

SPACE H. Rude, Fisher. Tues, May 25-65.

Rookie astronaut Ed White -- named today to make America's first "walk in space." The feat planned as the highlight of that four-day space flight -- scheduled for next week. Details disclosed -- by the Federal Space Agency at Cape Kennedy.

If all goes well -- Ed White ^{is} expected to open the right-hand hatch of his Gemini-Four space capsule -- in the first day of flight. Then to float about twenty-five feet out into space -- at the end of a nylon safety line. He's to spend nearly ten minutes in all -- outside the space craft. While ^{his} command pilot Jim McDivitt -- takes pictures of the event -- through an open hatch.

The American "space walk" -- intended to match as nearly as possible -- the Russian "space walk" of March Eighteenth, with one notable exception. There will be no television coverage. The Gemini spacecraft -- ~~unfortunately~~ -- not ^{yet} equipped ~~as yet~~ with television cameras.

RUBY

The judge who presided at Jack Ruby's murder trial -- said today that he doubts Ruby will die in the electric chair. Judge Joe B. Brown -- noting in Dallas that Ruby's death sentence -- may be upheld by the higher courts. Asserting, however, that even so -- it could be reduced to life imprisonment -- by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. "After all" -- said ~~Judge~~ Judge Brown -- "we're talking about a man who killed the man -- who assassinated President Kennedy."

BEAUTY

Some harsh words today -- at that White House conference on beautification. The subject -- roadside billboards -- and their effect on the natural beauty of our landscape.

The first speaker -- Philip Tocker -- Chairman of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America. Who promised that if given time -- his group would voluntarily remove all billboards from non-business areas.

But Senator Maurine Neuberger of Oregon -- totally unimpressed, called Tocker's statement -- an empty promise. "No more of this hanky-panky" -- said Mrs. Neuberger. The only way to control roadside billboards -- said she -- is to tell the various states in so many words: "If you want any more Federal money for highways -- control those billboards."

President Johnson -- apparently convinced, later announced plans to introduce immediate legislation -- that would do just that.

DEATH

Mrs. Ethel Du Pont Warren -- an heiress to one of the world's largest fortunes -- found dead today in her fashionable home -- in a Detroit suburb. Mrs. Warren -- the former Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Junior -- an apparent suicide at age forty-nine. Death attributed -- to hanging.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam -- a ^{near-tragic} case of mistaken identity, ~~today~~.

Four U.S. jet fighters ^{today} accidentally strafing -- a battalion of South Vietnamese engineers. The government troops -- stationed close by the Communist border. Five of them wounded in the attack -- but fortunately -- no one killed.

Back in Saigon -- an announcement today that twenty-five thousand more U.S. combat troops -- will be shipped to Viet Nam in the next two months. The new men to be drawn from Army combat divisions -- now stationed in the United States. But they'll be officially designated -- "a strategic reserve."

DOMINICAN

The White House today confirmed published reports -- that FBI agents have indeed been assigned to the Dominican situation. The FBI men apparently sent to Santo Domingo -- in an effort to determine the extent of Communist involvement in the Dominican crisis. This said to be an attempt to clear up once and for all -- conflicting reports from American military, diplomatic and CIA sources -- in that embattled Caribbean nation. Meanwhile, talks go on -- in the search for a permanent Dominican peace. But as yet -- no solution.

MONEY

President Johnson today requested another raise of five billion dollars -- in the temporary national debt limit, to a total all-time high -- of three hundred and twenty-nine billion dollars. The extra padding needed by July First -- said the President -- to get the government through its annual fiscal squeeze. If approved by Congress -- as expected -- it will be the twelfth increase in the debt ~~limiting~~ -- since Nineteen Fifty-Five.

VOTING

After five weeks of apparently endless talk -- the Senate voted today to shut off debate -- on the proposed voting rights bill. The vote for cloture -- ~~seventy-seven to~~ ^{seventy-to-thirty.} ~~twenty-two.~~ Marking the second time in as many years -- yet only the second time in Senate history -- that the gag rule has been applied to the field of civil rights. Passage of the voting bill -- now expected before the weekend. Even Southern opponents -- conceding that the end is in sight.

WEATHER

The weather -- on another rampage out West today. A freak storm -- dumping up to six inches of snow-- on sections of Arizona. Meantime, thunderstorms in the Midwest -- that spawned at least two tornadoes. Farm buildings, trees and powerlines -- destroyed by the twisters.

LOVER

From Messina, Italy -- a new challenger today -- for the title of world's greatest lover. Aldo Donati -- a forty-three-year-old slight, bespectacled Sicilian -- who has been married eleven times, although legally -- perhaps not at all.

Here's the story. Donati arrested -- when bride Number Twelve fainted at the altar. The resulting publicity-- exposing his eleven previous marriages. Donati later booked on a charge of bigamy -- apparently an open and shut case; except that Donati's first marriage -- yesterday was declared null and void. It seems that he departed immediately after the ceremony -- and never came back. So Donati appealed for freedom today -- on the grounds that since he was never married in the firstplace -- he can't be guilty of bigamy. A judge -- will rule.

But maybe the most amazing aspect of Donati's career-

lies in the fact that all of his wives -- still want him back. The Latin lover described as -- "a devoted and generous husband." With just one fault -- he never had any money.

Dick, with eleven wives? How long would your money last?

HUMPHREY

In Washington -- a suggestion today that Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- may have missed his calling. It happened at an International Prayer Breakfast -- in the Capitol Building. Where Mr. Humphrey -- a former Sunday school teacher -- was the principal speaker.

The Vice President tyen followed to the podium -- by Senator Jordan of North Carolina, who promptly noted the inspirational quality -- of Mr. Humphrey's remarks. Said the Senator -- if Mr. Humphrey ever decides to stop being Vice President -- I think I know where I can get him a good church."