

SPACE

Wed. Mar. 5th 1969.

The big story from space - it worked.

"It" meaning the new U S Lunar-lander - the so-called "spider". Test fired in space for the first time today ~~and~~ it performed exactly as planned; ~~Perfectly~~ simulating in earth orbit ~~the~~ maneuver that ~~future~~ future flights must achieve ~~to~~ to land a man on the Moon.

When it was all over - ground control at Houston observing: "Mighty beautiful - all the way." Astronaut Jim McDivitt, who activated the "spider" along with the help of Rusty Schweikart, radioing back: "It looked pretty neat here, too." Next - David Scott - who went along for the ride in the attached Apollo Nine command ship. ~~Shipping in~~ ^{Said he:-} "I gotta get something to eat." ~~R~~ Scott's remark - underscoring one of the busiest days ever in space. Eighteen hours of ~~wiggling~~ wriggling, squirming, fiddling, checking and double-checking - hoping and maybe praying, too.

All aimed at proving out the "spider" in preparation for its first solo flight - set for later this week.

Along the way - Schweikart suffering from an attack of nausea, threatening postponement or possible cancellation of his walk in space -- originally scheduled tomorrow.

But that'll be another day, and the big story now - as I said before is that - "it works", the "spider" achieving another milestone in Man's conquest of space. With the Moon, hopefully - just around the corner.

WEST BERLIN

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Meanwhile, here on earth - West Germany gets a new President. Meeting in West Berlin - the West German parliament today electing to that office - sixty-nine year old Gustav Heineman; up to now - the nation's ~~the~~ Minister of Justice.

to all this! -
Communist reaction_^ An order closing down all main traffic routes to West Berlin - cutting the city's life lines to the West. Four hours later - though - the order lifted. As President ^{Nixon} predicted _^ last night - the Kremlin apparently decided to "cool it."

NORMAN

The first ~~was~~ woman ever to make the F B I's "ten most wanted" list - finally captured today at Norman, Oklahoma. Ruth Eisemann, Schier - accused of taking part in the kidnapping of Florida heiress Barbara Mackle. Practically turning herself in - when she ~~applied~~ applied for a nursing job that called for finger printing. A routine check - and the F B I was onto her in an instant.

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - a report today
that South Vietnamese Vice President Ky - will soon
be headed back home ^{once} again. There to report to
South Vietnamese ^{President} Thieu - on his recent talks with
President Nixon. Ky's return trip will also coincide -
with a visit by U S Defense Secretary Melvin Laird.

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Meantime, in Saigon, strictest security precautions were put into effect today. This in the wake of a clumsy attempt - to kill South Vietnamese Premier Tran Van Huong. Also, to protect ^{our Sec. of Def} Melvin Laird - against the possibility of any terrorist attack. You may recall - Robert McNamara was the target of one such attack during a visit to Vietnam nearly five years ago.

A later development: Enemy gunners again shelling Saigon in the early hours of Thursday morning. Fourth ~~such~~ such attack since the start of the current Red offensive.

FULBRIGHT FOLLOW SAIGON

Here on our own shores - Senator Fulbright gets a surprise. The Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee - perhaps the nation's leading Dove - attempting to address a peace rally in New York. Except that he was shouted down by demonstrators wearing pig masks -- chanting over and over: "Ho, Ho, Chi Minh! - ~~the~~ N. L. F. is gonna win!" Further contending that Fulbright - wa^s actually supporting the U S stand in Vietnam.

In one brief lull before he called it quits - Fulbright telling others present: "There's nothing I could possibly say ~~that~~ that would be nearly as eloquent about the difficulties of achieving peace as what you have seen here today. "

PHILADELPHIA

From Philadelphia comes a brief item ~~today~~ -
telling of a pistol duel at point blank range - and no
one got shot. The story - as follows:

A gunman entered a local pharmacy pointing
his pistol at druggist Meyer Stein - announcing:

"This is a stickup." Whereupon the druggist reached
under the counter - pulled out his own gun and
squeezed the trigger four times but all he got was
four "clicks" by which time the gunman ~~was~~ had *bonked*
~~started~~ him ^{over} ~~the~~ the head.-- There was a struggle -
and then the bandit's turn. Twice he pulled the
trigger - getting ^{two} ~~two~~ "click, click"^s- and thereupon
he fled! *No wonder.*

Police later clearing up the mystery.

Explaining the shells in the druggist's gun were too
old to fire. And the bandit's gun - empty. Which
makes them both - pretty lucky *fellows.*

SPRING LAKE

Something new in school controversy is reported today from Spring Lake, Michigan; where some three hundred parents have signed petitions urging the local school board to let students grow beards; ^{if -} if they can!

The idea - to get everyone in on a beard-growing binge in connection with Spring Lake's centennial observance - coming up this summer. *This of course is often done.*

All of which ~~was~~ has prompted the following comment - from Spring Lake school superintendent Richard Fonger. Said he: "We are involved in beard controversies - in the lunch business, in transportation ~~and~~, in insurance. But some day" - he went on - "some day wouldn't it be nice, ^{in our schools -} to get back to reading and writing and arithmetic."

BECKLEY

*Before I go any further Warren - it's time
for another birthday salute. They call it "the personality
station" - W J L S, Beckley, West Virginia. Celebrating
its thirtieth anniversary on the air. Happy birthday
W J L S - and many happy returns. Also here's to
Henderson Peebles and all my Beckley friends.*

Hold everything = for a moment!

NEW HAVEN

Found: A major cause of insomnia - also
a cure for same. As reported today by a trio of
Yale psychologists.

The culprit - we are told - tension in the
so-called "skeletal muscles", especially those in the
limbs. To relieve this ~~tension~~ tension the insomniac
is advised to stretch out - close his eyes - and tell
himself: "I am at peace - my right arm is heavy -
my ~~right~~ ^{left} arm is heavy - I am at peace." Next -
the same procedure with the ~~left arm~~ ^{legs}. And so on
and so on - and so on - ho hum! he hum! Wake us
up Warren!
~~And so long until tomorrow.....~~

NEW YORK

Have you ever heard the expression - gentlemen prefer blondes. Of course you have? Is it so? Of late fashionable women have been turning more and more to wigs. And now it turns out the average wig buyer prefers to be a brunette - preferably flecked with gray.

This - according to nationally famous wig stylist Jerome Alexander - who says: "You get away from New York and you find that women are not buying wigs to look younger. They're buying wigs to look their age - gray hair and all. And when you ask why - they say - 'my husband likes the gray'." I wonder? I like gray hair - but not wigs!! Jerome Alexander's opinion of all this? He says shocking! Imagine - says he - "settled down to middle age at thirty-five!"

A fate worse than death, wouldn't you say? Or, let's just say - solong until tomorrow.