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Space veteran Allan Shepard and his rookie colleague, Edgar Mitchell, pranced, danced walked, and worked on the moon today, "doing their thing" before an estimated six hundred million television viewers around the world. By ten A.M. - Eastern time - both astronauts were out of their Antares moonship and ~~were~~ standing on the dusty lunar surface - with a black sky over their heads.

R They had arrived with a bull's eye landing in Fra Mauro Valley - accomplished only after they had outsmarted a balky ~~comp~~ computer that for a time posed a threat to the ~~moon~~ mission. For more than four hours the two moon walkers explored a valley covered with a brown ~~talcum~~ talcum-like dust. They pulled a two wheeled cart, loaded with lunar rocks. They unfurled an American flag, set up a nuclear powered scientific station, and set off explosives to

create mini-quakes for scientists back on earth.

At times, the two men seemed ~~almost~~ giddy as they moved about in the near weightlessness of the Moon's gravity - giving rise to comments on Earth that a mild case of Moon madness seems to afflict everyone

who goes there. ^{have been} R Shepard and Mitchell ~~are~~ described as two "no-nonsense" astronauts ^{whose} ~~whose~~ terse voice reports usually sound like those of an airport flight

announcer. But suddenly all that changed once they were on the Moon. They laughed - ~~they~~ giggled

made ~~just~~ jokes with the ground controllers and kept humming deedle-deedle-dum. Observers at the ^{Houston} ~~the~~ space center ~~in Houston~~ ~~to~~ say the symptoms are familiar -

that previous ~~men~~ Moon walkers behaved the same way - although its probably nothing more than natural

~~subconscious~~ exhuberance at having accomplished such

a feat. ^R At this moment, both men are back in their

Antares space ship ~~is~~ asleep. They are due to walk the Moon again tomorrow morning at about five thirty-eight A.M. - But a slight oxygen leak detected in Mitchell's space ~~ship~~^{suit} has all but ruled out hopes that their second moon walk ~~could~~^{can} last even longer than the one today. ~~R~~ Tomorrow ~~afternoon~~ afternoon they are due to blast off from the lunar surface and rejoin Astronaut Stuart Roosa who ~~is~~^{of course is} orbiting the Moon in the Apollo Fourteen Kitty Hawk.

ECONOMY

Prices advanced on the New York Stock

*Exchange today closing with a record all time weekly
turn over of one hundred five million shares. This
toppled the previous record set only last week.*

*For the first time in ~~seven~~ seven months
the nation's unemployment ~~rolls~~ rolls showed a decrease
during January. Labor Secretary James Hodgson
reports that seasonal adjustment figures for the month
show a drop of one hundred ten thousand in unemployment.*

INDO CHINA

"No American personnel beyond this point," reads a sign post on highway nine on the frontier between ~~the~~ Laos and South Vietnam. Ten miles West of the allied base at Khe Sanh. Still, a nine thousand man American task force remains mobilized on the south Vietnamese side of the border which U S officials say will not be crossed. American aircraft - including helicopters - are under no such restrictions and some reports today indicate they are being used in support of South Vietnamese troops, now attacking Communist bases in Laos. (There are also reports of a drive by North Vietnamese troops against two government positions on the Plain of Jars - ^{-- this} ~~posing~~ a threat to loyal Laotian^s in the country's northeast section.)

IRELAND

For the third successive night, violence broke out in Belfast, North Ireland. Roman Catholic women brandishing chair legs and trash can lids - attacked British soldiers in three different areas of the City with children joining in ~~to throw~~^{with} a barrage of stones. (A spokesman for the out-lawed Irish Republican Army says ~~that~~ "arrogant and provocative" British soldiers searching for arms in Catholic neighborhoods, ~~have~~ brought on the wave of violence.) The I R A has pledged ^(itself) ~~itself~~ to use force if necessary to unite the six counties of northern Ireland with the Irish Republic.

LINDBERGH

The first man to fly the Atlantic alone -

Charles A Lindbergh says it would be a mistake to continue development of the super sonic transport plane.

Lindbergh ~~and~~ who is also a conservationist -

calls the eighteen hundred mile an hour plane unsound,

"both in terms of economics and the environment," as he put it

"on the basis of present knowledge." Said he -

"I do not ~~be~~ now see any practical way to avoid

disturbances from regular sonic booms. Already,"

said Lindbergh, "the nation is subjected to more

than enough technological noises. Nor do I accept

as practical or lasting the idea that the S S T

would be flown at supersonic speeds only over water."

JESUS

~~Perhaps~~ no other figure in history has had such an ~~overriding~~ grip on the imaginations of men as Jesus of Nazareth. He also ranks as probably the most "read about" and "written about" figure of all times. Within the past year, new books and articles - dealing with new and unusual theories on his life - have called Jesus a revolutionary - a married man - a visitor from another planet and an early apostle of the womens liberation movement. ^R A Soviet writer - V. Zaitsev - contends that the Star of Bethlehem actually was a space ship from another world with Jesus on board as a new comer from outer space, ~~and~~ an Ambassador from a higher civilization. ^R At Temple University, a professor tells us that in Palestine during the first century women were definitely second class citizens. Still, after his resurrection Jesus chose to ~~make~~ make his first appearance before a group

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of women. Often, however, says U P I's ^{correspondent} ~~comment~~

Louis Cassels - ~~and~~ those who come up with new

theories about Jesus tend to ignore any part of the

gospel record which plainly contradicts their idea -

while at the same time placing complete reliance on

the literal accuracy of any minor detail that seems

to support their view. This approach to biblical

interpretation ~~is~~ ^{would you} call ^{it} - "selective fundamentalism"

MOUSE

Police in Holland, Michigan are looking for a "~~man~~^d drug addict" - a mouse -- who's been nibbling on marijuana stored at the police station ~~as evidence~~ - and "running around like ~~mad~~^{crazy}," ~~said~~^{Warren -}

Police
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Lieutenant Gene Geib - "we can tell he's getting

into bags of the stuff by the way he acts." ^{He's nuts!"}

FIRE

*A fire swept through the main railway station at Lucerne, Switzerland today - destroying the historic **D**ome - a landmark - that was the gateway to the Alps for millions of ~~the~~ tourists. There were cases of smoke poisoning among some four hundred firemen but no serious injuries. They managed to save the buildings' east wing - the one closest to the Lake of Lucerne where the white excursion boats cruise between the surrounding snow covered Alps.*