

MARS

L.T. - Buick, Fisher. Thursday, July 15, 1965.

A long and agonizing wait - rewarded today with a moment of tremendous triumph. The first close-up picture of Mars - trickling slowly back to ~~bx~~ earth - from that amazing Mariner Four.

Photo number one - apparently that of the brilliant red Martian desert known as Elysium. Space scientists completing the final processing of the picture - at this very moment. An historic ~~is~~ snapshot to be released to the waiting world - within a matter of hours.

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Life on Mars? We still don't know. But soon ~~now~~ now - very soon - we may have the answer. Thanks to the wondrous achievement of Mariner Four - truly the miracle of the ages.

SUCCESSOR FOLLOWS STEVENSON

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Headline, President Johnson faces the difficult task of naming a successor to Stevenson as U.S. Ambassador
Adlai Stevenson - today made the over-ocean journey home. President Johnson's personal plane -- bearing the fallen statesman back to the nation's capital. Vice President

Now filling in Stevenson's place - is Francis T. Humphrey and Stevenson's three sons -- accompanying the body; H. Plimpton, a sixty-four year old New York lawyer - which will lie in state tonight -- at the Washington Cathedral. who has served as Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations

After funeral services -- one more flight tomorrow to Bloomington, Illinois; Stevenson's home town -- the spot

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he chose as his final resting place.

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VIET NAM

Meanwhile, halfway round the world - the Communist Viet Cong today inflicted heavy losses on government forces - in a pair of ambushes in South Viet Nam. One near Saigon - the other near ~~Danang~~ Danang. Both aimed at ~~xxx~~ road-clearing operations in the guerrilla-infested jungles - surrounding the two government strong points. But because of newly-imposed censorship - no details as yet - as to the extent of those losses.

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WILSON FOLLOW VIET NAM

From London - an official government explanation today ~~For~~ Hanoi's refusal to meet - with that British peace emissary.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson reporting that the mission had failed - because the Communists were confident of "imminent victory." "In such circumstances" - said Wilson - they felt it would not "be worth their while - to forsake the battlefield for the conference table."

Wilson's remarks - drawing heated criticism from opposition members of Parliament, ~~Who~~ argued that the peace mission was not only ill-advised - but doomed from the start. Wilson's reply: "I would rather have rebuffs" said he "than to let this war go on for another two years -- without making any effort to stop it."

GHANA FOLLOW WILSON

This later report - see also from London. North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh - said to have invited President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana - to visit him in Hanoi, For the purpose of further discussions -- on the war in Viet Nam.

Ghana - a left-leaning, one-party Socialist State, and At the same time - a member of that four-nation British Commonwealth peace mission, ~~Previously~~ rejected by Moscow, Peking and Hanoi.

HARRIMAN

In Moscow - U S Ambassador-at-large Averell

Harriman - today conferred for three hours with Soviet Premier Kosygin. This the first high-level Moscow meeting between Soviet and American diplomats - in more than two years .

The nature of the conversation - not disclosed.

Both Russia and the United States - ~~insist~~ insisting that it was an unofficial meeting. Dealing with Harriman's "personal plans" - while he is in Russia - ostensibly on vacation.

Kremlinologists noted, however, that the length of the meeting - and the state of world affairs - made it a virtual certainty that the talk had gone beyond personal affairs. The ~~conference~~ conference seen as ~~perhaps~~ perhaps a last-ditch sounding of Soviet intentions in Viet Nam

Indeed, Harriman == in view of the increased fighting there. ~~Confidentially that~~ later reported that he had sent "significant information" ~~on the discussions -- to President Johnson,~~ ~~text b22x~~

*what it was well
But if so λ we'll have to wait and see.*

HOUSING

The Senate today approved - the President's controversial plan of rent subsidies for the poor. ^{This} Over the vigorous objections of most Republicans - and some Democrats, ~~Who~~ argued that the program - smacks of Socialism.

Be that as it may - adoption of the subsidy plan - now clears the way for final Senate approval ~~of~~ of the President's full seven billion dollar - omnibus housing and urban development bill.

President Johnson today signed into law - a bill providing stiff federal penalties. For the illegal manufacture and sale - of so-called "goof balls" and "pep pills."

The President calling the black market in such drugs - "a vicious business", ~~That~~ makes "easy victims - of young children." The new law therefore - "another attack on crime and delinquency" - said he.

FREDA

Typhoon Freda today sideswiped the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong -- but just barely. Freda's center -- with winds up to a hundred and forty miles an hour -- far out to sea. The China Coast island metropolis -- on the fringe of the storm, side-swiped by winds -- of only about fifty miles an hour.

At that -- one death and at least sixteen injuries -- reported in Hong Kong in the wake of the big blow. But the threat of widespread destruction and heavy loss of life -- luckily that didn't happen.

Italy and Switzerland, ~~And~~ opening Italy's magnificent
Aosta Valley - to an expected flood of winter sports
enthusiasts.

much of the year
The snow-clad Alps - [^]virtually ~~is~~ impenetrable

since the days of Hannibal and his elephants. Now, Warren,
impenetrable - no more.

GREEK

At Athens - veteran Premier George Papandreou
resigned tonight - in a bitter feud with young King
Constantine of Greece. Papandreou - ^{seventy}~~eighty~~-seven years
old - demanding the dismissal of Greece's Defense Minister
- a strong anti-Communist. The King - just twenty-four -
refusing to permit it. Papandreou's successor - Greek
Parliament President George Athanassiadis Novas in
place of Geo. Papandreou.