

Tues. Mar. 4-69.

SPACE

United ~~is~~ as one; for <sup>at few hours</sup> ~~less than a day~~ -

the "spider" and the "Gum Drop" proved a perfect match ~~today~~ - as you have doubtless heard by now. Performing flawlessly - in three test firings high above the earth. Proving their two-in-one Apollo Nine spacecraft more than strong enough for manned flight to the Moon.

The ~~is~~ first two firings - sending the ship soaring deep into space. A fish-tailing maneuver to check the strength of joints and connections' - a-okay! all the way! With the third and last firing of the

day - trimming the ship's orbit. A jubilant Rusty

Schweikart later reporting: "We're perfect again."

~~Coming up tomorrow - a transfer operation - another~~ <sup>Hopefully</sup>

space first. With Schweikart and command pilot Jim

McDivitt - planning to crawl from their present position

6/2 in the "Gum Drop" - on forward into the "spider".

There to spend a day checking out the new lunar-lander

in preparation for its first solar flight in space.

~~And won't~~ <sup>will</sup> That be something!

*Coming up shortly - President Nixon's report to the nation - on his just-finished European tour; to be followed by a news conference - the President's first in prime time. The entire proceedings to be carried on many of these CBS radio stations.*

*Congressional leaders were given a preview of the report earlier today. Coming away - impressed and satisfied - in the words of Mike Mansfield.*

CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - the start of, *this*

*time,* congressional hearings on the Pueblo incident. With Admiral Thomas Moorer, Chief of Naval Operations - ~~the~~ lead-off witness, ~~Telling~~ House probers the Pueblo spy mission - had been cleared well in advance with "higher authority". Probably up to - and including - the White House.

Admiral Moorer adding ~~that~~ he was "sure" the Pueblo's skipper - Commander Lloyd Bucher had been advised of contingency plans in the event of trouble. He admitted however, that these did not include - either air or naval support "standing on alert."

CORONADO FOLLOW CAPITAL HILL

*Across the continent at Coronado = the Navy's own probe continues. Hearing today from Pueblo crewmen Steven Woelk - who was wounded in the pelvis in North Korea's initial attack on the ship. Woelk saying he was beaten and otherwise mal-treated for three days - and then forced to undergo agonizing major surgery without an anaesthetic.*

*When he failed to rally - the crewman went on - he was finally taken to a military hospital - where he did recover. Woelk saying he was then forced to thank the North Koreans publicly for their so-called "humane treatment."*

VIETNAM

*On the other side of the globe - enemy tanks were in action for only the second time in the ~~War~~ Vietnamese War. Supporting Communist ground troops - in an attack on a "Green Beret" camp in the Central Highlands To little avail though. U S war planes roaring to the attack, knocking out two tanks also, two accompanying armored vehicles. The rest fled.*

WEST BERLIN

*In the matter of West Berlin - the Communists were playing both ends against the middle today. Closing off for two hours both ends of the Autobahn - the western Allies main access route to the Divided City. The shut down following a U S flight - carrying West German Chancellor Kiesinger to West Berlin. This - in defiance of a previous Soviet warning.*

HOUSE

*Interior Secretary Wally Hickel - chief witness today before a House panel, — Urging passage of Nixon's new - coal mine health and safety bill; which emphasizes the need for an attack - on the dread miner's disease known as "black lung."*

*Mine conditions are "inexcusably wasteful of our most precious asset - the human being" - said the former Alaskan Governor. Adding: "The way we mine coal today - is not humanitarian, resourceful or efficient."*



CHICAGO

*Chicago - a black man speaks his mind.*

*Professor Charles Hamilton - chairman of the political science department at Chicago's Roosevelt University; also, co-author - with Stokely Carmichael - of the book "Black Power" asserting that white university administrators who ~~are~~ give in to every negro student demand are "avoiding the issues." In effect - creating "a new kind of paternalism" which relegates the negro to a different and perhaps inferior position.*

*Summing up - Hamilton telling weak-kneed whites - "you are not doing yourself~~ing~~, the society, or us any good."*

URBANA

From the University of Illinois - ~~comes~~  
the story ~~today~~ of a conniving under graduate; as he  
told it himself - in a letter to the campus newspaper.

At age eighteen - said the youth - he was  
too young to get permission for an off campus apartment.  
So he ~~found~~ <sup>found</sup> another eighteen year old under-  
graduate -- a girl - who ~~also~~ also wanted to live off  
campus and together they hit upon a novel plan - to  
circumvent college rules. What they did was - they  
got married.

Now - in addition to his ~~off~~ off campus  
apartment - he also has certain "fringe benefits" said  
the youth. Adding only ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> he wished his name  
with-held. Reason - said he - "because my wife's  
parents ~~don't~~ <sup>don't</sup> know about ~~it yet~~ <sup>all this.</sup>"

MUSK OX - TEAL

*Here's a startling bit of information. John Teal, who is an expert on animals in the Arctic, tells me the eskimo are petitioning the Alaska State Legislature to formally classify the musk ox as a domestic animal. In the past hunters have come down from the North with stories of how dangerous the musk ox can be. But John Teal, a former Harvard football star, who has spent years studying the musk ox, he and the eskimo now want this animal to be used for domestic purposes. Evidently it never was dangerous. It's valuable for its long hair, for its hide, for its meat, and its milk. The petition is from the eskimo of Mekoryuk, Nunivak Island, in Bering Sea between Alaska and Siberia. I get this story from the Arctic, from a publication called ~~the~~ Tundra Times.*