

Thurs. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. '71.

LUNAR ORBIT

Have you been following <sup>it was on</sup> the flight of Apollo Fourteen? ~~the next best~~ If so you know ~~the next best~~ a "lunar merry-go-round" today. Astronauts ~~Atten~~ Shepard, ~~Ed~~ Mitchell and ~~Stuart~~ Roosa - ~~are~~ zooming their spacecraft into an orbit barely ten miles from the <sup>Moon's</sup> ~~lunar~~ surface, <sup>for the first of</sup> ~~there beginning~~ a series of <sup>Number one a</sup> revolutions <sup>that</sup> will total eleven in all. <sup>A</sup> perfect maneuver - drawing from Allan Shepard; ~~and~~ "good show!" Followed by the exclamation: "Whow, it's really a wild place up here."

After that - some picture taking. Ed Mitchell - who plans to be <sup>down on the moon</sup> ~~there~~ shortly <sup>along with Shepard -</sup> observing: "That's the most stark, desolate piece of country I've ever seen." <sup>R</sup> The three astronauts - later taking another rest period. Next stop, the surface of the Moon. Estimated time <sup>for this</sup> ~~at about~~ - <sup>4:17 tomorrow morning</sup> ~~at five~~, eastern earth time.

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SAIGON

As for Southeast Asia, today <sup>there was an</sup> the end of ~~the~~ news  
blackout that lasted nearly a week, <sup>Today came a</sup> ~~followed by a~~  
flood of information <sup>about</sup> ~~setting up~~ twin allied drives.

The first - in northernmost South Vietnam - led by  
U. S.  
~~South Vietnamese~~ troops. The second - in neighboring  
Cambodia - led by South Vietnamese troops. Both -  
aimed at crushing enemy sanctuaries and destroying  
enemy supply lines.

We are also told that twenty ~~two~~ thousand additional  
South Vietnamese troops - are now poised for a possible  
strike in Laos. ~~But~~ Poised and ready - but still  
waiting. All of which would seem to put the <sup>quietus</sup> ~~to~~  
to some of the wilder rumors we've been hearing these  
past ~~so~~ few days.

PENTAGON

~~Indeed, the on scene~~ <sup>On the scene</sup> war reports <sup>today</sup> stilling, ~~today~~

temporarily # at least, - a recent ~~xxx~~ chorus of Cassandras  
in ~~Washington~~ Washington. This leaving center stage -  
to Defense Secretary Melvin Laird; who noted that the  
new offensives ~~have~~ <sup>had</sup> been carried out -- without the loss  
of a single American life; which in and of itself -  
said he - fully "justifies the judgment of the U S  
commander" in imposing a news blackout.

~~The Defense Secretary~~ <sup>The Defense Secretary</sup>  
~~then~~ then went on to stress - that it was

General Abrams who ordered the embargo. And, ~~said~~ <sup>said</sup>

Sec. Laird:-

~~then~~ "I'm not going to second guess him."

PARIS FOLLOW PENTAGON

Meanwhile in Paris, Chief U S peace negotiator

David Bruce - was <sup>Soc.</sup> going Laird even one better by

Dismissing <sup>flatly the</sup> ~~out of hand today~~ Communist charge

that the U S had extended the Indo China war into

Laos and Cambodia. Declaring, in fact, if anyone

had done so - it was clearly Hanoi. <sup>Ambassador</sup> ~~Bruce~~ Bruce

adding: "As long as American troops don't go in -

I don't see that there's much to worry about."

CAIRO

In the Middle East - Cairo - another eleventh  
hour reprieve; ~~was~~ finally made official today. Egypt's  
President Anwar Sadat - agreeing to extend ~~the~~ once  
more the current mid-East truce; pledging to "refrain  
from opening fire" <sup>for</sup> an additional thirty days - till  
March Seventh. Anwar Sadat also saying he would  
reopen the ~~the~~ Suez Canal - if Israel  
would only agree to withdraw its troops from the East  
Bank of that waterway.

TEL AVIV FOLLOW CAIRO

The chances of this <sup>are</sup> considered nil, ~~though~~

~~since~~ <sup>since</sup> an Israeli official charged <sup>ed</sup> today <sup>that</sup>

Egypt now has a hundred thousand men massed near  
the Suez Canal. <sup>this would mean</sup> If true, <sup>more</sup> men than were there -  
even at the start of the six day war in Nineteen Sixty  
Seven.

Meanwhile, Israeli Premier Golda Meir <sup>was</sup> addressing  
a political meeting in Tel Aviv, <sup>and</sup> saying that Israel -  
hoped for peace; "but if we have to defend ourselves"  
- she continued - "we will win."

WHITE HOUSE

Turning to the domestic front - a ten page message to Congress today <sup>with</sup> President Nixon spelling out in greater detail ~~of~~ his new federal <sup>and</sup> state revenue sharing plan. This to include an annual grant of five billion - for unrestricted use. The shared money to come from an automatic return to each of the various ~~tax~~ states - a return of one point three percent of annual taxable income; which could mean - said the President - an increase in such funds - to an annual figure around ten billion in Nineteen Eighty.

The President then going on to say: "A gap has opened in this country - between the world's of promise and performance." And federal <sup>and</sup> state revenue sharing - he added <sup>will be</sup> - the only means of closing that gap - of restoring confidence in the ability of government to meet the needs of its people."

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MANILA

*In the Philippines - Manila - a threat of Marshall law tonight. President ~~Ferdinand~~ Marcos saying he would be left with no other choice - in the face of continuing student worker riots. This following a new outbreak of violence near the University of San<sup>to</sup> Tomas; with the killing of another student there - raising the death toll to six just this week.*

# PORTRAITS

The White House again - those official <sup>portraits</sup> ~~portraits~~

of the late President Kennedy and his widow - Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis were unveiled today for newsmen.

That of J F K looking pensive and almost sad ~~was~~

*So we are told.*

~~was~~ drawing instant approval; That of Jackie -

drawing ~~approx~~ appraisals that ranged from "mystic"

to "haunting". In any event, both portraits ~~will be~~

go on public display - ~~will~~ tomorrow.

## CHILDREN FOLLOW PORTRAITS

Incidentally, White House sources also disclosed today - additional details of <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ visit last night from Jackie and her two children. Thirteen year old Caroline is said to have remembered the solarium - where she and her playmates had their nursery school nearly a decade ago. She also recalled the days - when she used to ride her pony, Macaroni, on the White House South Lawn.

As for John Jr. - now ten - he was, of course, too young to remember his White House stay. But he and his sister were both solemn with awe - we are told - when the President took them into the Oval office where their "Daddy" used to work.

~~First Lady Pat Nixon quoted as saying later - "how sweet and well-mannered" the children were; also, that Mrs. Onassis - despite despite what ~~is~~ must have been a trying ordeal "looked very well."~~

## DENVER FOLLOW CHILDREN

Still another item related to the late President

Kennedy, - ~~this went from Denver where~~ The Denver  
mint today began full scale production - of a new  
Kennedy half dollar,

~~This one - made of copper and nickel; a successor  
to the original Kennedy half dollar - made of silver from  
more than a ~~do~~ billion of which were minted from  
Nineteen Sixty Four through Sixty Nine A only to  
disappear into the hands of coin collectors.~~

~~But the new batch almost certain to remain  
in circulation~~ Says Mint Director Mrs. Mary Brooks;  
~~especially in as much as its daily production will  
run about two million. Mrs. Brooks adding: "This  
is an important day for the people of this country."  
in more ways than one, "Just think" said she~~

"there are youngsters alive today - who never went

down town with a half dollar in their pocket." "Four-  
Bits" we used to call it out in Colorado, Harvren,

LONG BRANCH

What with winter this year bitterly cold here in the East - ~~it seems that~~ <sup>are</sup> certain migratory animals are heading <sup>(farther)</sup> ~~farther~~ south than usual. ~~easy to point~~?

A big seal ~~that~~ turned up today ~~in the woods~~ <sup>at</sup> Long Branch, New Jersey; parading down the street big as life barking at passers-by, flapping its flippers, causing quite a stir; <sup>- would you believe it? -</sup> till the police finally corraled it -- inside a local garage.

One of the officers ~~later~~ reporting ~~though~~ it wasn't easy. ~~And he explained~~ <sup>Said he:-</sup> "First, we chased it around - and then it chased us around. - ~~and~~ we chased it - ~~and~~ it chased us." And so on and so on.

And - so'l - T-M-W