

A huddle of top space officials - was in progress today at Houston; and they decided to determine to okay a hazardous space walk - in the hopes of easing the power shortage aboard the Sky Lab space station.

Meanwhile Astronauts Conrad, Weitz and Kerwin were taking panoramic pictures of the sky to measure star brightness - and turning their power telescopes toward the sun.

Doctor Kerwin reports "an amazing breakthrough" in the problem the astronauts have had in staying on their bicycle exerciser. It works best of all - said he - "with no restraints at all." No straps of any kind; but just by hanging on -- either to the handle bars or a center adjustment strap.

WATERGATE

From Special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox - an appeal today for a three month postponement of the Senate Watergate hearings. Cox asserting that a continuation at this time - would create grave danger that the full facts will never come to light; adding that it would also mean "that many of those guilty of serious wrong-doing - will never be brought to justice."

This lead to the cancellation of a meeting of the Senate Watergate panel - set for today. Instead there will be a closed session tomorrow - prior to resumption of televised hearings. Chairman Sam Erwin let it be known, however, he has no intention of complying with Cox' request. The Senator noting that Federal prosecutors have already "had the case - since June of last year." As for any additional delay. No said Senator Erwin.

WHITE HOUSE

Over the weekend John Dean, former White House counsel was saying he conferred with President Nixon more than thirty times - about the possibility of a Watergate coverup. All of which was promptly denied by the White House. A spokesman saying the latest Dean charge is apparently a part of a campaign - to discredit the President by "innuendo, distortion of fact and outright falsehood."

White House Deputy Press Secretary

Gerald Warren - says the President kept records of all his contacts with Dean. Adding: "The President will not allow these logs to be released" on the grounds that as a constitutional matter it would be a violation of "the basic doctrine of "separation of powers" to do so. Warren insisting however - the President's records are fully consistent with his

previous statement on the Watergate case. And he stressed once more: The President was not involved in Watergate or ~~any~~ in any cover-up."

STANFORD

At Stanford University - an attempt to put the Watergate affair in perspective. Law Professor Lowell Turrentine - who is now seventy-eight - recalling his service with the special prosecutor in the Teapot Dome scandal of the Twenties. Observing that President Harding and President Nixon had one thing in common; in that "neither President - really knew what was going on." Professor Turrentine added, however: "The utter rogues around Harding can't be compared with Haldeman, ~~Ehrlichman~~ Ehrlichman and Mitchell. The Nixon aides - merely "had the desire to protect the President" he continued; while "the people around Harding were simply greedy for money."

COUNCIL

Thirty Six year old Gary Seevers is now a member of the President's Council of Economic advisors - a recognized expert - on the economics of agriculture and food supply. In his first public appearance as a Council member he predicts "some expansion" of food supply for the rest of the year, which should ease run-away inflation.

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The President also proclaimed tomorrow - Tuesday - as World Environment Day, urging Americans to mark the occasion by stressing their concern for a better environment in which to live.

HOUSE

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For Treasury Secretary John Shultz a trip today to ~~Campus~~ Capitol Hill; where he urged the House Ways and Means Committee - to ~~for~~ approve a new twenty billion dollar increase in the national debt.

That ^{to} ~~would~~ place the new ceiling at four hundred and eighty five billion.

Shultz also called for an end to present limitations ~~on~~ the amounts of interest paid to holders of all but ten billion in government bonds. In the same vein requesting permission to issue income tax refunds - in the form of checks; which - if uncashed - would, ^{automatically} ~~then~~ become interest bearing bonds. ~~automatically~~.

LONDON

The price of gold again hit a record high today in London -- one hundred and twenty-three dollars and fifty cents an ounce - or enough nearly to set off another Colorado, California, or Nevada, Alaska gold rush.

Here's to Reed Collins, Stuart Novins,
Dallas Townsend, Mike Wallace and Charles Osgood
who were here at this microphone while I was off on
a swing to mid-Pacific, and north to Alaska. My number
one goal was an Anchorage commencement, ^a ~~at the~~ request
from ~~of~~ our grand-daughter and her classmates. This was
quite an experience for when I first went to Alaska,
fifty-nine years ago, there was no Anchorage, not even
a village. And, there I was speaking in a high school
gymnasium that looked big enough to accommodate ten
thousand people. In Anne's high school graduating class
there were four hundred!

Much as I would like to tell about the
fourteen thousand miles of flying I did to speak for
fourteen minutes, only one item tonight. The first ascent
~~was made~~ of the highest mountain in North America ~~was~~
made not so long ago. Now
Alaska's number one bush pilot Don Sheldon, so far this
spring, has flown ⁱⁿ twelve expeditions and equipment to one

of the lower glaciers of Mount McKinley. One of these even included a group of models. Of course expert women skiers. And he has some fifty more tentatively lined up [^] to climb one of the most formidable mountains in the world.

When I talked to Sheldon he ~~was~~ had just flown in to Talkeetna, near McKinley, after taking supplies to an expedition. One member of the group had had a serious fall - up at seventeen thousand feet. Badly injured, ^{Sheldon} ~~he~~ told them they would have to get him down ^{somewhat} to ten ~~thousand~~ thousand feet because at fourteen thousand where ~~he~~ normally ^{he} could make ~~the~~ ^a rescue there was fifteen feet of new snow. ~~had fallen.~~

The summer tourist season is off to a fast start with travelers from the Far East, and from Europe, flying to see the wonders of Alaska. At least a dozen of the world's major air lines stop at Anchorage which is now a major aerial crossroads.

FORT WORTH

A tall shapely young beauty from Miami today became the first woman ever fully qualified to fly a passenger jet liner for a major U S airline.

Miss Bonnie Tiburzi receiving her silver flight wings-on graduation from American Airlines' ten week pilot school at Fort Worth, Texas.

Miss Tiburzi - the daughter of a former TWA pilot. He first ~~ta~~ taught her to fly - when she was only twelve. Bill, says Bonnie Bonnie: "Yes, I'm a woman - but women fly no differently than men."

SYDNEY

At Sydney, Australia a French tight-rope artist - strung a line between two pylons of the towering Sydney harbor bridge - One-Hundred-Ninty-Two feet above the bay.

Philip Petit - age twenty-three -walking back and forth across the line; kneeling in the middle - and then lying down as if asleep. Drawing hundreds of on-lookers - including a few police who arrested him when he finally came down.

Philip Petit now found guilty on a charge of "malicious injury" to the bridge. His fine, two hundred Australia dollars - which he paid saying - "the feeling I got during the walk was worth every cent ~~of~~ of it." Adding: "When I am close to death" - that's when I really live."

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