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Good Evening Everybody:

The first American four-day flight into space will be dominated by - the Air Force. Astronauts Jim McDivitt and Ed White were both Air Force captains when Uncle Sam tapped them to ride the big rocket into orbit. If they should be "scrubbed" - Frank Borman would slip into the pilot's seat of the space capsule. Borman, also - from the Air Force. But his co-pilot - breaks this fliers' monopoly. Jim Lovell = is from the Navy.

The more interesting point is that McDivitt and White are both second generation astronauts.

It was thought that each man in this group - would be paired with one of the first group. A beginner - with a veteran. But the two men aboard our

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first four day flight will be visiting outerspace for the first time.

Date - early next year. Right after the three day flight of Gus Grissom and John Young.

Which incidentally - will pair an original astronaut with one of the second generation.

All of which means - our Gemini program, moving into high gear. Into - outerspace.

ROCHESTER

The danger of the racial violence in Rochester, New York - is pointed up by the Governor's visit.

Nelson Rockefeller, flying in - to examine the wreckage and confer - with city officials.

One theory about the violence - is that organized factions are behind it. Perhaps the communist party, the Black Nationalists - or both. At any rate, many Rochester negroes insist - that their community didn't want the outburst. And stayed out of it.

Tonight the National Guard - is in the city. Armed with rifles, bayonets, machine guns - and grenades. The curfew - is still on. The sale of liquor forbidden - throughout Rochester's Monroe County.

VIET NAM

The administration has a flat answer - to this question. How much American aide - are the forces of South Viet Nam going to get? Answer - "all they need."

President Johnson, making good his promise - to win the war against the Red Guerillas. Ordering six hundred military personnel to be sent out immediately. And this, according to officials close to the President - is only the first contingent." More to follow - when our commander in Saigon asks for them.

Besides, the Americans will be taking - a larger part in the fighting. They'll go into the field with the Vietnamese - at batallion level, and participate in air and sea patrols.

Equipment? That will be going out - by the thousands of tons. Everything from rifles - to flame throwers.

President Johnson has said - that he doesn't want to expand the war in South Viet Nam. The view in Washington is that the latest build-up is intended to show the world - that the President is talking from strength. That we have the power and the will - to save South Viet Nam from a communist conquest.

RUMANIA

The arrival of the Rumanian Premier in Paris - is another declaration of comparative independence by that Soviet Satellite on the Black Sea. In fact, Premier Maurer virtually said as much - at the airport. Telling the welcoming delegation of French and Rumanians - that every nation has a right to decide its own place in the world. And that Rumania's place will be decided - in Bucharest.

He didn't add - not in Moscow. But - that was the implication. And this trip to Paris - will help Rumania become more independent of Moscow. Because the Rumanian Premier is in the French capital - for an official visit. Including talks with DeGaulle - in which the man from Bucharest will discuss international problems with the President of France.

Only a few years ago, no Soviet satellites would have dared to have - an independent foreign policy. But that was before Rumania became - Khrushchev's problem child.

SOLDIERS

A couple of red army soldiers in East Germany have fled to the West across the Salle River, near Neustadt. So announced - by the Bavarian border police. But communications between East and West - in more ways than one - are not too good! The Russians - don't speak German. And the Germans have no Russian. Along that border, at any rate. So the border police couldn't find out just what the Soviet soldiers had in mind. They say they turned them over to - the US Army. Which is - investigating the whole affair.

BUS

When that bus plunged off a bridge near Vittel, France, the children were lucky. They came aboard the bus - later than the troupe of folk dancers. Hence, the youngsters had to sit in the back, and were partly cushioned from the shock - of hurtling thirty-six feet through the air. Then crashing - onto the railroad tracks.

Nineteen of the folk dancers in front of the bus - were killed. But the children in the back of the bus - were pulled from the wreckage alive. Cause of the accident - not yet determined.

The bus tragedy in France occurred within hours of an even worse tragedy in Portugal. A passenger train, jumping the tracks near Oporto. Smashing into - an embankment. One of the worst train wrecks ever. Eighty three killed. One hundred and five injured.

TAHITI

The exotic paradise of the South Pacific has decided that it doesn't want - the most advanced Western civilization. Tahiti doesn't want - atomic bombs.

That's what the local leaders told French Premier Pompidou - who is looking for a nuclear testing range in the Tahitian area; a place where DeGaulle can have his scientists - touch the first French hydrogen bomb - within - a year or two

Oddly, the Tahitians are not complaining about - the usual hazards of atomic explosions, destruction, radiation, and so on. They claim that a nuclear testing range - would disrupt their economy; take their young men away from fishing to do construction work, then leave them without jobs - when the site is finished.

Atom bombs - in Tahiti? Include us out - say the inhabitants of what many regard as the most romantic island in the South Seas.

SONGS

This next news dispatch reads as though a national emergency had arisen - in Red China. A plague maybe? But no. Members drawn from the ministries of defense, communications, interior and education are all busily at work drawing up a list - of forbidden songs. Even the police department - lending a hand.

It seems Mao and his cohorts are having trouble keeping that swinging beat - out of Red China. Those cha chas, calypsos, mushy love songs and nostalgic ballads - that come out of the West, and - are decadent, they believe. Two hundred and sixty of them - not fit to be heard by the Red Chinese. Songs like "I'm a Cha Cha Fan" "I Love Calypso" "I Need your Love" and so forth. Sounds as though the Beatles might have a large welcome over there. Not from Mao Tse-Tung! But' from the Chinese people, who could probably do with a bit of cha cha cha fun!