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From the Flight of Apollo 11 - another <sup>quick</sup> ~~big~~ dividend. Earthbound scientists today recording a sharp jolt - on seismographic monitoring equipment left behind on the moon. <sup>This</sup> A jolt said to indicate either a meteoroid landing on the lunar surface - or possibly a moonquake. If the latter - proof that the moon is alive celestial body with a hot core - same as the earth.

As for the men of Apollo 11 - it was their last full day in space today; a time for comparative rest and relaxation - on their long voyage home. While here below - weather forecasters were predicting "acceptable" conditions - for splash-down tomorrow in the Pacific.

# SAN FRANCISCO

*President Nixon took off from San Francisco today - on the first leg of his journey to welcome back the three U.S. Moonmen.*

# BANGKOK

~~By the way,~~ The City of Bangkok today unveiled plans for a surprise welcome to President Nixon - when he arrives in Thailand next week, <sup>on his brief round the world tour,</sup> The surprise including construction of a giant Apollo 11 triumphal arch - along the President's parade route, Complete with a thirty-three foot high portrait of Mr. Nixon - talking by telephone with America's first men on the moon.

This according to Bangkok's Lord Mayor - Chalit Kulkamphorn, Who added that Bangkok's streets will be "spotlessly cleaned" just before the President gets there. The city of Bangkok - pulling out all stops.

**PARIS**

*On the peace front - Paris - a report today that Allied negotiators will press again this week - for a jointly-controlled free elections in South Vietnam. This - we are told - in the absence of any concrete evidence - that the current lull in Vietnam is anything more than a Communist rest period.*

*Meanwhile, the lull - or rest period - continues. Battlefield reports reaching Saigon - ending time and again with the phrase - "no casualties." To the point where U. S. Intelligence was conceding today - the enemy has apparently decided to forego an expected mid-summer offensive. One U. S. informant saying: "July hasn't come off - and it's doubtful there will be much in the next month either."*

*At the same time - another withdrawal of U. S. fighting men from the Mekong Delta. The Americans turning over their artillery base - to veteran South Vietnamese troops. Leaving the defense of an entire Province in that rice bowl of Vietnam - in the hands of government forces alone.*

Once more - the sound of sabre rattling ~~was~~  
heard today in the Middle East. Egypt's Colonel Nasser  
<sup>saying</sup>  
~~asserting~~ in Cairo - that the Arab world now has sufficient  
military strength to fight Israel. To fight and win - ~~said~~  
~~he~~ and thus <sup>as that</sup> regain occupied Arab territory.

Next question: Will they fight? And the answer  
- according to Nasser - is yes - "we have to fight." "It is  
not only our right - but our duty" - said he. Adding that  
anything less - would be merely playing into the hands of  
Israel - also; <sup>the U.S.</sup> ~~the U.S.~~; which he accused of increasing  
arms shipments to Israel - in an attempt to force a total  
Arab surrender.

Nasser concluding: "Our cause is as clear  
as the sun - we shall stand our ground - we shall fight  
and sacrifice; martyrs and heroes of ours will fall - but  
our banners on the land will not be lowered."

MADRID

Madrid - Prince Juan Carlos Bourbon becomes officially - the heir-apparent to Generalissimo Francisco Franco. Accepting "for myself and my successors" - as he put it - the title "Prince of Spain." A title that Franco conferred on him - only yesterday.

However, Juan Carlos - like Franco <sup>yesterday</sup> ~~himself~~ - indicated he's in no hurry to see a changing of the guard. In his only reference to the seventy-six year old Generalissimo - the Prince saying he was merely preparing "for that day - which I pray God should be very far - when the Chief of State disappears."

WASHINGTON

~~In case you haven't noticed - the U.S. cost of~~  
~~living index - higher and higher still.~~ According to  
government figures announced today - jumping another  
six tenths of a percent, <sup>Jump</sup> during the month of June. ~~Biggest~~  
~~single month increase - in four years.~~ This raising the  
consumer price index - to a figure of one twenty-seven  
point six; highest since 1951 - in the midst of the Korean  
war.

Nevertheless, a slight indication, at least -  
that maybe - just maybe - the Nixon administration's  
anti-inflation policy is beginning to take hold. Government  
economists noting: "There is some hope in the slowing down  
of apparel prices" - also, the cost of medical care.



## DEEP SOUTH

*From the Deep South - comes news today of a thriving new industry. The business of "catfish farming" - currently spreading through Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas.*

*And what exactly is "catfish farming"? It's the raising of catfish in "fertilized" ponds - almost the same as farm crops. Indeed, the total land devoted to such farm ponds - now set at more than thirty-thousand acres; with a current annual yield - <sup>- Warren -</sup> of about forty million marketable catfish, ~~And that's no "fish story"~~*

*At Castel Gandolfo - the summer Vatican -  
Pope Paul was taking note of Apollo 11 today - again. The  
Pontiff calling America's moon flight - a "magnificent  
space adventure". "One" - said he - "that should cause young  
people to turn away from "defeatism" - to "re-think and  
appreciate the values of modern life." "To criticize and  
protest is easy" - said the Pope - "but to build is not so  
easy."*

*The Pope then went on to assert - he has no  
fear that rapid scientific advance will demean traditional  
religion. On the contrary - religion welcomes "the  
marvelous riches of modern scientific thought" - said he.  
Adding that science and religion working together - can  
only be of mutual advantage in arriving at the ultimate truth.  
Words of wisdom from the Vatican.*