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PRESIDENT

The nation's economic outlook for nineteen-sixty-six:
Continued record prosperity--without "overheating" the economy
or pushing up prices. So said President Johnson ~~today~~ today--
in a telephone address from the Texas White House--~~to~~ ^{direct}
~~to~~ ^{to} the nation's Business Council in Washington.

"We are ever alert to danger signs, of course"--said
the President. "And when when we see them--we will act
accordingly. But we do not"--he went on--"we do not anticipate
any major problems--that confidence and cooperation will not
solve."

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As for foreign affairs--the President said he is
still willing to talk "unconditionally--anywhere"--with anyone--
to secure peace in Viet Nam. ~~Said he~~--"peace is our commitment--
peace is our goal"^{he added}--"peace will be the only victory ~~and~~ we seek."

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VIET NAM

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The nuclear-powered U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise--
went to war today in the South China Sea, launching a near
record-breaking series of air strikes--against Communist Viet
Cong positions in South Viet Nam.

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The "Big E"--largest warship afloat, with a total
displacement--of nearly eighty-six thousand tons, writing a
new chapter in U.S. Naval history. This marking the first time
that a nuclear-powered warship--has ever been used in combat.

Planes from the carrier blasting Communist positions--
up and down the coast, with bombs, rockets and cannon-fire.
Two planes lost--one to ground fire--the other to a landing
mishap. But luckily all four airmen involved--were quickly
rescued.

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Ashore--the day's only significant ground action--a
ninety-minute pitched battle between Communist guerillas and
government troops--about ten miles southwest of Saigon. Results
at nightfall--inconclusive.

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STEWART

Rebuffed by Kremlin leaders--British Foreign Secretary

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Michael Stewart took to the Russian air waves today, in a dramatic television appeal--for an immediate peace conference to end the war in Viet Nam. The goal--said he--a settlement "whereby both North and South Viet Nam could be left in peace--assured that they would not be attacked by each other or by anyone else."

His remarks--filmed in advance. The broadcast--via Moscow television--approved by the Kremlin. Nevertheless, the Soviets remain officially opposed to peace ^(talks) of any kind--until the United States agrees to major concessions, including at ^{the very} least--an end to the bombing of North Viet Nam.

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RHODESIA

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The rebellious white-ruled colony of Rhodesia--
seething with rumor today, ~~In~~ the wake of that statement
yesterday--by British Prime Minister Wilson, ~~To~~ the effect
that Britain will fight ~~them~~ if necessary--to protect power
supplies to Zambia--Rhodesia's northern neighbor.

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The hottest rumor--from so-called "highly-placed
sources" in Salisbury, ~~A~~ report that Rhodesia has made plans
to blow up the ^{main} power station--on the Rhodesian side of the
giant Kariba dam, ~~If~~ there is any "hostile intrusion" by
British forces--on Rhodesian soil.

~~Fact or fancy? We'll have to wait and see.~~

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ZAMBIA FOLLOW RHODESIA

~~In the meantime~~ ^{today} Zambia finally agreed today to the stationing of British troops--and British troops only--in that country, to guard against a flare-up with Rhodesia--also to prevent guerilla action by Black Nationalists--across the Rhodesian border.

This considered a major victory--by moderate forces in Zambia, as well as Britain. Since it virtually vetoes the use of Zambia--as a possible staging ground for military action against Rhodesia--by other African nations.

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JURY

At Anniston, Alabama--a landmark decision today in the field of race relations. White segregationist Hubert Damon Strange--found guilty of second degree murder, In the nightrider slaying of Negro Willie Brewster--last July Fifteenth. His sentence--set at ten years in prison.

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The verdict--by an all-white jury--following more than ten hours of careful deliberation, ^{marking} the first time in modern ~~history~~ history--that a southern jury has ~~been~~ convicted a white man in a racial slaying.

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CAPE

Here at Cape Kennedy -- a final run-through today for astronauts Frank Borman and Jim Lovell; including a step-by-stop review -- of every detail of the flight plan of the Gemini-Seven, the spectacular space flight that will end -- we hope -- in a new endurance record -- coupled with rendezvous in space -- never done before.

For those of us who are here for the event -- a similar flurry of last-minute preparations. From Lieut. Art Lord a detailed briefing -- on the flight itself; followed by an all afternoon inspection trip to launch pad nineteen -- where engineers and technicians were busily checking explosive devices; devices designed to separate the Gemini-Seven space capsule -- from the second stage of it's Titan-Two launching rocket -- at the start of the flight; to fire it's retro rockets at the end -- fourteen days later.

More discussions with Dr. Charles Berry -- who heads the space program's medical team; and Paul Haney -- the

voice of Gemini control; discussions underlining the myriad of complexities -- inherent in space travel. Any one of which can spell success or failure -- life or death.

Blast-off -- now less than forty-eight hours away. The weather -- not perfect -- but good enough. The outlook -- optimistic -- as far as the eye can see, Warren.

service of its mountain trails--through some of the wildest and most desolate country on the globe.

Purposes--says Mademoiselle Martine Libersart, leader of the expedition--"to show that an entire team of young women can complete such a trip--which these big, rugged men boast of--without taking the easy route and without losing feminine charm."

Toward the outer goal--the girls outfit with trip-dry lingerie, which they draped from their car serials to dry--while traveling from place to place. The caravan thus attracting "beastly" males--says the Mademoiselle. But no problem--she went on--because "we always left town quickly."

In any case--the girls armed with a carbine and a sagger--for self-protection. The carbine--over out of its

GIRLS

From New York--the story today of an amazing journey by four French girls. From the southern tip of South America all the way to Alaska--then back to New York--in a couple of tiny French cars. A total trip of some thirty thousand miles--most of it on dirt, gravel or sand-surfaced roads. A good portion of it ^{over} ~~on~~ ~~roads~~ trails--through some of the wildest and most desolate country on the globe.

Purpose--says Mademoiselle Martine Libersart, leader of the expedition--"to show that an amateur team of young women can complete such a trip--which those big, rugged men boast of--without taking the easy route and without losing feminine charm."

Toward the latter goal--the girls outfitted with drip-dry lingerie, which they draped from their car aerials to dry--while traveling from place to place. The caravan thus attracting "beaucoup" males--says the Mademoiselle. But no problem--she went on--because "we always left town quickly."

In any case--the girls ^{were} armed with a carbine and a dagger--for self-protection. The carbine--never out of its

case. The dagger -- in constant use, as a canopener.

GOOD NIGHT: EVERYBODY.

Here at Cape Kennedy -- Astronauts Frank Borman and
Jim Lovell are ready -- as fit as they'll ever be, the
"bird" that will carry them into space -- the Gemini-Seven
-- as ready as human hands can make it; the worldwide network
of tracking stations -- fully operational; recovery ships --
at the ready.

Now the difficult part: waiting; waiting for the weather
-- for final clearance; waiting through the infinite procedure
-- of checks and double-checks; waiting through the agonies
-- of that final countdown; waiting for blast-off -- set for
two-thirty tomorrow afternoon.

The goal -- a fourteen-or-fifteen-day space endurance
record -- and the first rendezvous in space.

So, while we sit here at Cape Kennedy and wait --