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Soviet Cosmonaut Col. Gergy Berogovoi - still aloft tonight; still up there in Russia's Soyuz-Three spacecraft -- in the third day of a marathon earth orbiting mission. With Moscow calling his achievements to date in rendezvousing twice with Soyuz-two - "a big stride toward the future."

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Indeed, a Soviet ~~scin~~ scientist today credited Berogovoi - with advancing space technology into a new era of maneuverable "cosmoplanes." This supposedly by steering his spacecraft something like an automobile - instead of following "invisible rails" like a space train.

*by the way,*  
~~Although~~ The same feat <sup>^</sup> was accomplished by ~~Yx~~ U. S. astronauts - as early as Nineteen Sixty-Five.

SPACE

Here at home - a final "go" or "no go" on an Apollo Eight Moon mission - now expected some time during the week of November Tenth. U.S. Space officials ~~are~~ announcing today <sup>how</sup> they will have fully analyzed the flight of Apollo Seven by that time. With the "next step toward a manned lunar landing" - said to hinge on "a thorough assessment of the total risks involved and the total gains to be realized."

Whatever the ultimate decision though - Apollo-Eight seems destined for big things. Space officials saying its mission will be at the very least - an earth orbit extending four thousand miles into space; at <sup>most</sup> ~~least~~ a lunar orbital flight including ten revolutions around the moon - before it returns home.

MOSCOW-SAIGON

*On the peace front - an added starter today.*

*At Moscow - Soviet Premier Kosygin meeting with visiting Japanese officials; later quoted as saying that talks ~~between~~ between the U. S and North Vietnam - are now "in a very complicated stage. Kosygin further quoted as ~~saying~~ urging Japan to speed things along - by pressing for a U. S. bombing halt.*

*Reverse side - from Saigon; where visiting <sup>New</sup>*

*Zealand*

*Prime Minister Keith Holyoake - all but ruled out an*

*imminent end to the bombing. Reason - said he - because*

*"Hanoi shows no serious inclination to accept de-escalation;"*

*which "has been unilateral" on the part of the U. S. -- "up*

*to this stage" - said he.*

VIETNAM FOLLOW MOSCOW-SAIGON

Saigon again - U S Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker conferred ~~ix~~ twice today - with South Vietnamese President Thieu. Making nine times, in all, the two men have met - during the past ~~xxxx~~ two weeks of escalated peace efforts.

Meanwhile, the war goes on - especially the air war, with a flight of B-Fifty Twos - making a rare foray into North Vietnam today; blasting enemy targets - just across the D M Z while a second wave of bombers was blasting enemy troop positions - just above Saigon.

WHITE HOUSE

A former presidential assistant - ~~RE~~ now  
Deputy U. S. Ambassador to South Vietnam -- soon to  
become our new ambassador to Turkey. <sup>So</sup> ~~Announcement~~  
today from the White House. Robert Komer to succeed  
Parker Hart in the Ankara Post - with Hart to become  
Assitant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South  
Asian affairs.

By the way, Komer's duties as head of the  
U. S pacification program in South Vietnam -- falling to his  
number one assistant - William Colbey. Both men - formerly  
of the American C I A.

~~From Chicago comes a story today - telling  
of the latest in a long series of court cases involving  
notorious Danny Escobedo.~~

*Remember*  
~~This the same~~ Danny Escobedo - who was cleared  
of a murder conviction back in Nineteen Sixty-Four; In a  
landmark decision - the U S Supreme Court disallowing  
his confession - on the grounds he was not allowed to  
consult an attorney.

Anyway, Escobero facing trial again soon - on  
a burglary charge. With the result that his lawyer has  
gone to court - trying to get his name changed. Defense  
Counsel asserting it would be almost impossible to guarantee  
the defendant a fair and impartial jury - as long as his name  
remains Escobedo.

A ruling in the matter - expected later this week.  
In the meantime though - observers noting that Escobedo is  
already serving a long stretch on a dope charge. Adding that  
an Escobedo by any other name - still would have about  
twenty years to go.

PITTSBURGH

Turning into the home stretch of Campaign Sixty-Eight - Richard Nixon slumped across New York and Pennsylvania today. Along the way - at Pittsburgh and elsewhere - Nixon predicting "flatly" he will win big next week; by a margin anywhere from three-to-five per cent - over his present standing in the various political polls.

In a nationwide radio broadcast tonight - Nixon accusing the Democrats of operating a welfare ~~my~~ system - "demeaning, depressing and inadequate." One that "does not eradicate the root causes of poverty <sup>but</sup> <sub>λ</sub> on the contrary, <sup>λ</sup> snuffing <sup>λ</sup> out the flickering spark of initiative" - said he.

AKRON FOLLOW PITTSBURGH

For Hubert Humphrey - another barnstorming  
tour today through Ohio. At Akron - Humphrey again  
accusing Nixon of "playing ~~pk~~ politics with national security/"

"That's dangerous business" said the Vice President. ~~Adding:~~

~~"There is no security gap and there will be no survival gap -~~

~~unless we follow Mr. Nixon's advice."~~



Speaking of polls - here's another reported today from Nashville. The famous "popcorn poll" of theater-goers around the nation - showing a sudden surge for Richard Nixon; who is now said to be leading in twenty-four states - with a majority of three-hundred-and-thirty-nine electoral votes. As compared with Hubert Humphrey in second place - leading in only six states. Wallace leading in none - and the rest inconclusive as yet.

Summing up - another five per cent increase for front-running Nixon - over the past two weeks. <sup>This</sup> According to the same poll that began by picking Truman over Dewey in Nineteen-Forty-Eight - and has never been wrong since.

1/4 And now, John Shafer will you put us right about something.

## BOSTON

*With Halloween less than three days off - this next is perhaps of special note. The Automobile legal Association of Boston - coming out with a list of do's and don't for youthful trick-or-treaters.*

*For example, skeletons are advised to bleach their bones - to better reflect the lights of approaching cars. Same reason - ghosts are also advised to make sure their sheets are sparkling white. With ~~mini~~ miniature hob-goblins, gremlins and leprechauns - urged to carry luminous Jack-o'-Lanterns.*

*A final word of advice -- "take care of all the houses on one side of the street first - then cross the street only once and do the other side." It's quicker - safer - says the A. L. A. and so says "the great pumpkin" - I am told.*