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GREENFIELD

**First - a salute to CBS radio station W H A I -
Greenfield, Mass. today celebrating its thirty-fifth
anniversary on the air.**

HOUSTON

For the flight of Sky Lab One - another setback - as you may have heard by now. The U.S. Space Station - developing today a serious over-heating problem. So bad in fact that the launching of its first crew has now been delayed at least 'till next week.

Meanwhile Astronauts Pete Conrad Paul Weitz and Dr. Joe Kerwin were returning to the Manned Space Flight Center in Houston to join in a crash effort - aimed at salvaging, if at all possible the two-and-a-half billion dollar sky lab project. Mission Commander Conrad telling reporters: "About all I can say - is we've come home to regroup."

Sky Lab Director William Schneider saying: "We're sick, in the hospital - and freely admit it." Adding: But "we're not trying to bury the patient - yet." Says Schneider: "We think we have a chance of recovering - a fighting chance to "come out of this with good missions and good data."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon met today with Congressional leaders from both parties. They were discussing his plan for appointing a bi-partisan commission - to recommend election reforms. The President was quoted as saying he favors an amendment to the Constitution - to limit a President to a single term of six years. He's also quoted as urging - a four year term for house members; with only half of that body up for re-election every two years.

Other suggestions - said to include - "new controls over ~~campaign~~ contributions, a shorter campaign, limitations on expenditures before a specified time - free radio and TV time for opposing candidates - creation of a Federal elections commission - and new laws to make illegal what is now considered only unethical."

TYLER

In the search for a special Watergate prosecutor a polite no thanks - today. Federal Judge Harold Tyler of New York 4 turning down the job, saying he thought it "inappropriate" for a sitting judge to take on such an assignment. Judge Tyler's announcement cutting to three - the number of eligibles, as announced yesterday. Attorney General designate Elliott Richardson nevertheless saying today he is "somewhat closer" to making his choice.

LONDON

The price of gold ~~has~~ again hit a record high - on the main free bullion ~~market~~ market in London. One hundred and ten bucks an ounce - while the value of the U S dollar was taking another beating. This apparently spurred by recent speculation - that the U S dollar may soon be devalued once more.

PARIS

In Paris though - not so - says Chairman Herbert Stein of the President's Council of Economic Advisors. Stein adding: "The present exchange rate for the dollar is appropriate - the system is essentially in balance; and therefore I do not see any prospect - of a de-valuation of the U S dollar."

This - in a speech to a group of international banking and business leaders. Stein also saying: "I find the price of gold much less interesting - than the price of hamburger."

SAN FRANCISCO

More on the same - from San Francisco -

I mean gold - not hamburger. An official of the big

Homestake Mining Company saying there's still plenty

And the same is true for Colorado.
of gold in them thar California hills. Richard Stoehr

how in California, as in Colorado,
explaining [^] its mainly found in quartz; which has to be

mined, crushed and chemically processed in order to

extract the
~~yield pure~~ gold. Stoehr adding that such a process -

is very expensive; especially since the "environmentalists

have come on so strong." But if the price ever hits

a hundred and twenty an ounce - ~~it means~~ he continues -

well, there could be another California gold rush.

DORTMUND

At Bonn, Dortmund, Hanover, Munich and other West German cities - a ~~series~~^{series} of lightning police raids ~~All~~ aimed at rounding up & suspected left wing radicals. This in preparation for a state visit - from Soviet leader ~~Leonid~~ Brezhnev who arrives Friday.

PEKING

For the first time in nearly a quarter of a century ^{we have a resident} ~~an~~ American envoy in Red China. Newly arrived David K. E. Bruce setting up shop today in a so-called mini-skyscraper in suburban Peking. Officials adding that he probably will be received shortly by Red China's Chou En Lai. Among the problems Bruce is expected to deal with - the question of Chinese assets long frozen in the U S; and, how best - to strengthen trade relations. He will also seek exchanges of scientific and ~~and~~ cultural delegations -- as well as permanent accreditation for U S journalists.

DACCA

At Dacca in ~~neighboring~~ Bangladesh the start of a hunger strike - to the death; by ~~Mamuk~~ Maulana Hamid Khan Bhashani. The ninety-one year old leader of the pro-Peking national Awami Party. The Bhashani saying he intends to refuse nourishment until the government of Bangladesh agrees to - one, a price roll back on food and other commodities; two - an end to political repression - and three - a guarantee of safety to life and property for one and all. This last - said to be the result of a deteriorating crime situation.

NEW DELHI

From New Delhi ^{we have} ~~λ~~ a report ~~today~~ on the trials and tribulations of Madame Indira Gandhi; ^{She is} ~~λ~~ said to be facing a growing crisis of confidence because of a growing number of problems. These including: Hunger riots - wide-spread power shortages - galloping inflation, trade deficits and so on. All of which - have lead to opposition gains in ~~times~~ recent state elections. Far from attempting to "cool it" though - the lady Premier has just stirred up another controversy; appointing a new chief justice of the Indian Supreme Court - over the heads of three more senior judges. The latter promptly resigning -- charging that democracy ^{is} ~~λ~~ endangered. ^{Also} ~~Whereupon~~ ~~λ~~ an accusation that Madame Gandhi ^{is} ~~λ~~ attempting to "pack" the high court.

In her defense however, Madama Gandhi quickly invoking the name of Franklin Delano Roosevelt; who was also accused once - of ~~when~~ attempting to

pack the U S Supreme Court. The lady Premier saying:

Like me - Roosevelt was accused of leading the country
toward Communism. But he took strong action - ~~and~~ she
added - "and led his country to strength."

SELASSIE

The White House - again - ~~the~~ a visit today from Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. The President receiving the fabled Lion of Judah -in an informal ceremony at the West Portico. He ~~was~~ then ushered his guest into his oval office for ^{quote} "a review of international affairs and U S - Ethiopian relations."

CARACUS

U.S. Secretary of State Rogers was today in Venezuela. The third stop on an eight nation tour through Latin-America. His every move - attended by police and Federal troops.

The reason becoming abundantly clear - when a riot broke out in another part of town. Some two hundred students burning tires and stopping traffic in protest against the Rogers visit.

PSYCHIATRY

From the British medical association ^{comes a} ~~booklet~~

booklet today in effect, a do-it-yourself guide to
psychoanalysis - including among other things - an
official definition of a completely normal - person.

The British saying that such a person - "never over-
estimates or belittles himself - he accepts life as it
comes and makes the best of it - he manages his own
affairs - escaping exploitation or domination by others -
and he never blinds himself to awkward facts of day-
dreams of better things." ~~All of which suggests that~~

Bill, snap out of it! You're dreaming!
~~here in the U.S. - we're all a little nuts - praise to~~

MONTGOMERY

Exactly a year ago this date - George Wallace was brutally gunned down at Laurel, Maryland; an event he grimly recalled today - at his Captial office in Montgomery. The Alabama Governor seemed free of bitterness. "Although I can't walk" - said he - "I feel just as good as I did the day before I got shot. Maybe better as I was kind of tired that day."

He also disclosed how he was approached last year about the possibility of becoming a Vice Presidential candidate; to run with McGovern. Said he - "I will never be a candidate - on a ticket whose philosophies are not close to mine."