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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Round and round they go. Astronauts Cooper and Conrad -- soaring along with a song, as they maneuvered the Gemini-Five -- into a new orbit today. To achieve a successful rendezvous -- with a make-believe rocket hurtling through space.

Already in the third day of their flight; with steady improvement in a balky electrical system -- making it now almost certain that they will be able to complete the full eight days -- of their voyage through space.

Oh yes, about that song. It's a little ditty -- composed by Pete "Conrad" in response to a crack at Gemini ground control -- that he seemed to be talking too much. Conrad's tuneful reply: "over the ocean, over the blue -- here's Gemini Five singing to you."

Corny, maybe, but still another American first -- in space.

POLICY

In Washington - the White House today issued a policy statement entitled -- "Why Viet Nam." An attempt to explain the U S commitment, purposes and objectives - in that war-torn country.

A foreword by President Johnson - perhaps best stating the case. Said the President:

"Once again - in man's age-old struggle for a better life and a world of peace - the wisdom, courage and compassion of the American people are being put to the test."

The President asserting that this then - is the true meaning "of the tragic conflict in Viet Nam."

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam itself - another terrorist attack today. On the big U S air base at Bien Hoa - barely fifteen miles from Saigon.

Guerrilla mortar-men firing some forty shells into the base - over a period of fifteen minutes, in a hit and run raid -- much like that of last November, when four Americans were killed and seventy-six wounded - in a devastating mortar barrage at the same base.

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This time, however, U S casualties said to be extremely light. With damage - virtually ~~max~~ nil. The Red mortarmen - apparently unable to penetrate ^{the} strengthened American defenses. ~~Be~~ unable to get close enough - to do any real harm.

CHOLERA FOLLOW CONG

At Geneva today the world Health Organization today reported an outbreak of cholera -- in the Soviet Union.

With a growing number of cases of the dread disease -- recorded in Karakalpak -- near the Turkish border; also in the Uzbek Republic -- bordering Afghanistan and Iran; two countries which are themselves in the throes -- of an epidemic of cholera.

This later report: Russia declaring a quarantine of all border crossings in the affected areas -- in a new effort to control the disease.

BROWN

Congressman Clarence Brown of Ohio - a long-time Republican power in the House - dead today at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

(Congressman Brown - a native and lifelong resident of Blanchester, Ohio.) Ranking Republican - on the ~~skman~~ all-important House Rules Committee. (Before that) - a close associate of the late President Hoover - (also the late Bob Taft. He was seventy.)

MEETING

Egypt's Nasser and King Feisal of Saudi Arabia-

met for three hours today at the Red seaport of Khaddar Jidda, port to holy Mecca.

To discuss a possible ~~an~~ solution - to the three-year-old Civil War in Yemen. Where Egypt backs one side - Saudi Arabia the other.

No ^{word yet} ~~results as yet~~ as to ~~the~~ progress, if any,

toward peace. Only this - from King Feisal:- "The beginning was good," said he, "and I hope the talks will end well."

The outlook for peace - he added - "is very encouraging."

BAGHDAD FOLLOW MEETING

Mean^{while}~~time~~ a report today from Baghdad - all but spelling an end to that planned union - between Egypt and Iraq.

Iraqi President Abdul Salam Aref - said to have purged the last remaining Nasser-man ~~still~~ still in a position of authority in Iraq. Khaireddin Hassib - suspended as the President of a government economic organization, ^{and} Assigned the job of nationalizing Iraqi industry -- a la Nasser.

President Aref - ~~still~~ still publicly in favor of union with Egypt. But, his latest act - clearly belying the words.

KHRUSHCHEV

Ousted Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev -
busy these days writing his memoirs; According to
Russian reports - reaching London today.

Kremlinologists predict, however, that the
memoirs ~~are probably~~ will not disclose - any Communist
secrets, ~~Either~~ diplomatic - or domestic. The document
expected instead - to be an attempted justification of
Khrushchev's own personal policies. During the years -
in which he shaped the story and fate of the Soviet Union.

In any case, it will be a long time - they say -
before the Khrushchev memoirs see the light of day. And
if he should really tell all ^{— then} _^ probably never.

GOLD

News today of a fabulous gold strike -- near Pembroke, Maine, of all places. A "Mother lode" -- said to be nearly ten feet wide, containing nearly four ounces of gold -- to a ton of ore, plus more than three ounces of silver -- and two and a half ounces of copper.

The bonanza -- discovered by Dolsan Mines Limited of Montreal. Which calls it the "most spectacular find ever on the east coast of the United States or Canada." A bonanza said to rival the thrilling gold strikes years ago in California, Colorado, and South Dakota.

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BIRD

The fabled bird of Paradise -- as you no doubt have heard is one of the rarest and most spectacular birds in all the world. Most of its remaining forty-four species -- found today ^{only} on the island of New Guinea, where for years it has ^{been} protected by the Government of Australia, mainly.

Yet, the Bird of Paradise seems to be suddenly threatened with extermination. It all has to do with a bill under consideration today -- in the Australasian eastern end of that vast island of New Guinea: the new federation.

The bill -- one that once again would permit an open season -- on this spectacular gorgeous bird, with native hunters permitted to sell the skins and feathers -- of as many birds as they could catch.

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market. But I suspect the Bird of Paradise will be rescued,
Warren. For many years now -- by international convention -- **no**
women have not been allowed to wear the plumes of this dream
bird. Only cannibals and ex-cannibals near them -- in wild
New Guinea.

QUINTS

Credit for the understatement of the day - perhaps the understatement of the year - goes today to Samuel Lawson of Auckland, New Zealand.

Lawson - as you may recall - the father of those New Zealand quintuplets, Born less than a month ago - to his wife - Shirley.

At any rate - Mrs. Lawson readmitted to an Auckland Hospital over the weekend - for treatment of exhaustion. A fact noted by Papa Lawson - in these words.

"I think" - said he "that she has overdone it - just ~~at~~ a little."