

RUSSIANS

11. - Quick, Fisher. Friday, July 16, 1965.

The Russian answer today - to that American probe of Mars ^{— S} Soviet missilemen launching a huge scientific space station - into orbit around the earth.

The space station - dubbed "pronton-One" by the Soviet News Agency Tass. Said to weigh - nearly twenty-five thousand pounds. If so ^{this is} the heaviest satellite ~~the Russians have~~ ever launched. ~~But~~ whether it is manned or not - we have yet to hear.

MARINER

Meanwhile the news from Mariner-Four -- both good and bad tonight.

Good -- because the spacecraft is continuing its perfect performance -- in the black void of space; relaying back to earth - picture after picture -- of that mysterious red planet Mars.

Bad -- in the scientific evidence -- accompanying the pictures. Evidence that Mars -- is a fiercely hostile planet; that is with its atmosphere at ground-level -- comparable to that fifty miles above the Earth. Surface air so thin -- that it may seriously handicap a planned voyage to Mars in Nineteen Seventy One. A voyage intended to seek out -- signs of life.

VIET NAM

Defense Secretary ~~Robert~~ McNamara and
Ambassador ~~Designate Henry Cabot~~ Lodge - today held
their first official talks with Vietnamese officials in
Saigon. One ^{with} ~~of them~~ - Premier Ky, ~~who~~ immediately
asked for enough U S combat infantrymen - to end the war,
To defeat the Communist Viet Cong once and for all - rather
than merely contain their present offensive.

In a perhaps related development - a U S
spokesman today announced that there is possibly an entire
division of Communist North Vietnamese soldiers - now
fighting in South Viet Nam, A force of about fifteen thousand
men. This the first time U S ~~off~~ authorities have
recognized the presence - of more than a battalion of
North Vietnamese, A battalion - amounting to less than
a thousand men.

ESCAPE FOLLOW VIET NAM

On another front - American officials today disclosed that for the first time - an American captive of the Viet Cong - has escaped to freedom. He's identified as Sergeant Isaac Camacho of El Paso, Texas, seized by the Viet Cong in November of Nineteen Sixty-three - after he had volunteered for a second tour of duty in Viet Nam.

The full story of his escape & with held for now, however, ~~To~~ protect other prisoners - still held by the guerrillas.

STEVENSON

The nation he served so well - today paid final
homage to Adlai ~~Stevenson~~ Stevenson, In a moving ceremony -
at the great Washington Cathedral, A ceremony befitting
the dignity, humanity and grace - of the man who
represented America in the councils of the world.

The eulogy - by Stevenson's old friend - Federal
Judge Carl McGowan. The fallen statesman - described
as a "completely civilized man," Who "died as he would
have wished - engaged in his country's business -- and
man kinds.

KOREA

Floods brought on by torrential rains - today battered widespread areas of South Korea. The city of Tongduchun - fifty miles north of Seoul - reported under twelve feet of water. With some thirty five thousand residents of the area - forced to flee for their lives.

Thousands of them ^{were} - evacuated by rubber rafts - supplied by American forces at nearby Camp Casey, U. S. helicopters evacuating another three thousand Koreans - from the banks of the Han River - south of Seoul.

At least eighteen deaths - reported so far.

With the toll expected to mount rapidly - before the tally is finally complete.

TUNNEL

The Presidents of France and Italy -- today joined in ceremonies dedicating the world's longest highway tunnel. From Chamonix in France -- to Courmayeur in Italy; under majestic Mont Blanc - - highest mountain in the Alps.

The statesmen hailing the tunnel -- as a masterpiece of engineering; a symbol of the peaceful cooperation -- that Europe can now demonstrate before the entire world. This exactly as planned. Not planned, however -- was the way in which DeGaulle delivered his prepared remarks. The seventy-four year old French leader -- racked by a recurrent siege of coughing; able to finish his abbreviated speech -- only with the greatest of difficulty.

The incident raising grave doubts -- as to whether DeGaulle will seek re-election this fall. He has long indicated that only health might hold him back.

APPENDICITIS

At last, an explanation today -- to an ailment that has baffled doctors for centuries. The common appendicitis.

Dr. Takayoshi Yobe -- of the Japan Baptist Hospital in Kyoto -- is reported to have identified appendicitis as a virus disease; apparently triggered by the presence -- of coxsackie B -- and Adeno viruses. These also are suspect -- in cases of tonsillitis.

Dr. Yobe's findings are new evidence that the appendix is not the useless organ -- but a trap -- against invading viruses, and plays an important role -- in the body's overall defense against disease.

POLIO

The U S communicable disease center in Atlanta - today reported that there were just ninety one cases of paralytic polio last year. A record low. Less than one-third the number of cases of polio - reported in Nineteen Sixty-Three, The previous low mark - for polio. Officials noting that the great majority of cases - occurred among persons who were not vaccinated against the dread disease. A word to the wise.

CHURCH

CAREER

From Moscow - news today of plans for a new
A career note today -- from Moscow. One out of every

four of church leaders, intended to explore means of
four Russian college graduates this year -- will go into the
resolving a church separation - that has lasted for more
field of communications, Newspapers, radio and television.

than fifteen hundred years.
Reflecting the growing emphasis -- that Kremlin leaders now

Representatives of the Eastern Orthodox church
place on world-wide propaganda. Washington -- take note.

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CHURCH

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MATTERHORN

Two days ago -- a Geneva housewife became the first woman -- ever to scale the dreaded north wall of the Matterhorn. Today another plan afoot that you might say would add insult to injury.

Eighty-nine mountain climbers from Switzerland and eighty nine from Italy -- planning a mass ascent; from opposite sides -- of the world's most famous mountain.

The Swiss and the Italians to meet at the summit, for one big party, commemorating the one hundredth anniversary -- of the first conquest of the Matterhorn. Which was an expedition, incidentally -- that cost the lives of four men.

However the weather today refused to cooperate. Snow and fog -- forcing cancellation of the mass climb. The Matterhorn -- perhaps not as awesome as it used to be; but at least spared -- the final indignity -- thanks to the weather, Warren.

PARKING

This from West Berlin - the latest city in Europe to join the modern trend toward parking meters.

To get the program ~~sk~~ off the ground properly - Berlin's city fathers called in a special parking meter consultant, ~~A~~ man to pick meter sites - to lay out the guidelines for parked cars - and to make sure that the meters themselves - were in perfect working order.

The job finally completed today. And who got the first ticket? You guessed it, the parking meter consultant - charged with overparking. ~~He was~~ Bitten - ~~you might~~ ^{would you} say - by the hand that fed him?