietnam's top observer left Paris today. Le Duc Tho headed home to Hanoi amid reports that North Vietnam is reviewing its position - after six months of so-far fruitless peace talks.

## SUPREME COURT

From the U.S. Supreme Court - a number of decisions today. Including one - perhaps of special interest to youngsters and parents around the country. The high court refusing to consider the case of three Dallas youths barred from high school because of their "Beattle" haircuts. In effect, the court's action upholding school officials. A vote of sharp dissent sounded by Justice William Douglas. Who suggested that a nation founded on the Declaration of Independence - should permit "idiosyncrasies" to flourish: specially when they concern the image of one's personality and his philosophy toward his fellow men." But he was outvoted eight to one.

VOTE

For the past few months - a lot of disgruntled Americans have been talking about - "sitting out" this year's election. However, two who will not sit out - ailing former President Eisenhower and aging former President Truman. Those two joining today in a double barreled appeal - to get out the vote.

"In these difficult times" - said Ike - "the proper and most effective way for all of us to heard is through the ballot box. For that is where our convictions will help determine the future course of our country." Mr. Truman noting: "There are a lot of countries where citizens can't vote - or if they can, it really doesnt' mean anything. That isn't true of America. And the way to keep it from happening here - is for you and me and all of us to vote," said Harry S. Truman. And so long until tomorrow.

## ABU SIMBEL

They are calling it the greatest archaeological surgery in history, transplanting those huge three thousand year old stone Colossi of Ramesses at Abu Simbel, raising them to the top of the escarpment where they now are safe from the Nile waters backed up by the Aswan High Dam. And once again tourists are making the long journey up the Nile to see Abu Simbel.

Although the task of resuing the Pharaoh Ramesses was done mainly by engineers from France, West Germany, Italy and Sweden, as you may recall the largest contribution to make it possible for the engineers to save Abu Simbel came from an American, Mrs. De Witt Wallace, co-founder and co-publisher of the Readers Digest.

As for the Palace of Dendra, - also threatened by that High Dam - it has arrived in New York, and Tom Hoving and his colleagues at the Metropolitan Museum are getting ready to re-assemble it. When they do, everybody in America will want to see this gem of ancient Egypt.



NASHVILLE

From Nashville, Tennessee comes a political reading today - one that never has been wrong in a presidential election year. The Belvins Popcorn Compnay's annual "Popcorn Poll" predciting a big win for Richard Nixon in November.

This according to the nation's popcorn munchers - who filled out ballots in theaters across the land. Giving Nixon fifty four percent of the total cast - as compared with thirty percent for Hubert Humphrey and only sixteen percent for George Wallace.

Wallace's strength primarily in the South, too indifferent!