

SPACE

Fri. Oct. 11-68,

After two years in mothballs - the U S Space effort is once more, "Up, Up and Away."

As you ^{no doubt} ~~must~~ have heard by now - the new Apollo -

Seven moonship ^{went} thundering skyward today from Cape

Kennedy. Putting ^{us} ~~Americans~~ back in space - ^{and maybe} ~~again~~

neck and neck with Russia in the race for the Moon.

Best of all, today's launch and subsequent earth orbit - perhaps the most flawless in manned

space flight history. Wally Schirra, Donn Eisele and

46 1/2 Walt Cunningham soaring into space - less than ^{three} ~~two~~

minutes from the time planned. Command Pilot Schirra - telling the story himself all the way.

At lift-off: "Roger, we're go here!" - said

he. At second-stage ignition - "all beautiful." Five

minutes into the flight "she's riding like a dream!"

Nine minutes - "we're go for orbit!" From a hundred

and fifty miles up - "we're having a ball!"

Later, in the first test maneuver of the flight - Schirra ~~is~~ separating his moonship from its second stage Saturn rocket. Successfully flying nose to nose with the giant missile - before backing off to take pictures. Ground controllers calling it - "an absolutely perfect mission." And so it goes - ~~etc.~~ tonight,

~~now.~~

America's Apollo-Seven - ^{putting us in line} ~~positioning the ground-~~
~~work~~ for ^{the} manned flight to the Moon, ~~clearer tonight,~~
~~than ever before.~~

WHITE HOUSE

From President Johnson - a last-minute appeal today - for immediate Senate ratification of that nuclear non-proliferation treaty. The President warning that failure to act before adjournment - will force him to "consider seriously calling the Senate into special session."

Ratification of the treaty - now - is "that important to the security of our nation and world peace" - said L B J. Adding: "If we do not proceed to ratify this treaty promptly - the forces at work against it in other countries will quickly gain strength."

CONGRESS FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Be that as it may - adjournment fever was sweeping through Congress today. In the Senate - Majority Leader Mike Mansfield shunting aside the proposed treaty - less than half-an-hour after the President's statement. Reason - said he - because of "formidable" procedural obstacles;" meaning - everybody wants to go home. What of a special session? "We will cross that bridge when we get to it" - said Mansfield.

Across Capitol Hill - a number of disgruntled House Democrats ^{are} threatening a "sit-out" that could delay the getaway. ^{They are} Attempting to force the Senate - to approve a three-way "great debate, Sixty-Eight." The outlook though ^{is} for final adjournment before the ^{weekend} ~~night~~ is over.

NEW YORK FOLLOW CONGRESS

Indeed, Hubert Humphrey ~~was~~ has already abandoned the battle - for a government-sponsored three-way ~~debate~~ debate. The Vice President proceeding with private negotiations today - aimed at a television confrontation a week from Sunday. Threatening to discuss the issues with George Wallace - while reserving an empty chair for the reluctant Richard Nixon.

In the meantime - Humphrey was confined to his New York hotel today with a slight touch of flu.

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Richard Nixon - in Dallas. Pledging to repeal ^l "as soon as possible" - the President's newly-obtained ten

per cent tax sur-charge. ^{R While} George Wallace ^{was} at Fargo,

North Dakota, ^T telling a farm crowd that as President = he would "set parity as high as the law allows."

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam - tells today of an American trap about twenty-five miles northwest of Saigon. With five companies of helicopter borne U S troops - ~~swp~~ swooping in on a battalion of would-be infiltrators. Pouring automatic fire into the Red position ~~simultaneously~~ ^{synchronized} with U.S. air and artillery strikes.

~~As it turned out though~~ The battle raged far into the night; ~~Then,~~ suddenly - the enemy vanished. A sweep of the battlefield disclosing twenty-six bodies, - ~~but the rest long gone in the thick jungle~~

MOSCOW

Five young Russians - including the grandson of Stalinist Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinov ^{were} found guilty as charged today in Moscow; Convicted of disturbing the peace and ~~defaming~~ defaming the state during a brief Red Square demonstration against the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Pavel Litvinov and two of the others are banished from Moscow for a period of three to five years. The remaining two - with past prison records get sentenced to ~~labor camp~~ terms, roughly of three years apiece in a labor camp.

PORTLAND

A major ~~one of the greatest~~ *toward* advances ~~in~~ the preservation
has been of human life - the development of open heart surgery
over the past decade. ~~And~~ what of the people saved?
what have they done with their "borrowed time?"

Answer - for many, apparently - not a ~~lot~~ lot.

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This according to a study of some two hundred
and sixty successful open heart patients - a ~~study~~ study
by Dr. P. H. Blachly of the University of Oregon.

Showing that more than forty per cent of these "cured"
men and women - have never resumed normal activity;
have never returned to their jobs - to their housework -
or whatever. Long periods of enforced idleness both
before and after surgery - having left them chronic
victims of "subjective morbidity" - says Dr. Blachly.

This - we are told - a further demonstration
of the so-called "law of the year" to wit: "Work is a
habit - which if permitted to lapse for a period

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exceeding one year - ~~will be~~ *is* supplanted by habits of
non-work." *I've never tried non-work, have you Warren?*

SEABROOK

Apart from the astronauts themselves -

surely ~~no one was~~ ^{none were} as vitally concerned with the flight of Apollo-Seven today - as the astronauts' wives, Mrs. Cunningham, for one - watching the actual blast off from Cape Kennedy. ^{With}

~~However~~ Mrs. Schirra and Mrs. Eisele ~~were~~

~~back~~ at their homes in Seabrook, Texas - watching

~~on~~ ^{on} TV - ~~just~~ like the rest of us. When the launch

was successfully completed "old pro" Jo Schirra burst out with ~~saying~~ "beautiful! gorgeous!" Harriet Eisele,

~~for her part~~ watching it twice - then remarking;

"I enjoyed the re-run a lot more than I did the first one."