

ABOARD THE HORNET

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Final word on the flight of Apollo Twelve - perfect, just perfect - as you no doubt have heard by now. Astronauts Pete Conrad, Al Bean, and Dick Gordon - returning safely from the Moon. Splashing down in the South Pacific near Pago, Pago, -- "right on the money" -- to use their own <sup>Sando -</sup> ~~words~~ <sup>Astronaut cliché. This</sup> Successful completion of America's second lunar landing - capping an incredible decade for U S men-in-space. The ~~best part~~ best part of the trip - of course, the last. Apart from normal radio blackout on re-entry -- the landing that had <sup>moment of</sup> only one <sup>^</sup> ~~suspenseful moment~~, when the crewmen of the waiting carrier Hornet - spotted the ~~■~~ Apollo Twelve bobbing upside down in the rolling sea. However, the astronauts quickly inflated three balloons - on the outside of their spacecraft; which then slowly righted itself -- once again pointing toward the Heavens.

Conrad observing: It's bouncing like a cork - <sup>and</sup> ~~but~~ Gordon <sup>^</sup>

added quickly: "Everybody's okay." And now <sup>R</sup> they are in  
quarantine aboard the Hornet. - ~~so they are~~

WHITE HOUSE FORT BENNING

Getting back to earth - the White House joined today in a ringing defense of U S peace policy at Paris. Same as Henry Cabot Lodge in an earlier statement - the White House refuting a Communist charge that the U S was unwilling to negotiate privately with North ~~Vietnam~~ Vietnam. Lodge adding on his own that "negotiations are not helped - by making false charges which are bound to complicate the problem,"

A related item - from Fort Benning, Georgia where the army today ordered a court martial - for First ~~Lieutenant~~ Lieutenant Calley Jr. of Waynesville, North Carolina. The charge - pre-meditated murder. Calley accused in the death of a hundred and nine South Vietnamese civilians - during that alleged massacre by U S troops last year.

MOSCOW

*The White House again - President Nixon*

*formally ratified today - that treaty banning the spread of nuclear weapons. Calling the pact an important step in the search for "equitable and meaningful agreements to limit disarmaments;" and further - "to resolve the dangerous conflicts that threaten peace and ~~security~~ security."*

*At the same time - in Moscow - the Soviet Union's*

*Supreme Soviet was also ratifying the treaty. The*

*double barreled approval adding impetus ~~to~~ we hope to*

*those strategic-arms-limitation talks now under way in*

*Helsinki.*

SENATE

Turning to the domestic front - the Senate began today its consideration of the most comprehensive tax reform bill in U S history; One that would cut the average <sup>tax</sup> bill by at least five percent - while adding seven billion in tolls on the <sup>taxes of the</sup> wealthy and <sup>on</sup> corporations.

But, this <sup>Senate</sup> ~~only trouble the~~ bill was immediately challenged on the one hand, by those who think it doesn't go far enough -- on the other by those who think it goes too far. And, indeed, it was the latter who won out ~~44~~ in the first official test of strength. Voting an exemption for small oil men - who otherwise would have been badly hurt by that projected cut in the controversial oil depletion ~~■~~ allowance.

## SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco - a meeting of the U S National Commission of Unesco - the U N educational scientific and cultural organization. Hearing a talk from Lee Dubridge -- President Nixon's chief science advisor; who said that "the first great challenge of our time - is <sup>to</sup> ~~insure~~ that there are no more births than deaths." In other words - complete and effective population control. Lee Dubridge asserting that "every human institution, school, university, church, family, government and international agencies such as Unesco - should set this as its prime task."

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Our next most important task - said he - that of cleaning up our air, water and land. Lee Dubridge declaring that government can and will "turn the tide" against pollution - given adequate public support.

**SUEZ-EL Quntara**

*Air war in the Middle East - cut today from the classic mold of "an eye for an eye". Starting with an Israeli attack on Israeli positions- practically the entire length of the Suez Canal; an attack said to be the heaviest Israeli air strike - since Nineteen Sixty-Seven. Whereupon ~~Israeli~~ Egyptian jets - responded in kind. Blasting Israeli missile sites and supply dumps - in ~~the~~ occupied Sinai near El Qantara. Both sides - claiming they inflicted heavy damage.*

## WHITE HOUSE

*Found - beneath the White House -- a long forgotten, sub-terranean chamber. White House curator James Ketchum - reporting the re-discovery today.*

*Disclosing that workmen turned up the dirt-filled sub-sub-basement while tearing out the Presidential swimming pool to make way for a new press room.*

*The find consists of two rooms - apparently dating back to Thomas Jefferson at least. They may have been used at one time - to store coal or some such.*

*Now containing, besides dirt, a multitude of odds and ends - including pieces of china, shaving mugs, vinegar jars and so ~~on~~ on. All of which - is being carefully ~~on~~ sifted and studied.*

*"No gold has been discovered yet - and no skeletons either" said Ketchum. But he added that "yesterday's trash" to a collector - is "today's gold."*

WASHINGTON

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According to historians - the forward march of progress has always followed a definite sequence. First, exploration -- then, exploitation. And now that the Apollo Twelve has returned safely - the question is heard again: What next? Having conquered the Moon at last, how can we best use it?

The answer to that, of course - still to come. However, the U S space agency suggests today - a broad range of possible lunar ventures. For example, the Moon is said to be a perfect site for astronomical observatories -- for factories that turn out items best produced in high vacuum -- for hospitals and health resorts catering to patients who might benefit from the lower lunar gravity. Assistance Space Chief George Mueller therefore predicts that within twenty years -

Man will have established "the first colony on the Moon." Do you think you might be benefited by some of that "lower lunar gravity" Warren?

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TOKYO

For Mr. and Mrs. Sukarno <sup>No.</sup> Three - the  
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end of the line today in Tokyo. The former Ratna Sari Dewi the third legal wife of the former Indonesian President Sukarno filing suit for divorce. ~~That~~ Not ~~is~~ that she doesn't love him any more. Matter of fact, Madame Dewi explained she is writing a series of articles highly critical of Sukarno's successor, General Suharto. And she said of her ~~husband~~ husband - she would "not want him to be involved - or to suffer any more physical or mental torture as he has in the past ~~years~~ years." So says Mrs. Sukarno No 3 - and  
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