

## ASTRONAUTS

*Fri. Jan. 10, '69*

*Yesterday - Washington. Today - New York's turn to be moon struck by those three Apollo Eight Astronauts. Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, Bill Anders - turning on the big town as seldom before. The flight program beginning with a ticker tape parade - New York's first in three years. Then a reception at City Hall - lunch at Lincoln Center; formal dinner tonight at the Waldorf. Along the way - Mayor Lindsay praising the Astronauts for showing with grace and courage what this country is made of - what it can do - as he put it: - "How the spirit of a free people can prevail over the greatest challenge to our destiny as a nation." Governor Rockefeller adding that "these three wonderful men - have given the world a wonderful gift at a time when we really need it."*

*The city's love affair with the astronauts - not entirely one-sided either. Speaking for his comrades*

and their families - Frank Borman telling the city's residents - "we all love New York - we all love all of you."

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## NIXON

Elsewhere in New York Richard Nixon was meeting today with Republican National Chairman Ray Bliss; a man who was reported on the way out - just a few weeks ago. After the meeting though - Bliss telling newsmen he had been asked to stay on. Offer - promptly ~~by~~ accepted.

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## PHNOM PENH

*Early today - Cambodia's Prince Norodom*

*Sihanouk - was voicing hopes for an early reconciliation with Washington. This at the opening of a new housing project in Phnom Penh, a development financed partly by Red China. Sihanouk asserting that Cambodia would seek "new friends" while not denying its traditional friends.*

*However, a few hours later - the Prince said anti-aircraft guns had shot down a U.S. helicopter that apparently had strayed across the border from neighboring Vietnam. The three airmen aboard - all dead. This the most serious incident between the U S and Cambodia in years.*



## STOCKHOLM

Sweden's decision to grant full diplomatic recognition to North Vietnam was the target of a quick rebuff today from Washington. With a U.S. State Department spokesman saying - this will not "help the cause of peace in Southeast Asia."

In Stockholm, too, Swedes were protesting the recognition; demonstrators at the Swedish Foreign Ministry carrying placards saying "Hanoi Communism means Vietnam dictatorship."

LONDON

Rebel Rhodesia - again the chief topic today - at that Commonwealth Prime Minister's conference in London. Zambia's fiery President Kaunda urging use of force - now - to restore British rule. This would result in less bloodshed -- said he -- than if Britain waited for an eventual ~~uprising~~ uprising of Rhodesia's four million blacks.

Next up - volatile Lee ~~Kuan Yew~~ Kuan Yew - Prime Minister of Singapore; who said there can be no solution to the ~~Rhodesian~~ Rhodesian problem - unless "Africans themselves are prepared to pay the price."

Lee adding that the blacks - must "take a lesson from the Viet Cong;" who "have demonstrated" - said he - "that given the tenacity, the capacity, the will to slug it out to the very end of time - even the world's mightiest power can be persuaded to negotiate a settlement."

## W ELLINGTON

From Wellington, New Zealand news ~~today~~  
of a coming attempt at the world's most ambitious  
Sea Foam salvage job yet. U S and New Zealand  
salvage firms - hoping to refloat the nearly nine  
thousand ton ferry-boat Wahine which sank last April  
in Wellington harbor - in one of the worst tragedies  
in New Zealand history.

Plans for raising the ship - calling for use  
of a giant aerosol device, Expected to fill the Wahine  
with tons of ~~Sea~~ Urethane foam - at the same time,  
forcing out the sea water, Until such time as the  
ferry boat ~~ach~~ achieves sufficient buoyancy - ~~yes~~  
hopefully, it will ~~rise~~ to the surface.

This same technique has been employed before  
- but never on a vessel of such size as ~~the~~ the Wahine.  
Which makes the Wellington effort - something of a  
trial run. If it works - the Sea Foam - ~~can~~ salvage  
planning their next job - on one of the greatest prizes

*of the ocean depths; off the coast of Nantucket -*

*the thirty thousand ton Andrea Doria -- worth millions.*



## Royal Albert Hall

The New York Times today carried a story about one of the world's famous landmarks, huge Royal Albert Hall, where for almost one hundred years audiences have been troubled by a famous echo. Years ago my wife played the pipe organ at Albert Hall, one of the largest organs in the world, <sup>and</sup> ~~was~~ the music she made <sup>went</sup> bouncing around that great dome. The Times piece says they think they have solved the echo, hence the news item. ¶ Fifty years ago when both Albert Hall and I were a bit younger I had an experience with that echo. One night when I was telling the story of the Palestine and Arabian campaigns, about Allenby and Lawrence, a British Major came around to my dressing room and said he wanted to shake hands with me three times <sup>— —</sup> because he had heard everything I said three times that night. He had sat at the most troublesome <sup>echo</sup> spot.

I wonder if there are any echoes around here.

Let's imagine we are in the Alps and I'm calling to my

*friend across the valley: Are you there Warren?! Are  
you there Warren?! Are you there Warren?!*

NEW KENSINGTON

New Kensington, Pennsylvania the story today of "love's labor lost." On his wedding eve - one Carlos Jackson, robbing a jewelry store, getting away with cash and jewelry valued at more than two thousand, ~~bucks~~. Except that the next day - his horn tooting wedding procession attracted so much attention - he was spotted by one of his victims. Police arresting Jackson a day later - at the ~~casaphide~~ couple's honeymoon motel.

Final <sup>entry!</sup> ~~entry~~ the prisoner arraigned for sentencing - Judge John Brosky setting his term at one to two years. The Judge observing - those rings you stole for your wife's fingers turned out to be handcuffs for your wrists. " And s-l - until Mon.