

SPACE

L7 - Buick, Fisher. Wed, March 30, 1966.

A new five billion dollar American space budget - for the year beginning July One, approved today by the House Space Committee; ~~Pretty~~ much along lines recommended by the National Space Agency - with one exception? - Plans for a fly-by of Venus - cancelled for now in favor of a space shot aimed at a direct hit ~~th~~ -- on Mars.

VIET NAM

For want of accurate intelligence -- a near disaster today in Viet Nam. On the slopes of Chu Pong Mountain -- scene of a tremendous American victory last November.

In today's action -- airborne units of the U.S. First Air Cavalry -- assigned to check out reports of about fifty of the enemy supposedly encamped -- just south of the mountain. But our air cavalrymen found themselves dropped smack in the middle -- of a full regiment of North Vietnamese regulars and were promptly pinned down by heavy enemy fire. In the fierce combat that followed -- the Viet Cong also destroyed five American helicopters and pinned down a second American unit -- assigned to help out.

At night-fall -- the American forces outnumbered ten to one were reported "fighting for their lives."

INDONESIA

Two more anti-Communist developments -

today in Jakarta. The Indonesian government recalling its Ambassador to Peking -- ~~ostensibly~~ "for consultation".

^{This} Shortly after the swearing-in of ^{the} a new anti-Communist cabinet. ~~Clearly~~ dominated by ^{the} military, ~~leadership~~

^{Even so there was}
~~Nevertheless,~~ another mass protest today -

by Indonesian students, ~~Against~~ the retention of several ~~key~~ alleged Leftists in the new cabinet. Also against failure to find a government ~~post~~ post - for General Abdul Haris Nasution who played a key role - in crushing that attempted Communist coup of last October.

VISIT

A final round of talks today in Washington between President Johnson and Indian Prime Minister, Madame ~~Indira~~ Gandhi, with the President promising additional American grain - to meet the critical food shortage in Hindustan.

The terms of the commitment - later relayed to Congress. The President asking approval of an emergency shipment - totalling three and a ~~two~~ half million additional tons of grain for India. At the same time - urging other nations with surplus grains - to match the U S contribution. Madame Gandhi - for her part - later flying to New York for the start of a two-day ~~whirl~~ whirl-wind visit -- to the city she called ^S "a world capital," "Not only because of the size of the city," - said Madame, "But because of the quality of its people - and the intellectual, cultural and business talent they represent."

PAKISTAN FOLLOW DRAFT

Meanwhile, on the other side of the globe -
a rose-petal welcome today at Karachi, For Red China's
visiting Communist Party chairman - Liu Shao Chi.

Pig-tailed Pakistani school girls among an airport crowd
of some ten thousand - showering the flowers on Liu
and his wife.

Indeed, Liu's current visit to Pakistan so
warmly welcomed - that it lead to a surprise press
conference today at Lahore. Pakistani Foreign Minister
Z. A. Bhutto telling western newsmen - that Liu's
rosy reception is not a reflection on America.

Bhutto asserting that Pakistan - has every
right to deal with other countries - including Red China.

But, "we will do nothing - to endanger our relations
with the United States," said ~~the~~ Pakistani Foreign Minister.

DRAFT FOLLOW VISIT

A mass arrest today of some thirty New York fathers and sons, in the biggest single round-up of alleged draft dodgers in the history of the F.B.I.

The parents -- allegedly buying phoney air Force Reserve credentials from New York racketeers. The credentials then sent to Selective Service Boards -- to qualify the youths for automatic deferment from the draft.

Like father -- like son? Not quite. The F.B.I. reporting that in at least one case possibly more, the son was unaware of his father's act.

UDALL

By the year Nineteen Eighty - if present trends
continue - the United States will be using and polluting
more water - than ^{the total of all} we now have at our disposal. This
according to Interior Secretary Stuart Udall - in a
Washington speech ^{about} ~~today pumping hard for a federal~~
anti-pollution, ~~program~~.

The major onus - on U S industry - said
Udall because it's "the biggest user - the biggest
polluter." And thus should pay a major share - of
the cost of cleaning up our waterways. If not - said
~~Udall~~ Udall - American business will wither and die -
"just like the ~~rest~~ rest of us."

SOUTH

A major breakthrough today - in the field of Civil Rights. With the appointment of ~~xxx~~ a negro - - first ever - to the police force of Birmingham, Alabama.

The rookie patrolman Leroy Stover - a combat veteran of the Korean war. First to break the color barrier - in the nation's largest all-white police force.

A force once headed - by ~~staunch~~ segregationist Eugene

"Bull" Connor. ^{Said} Stover, ~~his only comment~~: "I feel proud and honored!" ~~said he~~.

KILKEE

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That mysterious metal object found at Kilkee,
Ireland - supposedly from the lost submarine Thresher
-- "a complete hoax" we are told today.

U S Navy officials who examined the object
-- describing it as a "used fire extinguisher". Hand
painted with identifying words ^{and symbols -} ~~and symbols -~~ to make
it appear it had come from the Thresher. A hoax -
said the Navy - apparently "by someone with a very feeble
~~poor~~ sense of humor".

TRIGGER

News for old-time Western fans -- in a Hollywood announcement today by Cowboy star Roy Rogers. Roy's trusty horse finally gone to that great corral in the sky. The famous stallion -- a victim of old-age. The end -- at thirty-three -- actually last July; but announcements held up by Roy -- who has worked with Trigger Jr. and Trigger the third in recent years. This hold up for fear of the shock it might cause his young fans.

Gold old Trigger -- gone but not forgotten.

"I just couldn't bury him" said Roy. So he'll be stuffed and mounted for a planned museum of western lore.

LONDON

London. Forty-one year old Clive Smith, arrested by British police -- for sending his estranged-wife a supply of -- stamped self-addressed envelopes. Along with a request that she use them -- to mail him back some legal documents.

The alleged crime? Attempted murder. It seems that the sealing flaps of those envelopes were covered with cyanide.

A bit sticky -- would you say, Warren?

MAIL

Like the cost of living -- the cost of crime is going up as demonstrated by a progress report today -- on a government investigation into that "great train robbery" at Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1962, where the total loot was a million and a half bucks.

An what has the investigation cost so far? You've guessed it -- another million and a half bucks. And they haven't caught anybody yet.

Oh yes -- and Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale have switched back from the movies to baseball. They signed with the Dodgers today.

LT BUICK, FISHER. THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1966

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Forecast results of that British election -- apparently were right. Early returns tonight -- indicating a decisive Labor victory; with electronic computers at the BBC -- now predicting an eventual Labor majority -- of anywhere from a hundred-and-twenty to a hundred-and-thirty seats.

If true -- then ⁹ Labor has a mandate for five more years; in power at least that long. With a free hand for Prime Minister Harold Wilson -- to carry out his long-awaited social and economic reforms.

INFLATION

An appeal today from President Johnson -- to all Americans, urging them to help fight inflation -- by cutting unnecessary spending to the bone.

The President asserting there is no need at present -- for compulsory controls. Further, that there will be none -- as long as voluntary steps can deal with the problem. Adding, however, that he would not hesitate to seek "further fiscal restraint" -- if necessary -- to prevent runaway inflation.

Such "restraint" -- presumably to include a hefty tax increase. This as the President put it -- "regardless of it being an election year."

REPUBLICANS FOLLOW INFLATION

Republican reaction -- perhaps best described as doubtful -- if not downright pessimistic. According to Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen -- and House Republican Leader Gerald Ford.

The two men today declaring at a later news conference -- that the Johnson Administration is making a tax increase unavoidable; because -- said ^{they} ~~it~~ -- the present administration "doesn't have the wish nor the wit nor the ~~it~~ will" -- to cut spending.

APPOINTMENTS FOLLOW REPUBLICANS.

Meanwhile, two new faces -- today at the White House. The President disclosing appointment of Robert Kintner and Walt Rostow -- as Special Presidential Assistants.

Kintner -- former president and chairman of NBC -- to serve primarily as secretary to the Cabinet. Rostow -- formerly counselor to the State Department -- to specialize in foreign policy. Although both men will be expected to "play any position" -- said the President.

LT-13

VIET NAM

Near-disaster in Viet Nam was turned into brilliant recovery today -- through the strength of U. S. air power.

American forces trapped on the side of Chu Pong Mountain through the long night -- finally reinforced this morning by giant Chinook helicopters, bringing the combined American strength to about a thousand men -- including a unit of artillery.

The Americans -- still outnumbered two-to-one.

Nevertheless, finally able to break free -- with the help of ~~air power,~~ ^{air power,} ~~murderous air attack.~~ Later chasing the retreating Communists -- clear to the border of Cambodia. Virtually daring the enemy -- to come back and fight. At last report -- no takers.

Meanwhile, a series of anti-government and anti-American demonstrations today -- in the major cities of Saigan, Da Nang and Hue. Buddhist leaders for the first time--

VIET NAM--2

giving top priority to the fight for independence from
alleged U.S. influence. This -- above even the fight
against Communism.

ADD VIET NAM

This later report: A big explosion tonight--at
an American officers billet in Saigon. Apparently
another--Communist terrorist attack. Casualties are
said to be heavy.

LT-6

MOON. Another Soviet moon-shoot -- announced today in Moscow. Russia's "Luna-Ten" -- an unmanned spacecraft. Intended to become the first man-made satellite -- ever to achieve a successful orbit around the moon. So far, at least -- all systems functioning perfectly.

Today's launch following by exactly two months -- the flight of the "Luna-Nine;" ~~First~~ first ever -- to achieve a soft landing on the moon.

LT-4

JAKARTA. In Indonesia -- a top-to-bottom purge of Communists from all government jobs -- ordered today in the name of President Sukarno. This ^{to} ~~is~~ "ensure order and stability" -- said the order. Also to cleanse the government once and for all -- of so-called "counter-revolutionary" forces.

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The order toughest yet -- in the current wave of anti-Communism sweeping Indonesia. Radio Jakarta disclosing, however, that the order ^{actually} was issued -- not by Sukarno, ~~but~~ rather by Indonesia's new military strongman -- General Suharto -- supposedly acting in the president's behalf.