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EARTH ORBIT

High above the earth - astronaut William Pogue was discussing today - some of the humbling aspects of space flights. He told how he had become ill during his first few days aloft - how he felt he had embarrassed his crewmates. Going on to say he then tried too hard to do a good job - and ended up making a lot of mistakes.

"Then I finally came to the realization" - he said - "that I'm a fallible human being - I cannot operate at one hundred percent efficiency - I'm going to make mistakes - but I have to accept myself for what I am." "Now" - he continued - "I'm trying to operate as a human being - within the limitations I possess."

WEATHER

The weather was again wreaking havoc today - across much of the nation. In Northern Arizona and New Mexico - a raging blizzard. Ahead of the storm - sub-zero temperatures all the way to the Great Lakes. To the South - freezing rain from Northern Texas to Tennessee. Heavy snow warnings are also posted tonight - in at least six states.

NAGPUR

India's Indira Gandhi was shouted down and all but mobbed today - while giving a speech at Nagpur in Northwestern India.

She had earlier received a rousing welcome. But the crowd of about three hundred thousand began to grow restive -when she attempted to defend her economic policies.

Madame Gandhi finally said that soaring prices - are a worldwide phenomenon; whereupon the crowd surged forward - shouting pover and over, "Bring down prices, bring down prices."

Unable to make herself heard - Madame Gandhi then left under a heavy police guard. The crowd immediately rushed the platform - with a number of people reportedly getting hurt in the resulting stampede.

At the same time - at nearby Wani Town - a general strike against inflation; leading to a clash with police - that left at least six dead.

INTERIOR

The Interior Department today announced plans to permit oil and gas exploration - on nearly eight million acres of California's ocean shelf. The area in question - reaching all the way to the three-mile limit of state-controlled waters; including a section of Santa Monica Bay.

TAXES FOLLOW SAN CLEMENTE

Back in Washington - the Internal Revenue Service disclosed today - it is now re-examining President Nixon's income tax returns. A spokesman adding that such a disclosure - is highly unusual. The IRS normally ~~examines~~ ^{checks} an individual's returns - in strictest secrecy. He stressed, however, that today's announcement - had "been authorized by the President's representatives."

SAN CLEMENTE

At the Western White House in San Clemente - another advance today in the battle to save fuel. President Nixon signed a bill aimed at forcing a fifty-five mile-an-hour speed limit - on major highways clear across the country. The President said we can save - "nearly two hundred thousand barrels of fuel a day " they way.

The President also signed legislation - calling for eventual consolidation of seven bankrupt railroads - including the giant Penn Central - Central of New Jersey - Lehigh Valley - Reading - Erie-Lackawanna - Boston and Maine - and Ann Arbor.

Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar saying the new Railroad Act - will produce a smaller railway system with fewer employes. He expressed hope, however, that the new set-up - will prove the beginning of a "turnaround" for Northeastern Railroads. Brinegar adding that he views "this act not as a step toward nationalization - but rather a step away from it."

GENEVA

At Geneva - a resumption of negotiations between Egypt and Israel. Today's session - lasting nearly three hours; followed by a joint communique - saying "an important stage in the discussions has been reached." Their next meeting is set for Friday.

Meanwhile, an announcement that Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan - will meet Friday with Henry Kissinger in Washington. And, from Cairo, a report that Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi - will be conferring soon with Soviet leaders. All of this a further indication - we are told - that the Geneva talks are now moving "into a more active phase."

ALLENWOOD

*Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt -
was released today from a Federal prison at Allenwood,
Pennsylvania. The former White House aide is now free on
bond - pending the outcome of his appeal.*

LONDON

In Britain - the first working day of the New Year was marred today - by the first shock of Britain's new three-day work week. Plants and factories throughout the land - laying off an estimated three-quarters of a million workers. British economists say that the figure could rise - to perhaps as much as fifteen million by next week.

The situation perhaps best described by a London machinist - waiting in line to claim unemployment benefits. Said he: "THis is grimsville, mate."

DETROIT

Here at home - the end of a twelve-day Christmas and New Year's holiday - in the auto industry. But an estimated fifty thousand workers were continuing their vacations - without pay; victims all - of the current energy crisis.

The great bulk - employed by the Chrysler Corporation; which kept all of its seven assembly plants - closed tight. The jobless figure is expected to double, when General Motors begins massive layoffs later this month.

PEKING

From Peking by way of Hong Kong - an announcement today telling of the biggest shakeup in the Chinese military command - in nearly five years. This includes the promotion of a number of key men - long identified as supporters of Premier Chou En-Lai; in effect, a vote of confidence in Chou's policy - of improving relations with the U.S. and the rest of the world. The shakeup also places one of China's top commanders - in charge of its border area with the Soviet Union.

MOSCOW

The Soviet Union today expressed its first official reaction - to the publication of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's new book, "The Gulag Archipelago." The Soviet news agency Tass calling the book - a "gross defamation of the entire Soviet people." Adding that "Solzhenitsyn hates everything which has been brought about by the revolution - and it is this helpless hatred which is the muse for his new works."

CHARLES

London again - Britain's Prince Charles was off today for Singapore; there to rejoin his ship, the frigate Jupiter - for another three-month tour of naval duty.

Before he left though - the Prince spotted newspaper headline saying, "It's love;" a reference to his interest in Lady Jane Wellesley - who spent the New Year's holiday with the Royal Family.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "MONTMARTRE"

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas. His subject tonight - buried treasure in the heart of Paris.

Lowell...

The Montmartre in Paris - for generations a mecca to foreign tourists; thereby capitalizing on it's Bohemian charm - fine restaurants - quaint "villages" - artists and artisans - plus a touch of French naughtiness.

To all these attractions - now add buried treasure. Reports circulating this season in Paris - telling of at least two fortunes said to have been cached somewhere in the Montmartre.

The first - so the story goes - the secret horde of an ancient French nunnery; casks and casks of gold - from lucrative wine holdings; supposedly stashed away during the French Revolution in Seventeen-Ninety-Three - just before their abbey was sacked and the mother superior guillotined. Just waiting to be found - we are told - somewhere near the famed Moulin Rouge.

The second - a secret store of gold - said to have been commandeered by the Germans during World War Two; then lost - when it's hiding place was blown up. Except

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*that the latest rumors - placing it somewhere near the
Montmartre cemetery.*

*So if you're going to Paris this summer - happy
hunting.*

SUGGESTED FOLLOW UP TO THOMAS TAPE "MONTMARTRE"

Thank you, Lowell. Back - in a minute.

SAN FRANCISCO

From the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco - a report today telling of a new Human Sexuality Program. The couples taking part - starting out by viewing eight hard-core pornographic films all at once; an attempt - we are told - to "desensitize" sex; "to make people less uncomfortable - in the general area of sexuality;" thereby clearing the way - for later treatment of individual hang-ups.

The man in charge of all this - Dr. Herbert Vandervoort, says: "We're emphasizing more and more - a self-help approach to solving sex problems." And a big plus - he adds - the fact that "a couple in counseling - can go home and do homework."