

SPACE

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A Mercury rocket stands on its launching pad at Cape Canaveral, tonight - ready for a ride into space, tomorrow. The booster, loaded with - Sixty-three thousand pounds of fuel. Enough, to drive the rocket, - into orbit.

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The astronaut? Walter Shirra says - that he's as fit as his rocket. He ran through one last review of his space flight - and then settled back, for the familiar wait. Passing the time tonight, by reading his favorite literature - ^{- that is} favorite at the moment, ~~anyway~~ - the bulletins from the weather bureau.

Those bulletins - now optimistic. Indicating clear skies at Cape Canaveral, tomorrow - in which case, Walter Shirra will blast off in his space capsule. The third American spaceman - headed into orbit.

ATOMIC FOLLOW SPACE

Incidentally, the Shirra space flight has allowed us - to make a propaganda riposte at the Soviet Union. You may recall that when the two Russian space capsules were launched in August - Khrushchev made a big play of asking us not to touch off any high altitude atomic explosions. Not to interfere with - his cosmonauts.

Today, we presented a similar request - to the Kremlin. Reminding Khrushchev - and the world - that Soviet nuclear bombs are still going off in Siberia. And could be ^a hazard - to our astronaut.

NUCLEAR FOLLOW ATOMIC

Incidentally we set off a ~~our own~~ nuclear blast, today, ^{But it} has nothing to do

with the space flight tomorrow. ^{This one was an} ~~The~~ atomic device,

dropped from a plane - exploding far below the path

of the Schirra orbit. The place ^{Mid-Pacific -} Johnston Island,

as usual. Power of the explosion - intermediate, as

usual. ~~Scoble is~~ hear it. Which won't be possible -

^{This one} ~~is~~ our twenty-eighth test in the Pacific -

since the Russians violated the test moratorium, almost

exactly a year ago. ~~any further action against the~~

~~Governor. Since Governor Barnett has said that he'll~~

~~obey the courts in the future. The Justice DEPT~~

~~Department may be willing to drop the prosecution~~

~~the Governor of Mississippi,~~

BARNETT

The Governor of Mississippi receives - a ten-day reprieve. Ross Barnett, given that much of a breathing spell - before he has to answer a charge of contempt of court. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, deciding not to take up the Barnett case - until all the judges can assemble to hear it. Which won't be possible - until Columbus Day.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department indicates that it may not ask for - any further action against the Governor. ~~Since Governor Barnett has said that he'll obey the courts in the future~~ The Justice Department may ~~be willing to~~ drop the prosecution ^{whole idea of} the Governor of Mississippi.

MISSISSIPPI

~~The big story from Oxford, Mississippi, is still~~
~~one student, attending ~~last~~ lectures at the~~
~~University~~ ^{Meanwhile} James Meredith ^{was} in class - for the
second day in a row. Arriving at the graduate school,
this morning - for his second lecture on the Colonial
History of America.

The campus - quiet. But not - without tension.
The streets and lawns, littered with debris - of the
Sunday night violence. ~~Torn paper, sticks and stones -~~
~~under foot, everywhere.~~ Mountains of tear gas
canisters - piled up on the streets. Burned out cars -
at the curb.

The number of students in class - fell off today.
~~The~~ ⁱⁿ Coeds, particular - preferring to stay in their
dormitories. A few of the girls were taken home - by
their anxious parents.

Most of the students, however - are ignoring

the crisis. Or, at least - pretending to ignore it.
Passing the government troops - without looking at
them. A rather difficult task, since the University
Of Mississippi - is under military control. ^{with} Fifteen
thousand men - in and around Oxford, Mississippi.
Patrols, halting cars and pedestrians - confiscating
anything that could be used as a weapon. Including -
beer bottles.

~~One question, raised by the post mortem - about
what happened on Sunday. Who fired - the shots?
Governor Barnett says - the U.S. marshals. But the
Justice Department reports - that the marshals were
specifically denied the right to use their guns, And
they fired nothing ^{more} ~~less~~ than - tear gas.~~

CUBA

Some Latin American diplomats believe that Castro's most dangerous weapon - is the fast launch. The kind of boat ~~that is~~ small enough - to escape detection, ^{and} large enough - to cross the Caribbean. Putting Castro agents ashore - at secluded points. This kind of strategy, ^{could work easily} ~~especially dangerous~~ with a nation like Haiti, where there is ^{already} a resistance movement against ^{the} ~~present government,~~ ~~dictator.~~ ~~The kind of resistance movement that the Communists always try to exploit. That Castro is trying to exploit.~~

You can be sure that this point ^{will be} ~~is~~ under discussion, at the meeting of Foreign Ministers in Washington. The meeting that President Kennedy opened today - with a speech, calling for control of Communism and Castroism. For the development of Latin America - in freedom, as well as prosperity.

SHIPS

Many of the ships carrying supplies to Castro -
are American, ~~vessels~~. So ^{says} ~~charged by~~ Joe Curran - head
of the National Maritime Union. Curran, telling
House Investigators - that this is possible because of
the way certain freighters change their registry. For
example - from Lebanese to Greek to Liberian. Leaving
their actual ownership - rather mysterious. ~~As~~
~~international juggling act with flag~~ ~~is a juggling~~
~~juggle~~

Anyway, Curran insists that some of the freighters
that do this - are American; ~~and are carrying~~
~~cargoes to the Red police states in the Caribbean.~~ ~~He~~
propos~~es~~ - a full Congressional investigation, ~~Plus~~ -
a voluntary boycott of Castro, by the longshoremen of
the free world. ~~How is the boycott idea coming along?~~
Says ~~the~~ Curran, "More joining up every day - the
latest being the Seaman's Federation of Greece."

HOODLUMS

Here's one I wanted to use
~~Anyone who wonders what to do about hoodlums in our~~
~~last nite - and didn't have time - about~~
~~society - could get some pointers from~~ Don Walker of Pacoima,
California, ~~we~~ *here is the story!* -

Don and his wife were at a hamburger stand - when they were attacked by five ^{young} ~~teen~~ age hoodlums. One ~~of the~~ ~~gangs~~ - armed with a pistol. Another - with a knife. A rather tight corner - five against one. So - what did Don Walker do?

He launched a haymaker - and kayoed the ~~gang~~ ^{one} with the knife. He grabbed the lid ^{- must have been a heavy lid -} of a ~~garbage can~~ - just in time to ward off six bullets. Then he konked ^{the hoodlum} ~~energy~~ with the gun.

The three other ^s ~~gangs~~ charged forward, and after a flurry of punches - they ^{too} were out cold, ~~too~~. The police, ~~on~~ arriving to find the five ^{spread over} ~~hoodlums~~ ~~distributed~~ around the landscape. Don - nursing a skinned knuckle. His wife - ^{eating a} ~~finishing off~~ her hamburger.

TAXES

Here's the word for businessmen - from the tax writers in Congress. You'll still be able to take clients to night clubs - and put the tab on your expense account. But Yachts and hunting lodges - they're out. Nix, also - on lavish apartments. Uncle

Sam, no longer intending to help pay for them - ^{even} ~~just~~

if they do help line up
~~because you entertain clients occasionally~~ *entertainment to*
Win Friends and Influence People, Dick

~~What does the new tax philosophy mean - in terms of hard cash? It means that business will gain - a cool billion. This, in spite of the fact that the well-known swindle sheet - will no longer cover yachts and hunting lodges.~~

2/4 there go your yacht and hunting lodge!

REFUGEE

The East German coal miner who escaped from East Berlin - had a special form of courage. Dutch courage. He downed a bottle of schnapps - to screw up his nerve. Then, he plunged Ninety-eight feet - from a bridge into a canal, on the border.

Still, the result - wasn't exactly a testimonial to the schnapps. The refugee's head, ^{evidently} spinning, ~~swam~~ ~~confronted~~ ^{far} he swam ^{or so} seventy-five yards, in the wrong direction, ^{Then,} heading back - toward East Germany. ^{Coming} to his senses - just in time, ^{Reversing} direction - swimming frantically for another hundred and eighty yards. Reaching freedom - in the British sector of West Berlin. Freedom ^{with} ~~and~~ a hangover.