

The flight of Gemini-Eleven - now nearly one of the best ever. Today's achievements alone - marking another milestone in the amazing conquest of space.

Astronauts Pete Conrad and Dick Gordon - soaring to an altitude of eight hundred and fifty miles - nearly twice as high as any others - Russian or American - who have preceded them <sup>out there</sup> in space. ~~There the view~~  
~~in a word: "Fantastic."~~

Later - the spacemen returning to their Agena target satellite. The two ~~vehicles~~ then cartwheeling for three hours - at either end of a hundred foot tether. A spectacular breakthrough in space formation flying - and it even created a bit of artificial gravity.

Splashdown - still set for tomorrow morning.

~~In the meantime~~ <sup>Meanwhile</sup> a brief break of sightseeing <sup>with</sup> Dick Gordon ~~thereupon~~ commenting: "Boy, this isn't a job - it's a privilege."

# SPACE

High above the Earth - another harrowing  
adventure today in the black void of space. - ~~as you~~ have  
~~heard?~~ <sup>you</sup> heard? ~~by now~~. Astronaut Dick Gordon huffing and  
puffing through thirty minutes - of a scheduled spacewalk  
of nearly two hours. At one point - straddling an  
accompanying Agena Rocket while back in Gemini-Eleven -  
Command Pete Conrad called out "Ride 'em cowboy."

But ~~at~~ the exertion - the tremendous effort  
required to maneuver in space - too much for even the  
superbly conditioned Gordon. Partially blinded by  
sweat - he finally made his way slowly, tortuously back  
to the spacecraft, his mission cut short - by mutual  
agreement of all concerned. Safely returned - America's  
latest space-walker frankly admitting <sup>he was all in.</sup> ~~it was over.~~

~~Most of Gordon's work assignments clearly too~~  
~~much to handle.~~ But he did manage to tie a hundred  
foot strap - from Gemini-Eleven to the Agena, setting  
the stage for formation-flying and cartwheel maneuver -  
still to come on their three day voyage through space.

**PRESIDENT**

*At the White House - President Johnson today signed into law - another new extension of the U S Peace Corps. The President expressing his hope - that a day will come when all nations will have such volunteer groups. "Working together"- as he put it - "across the borders now closed by hostility, or ~~an~~ suspicion, or conflict."*

*At the same time - the President adding a ~~ps~~ plug for the so-called "manpower service program for young people" - which he proposed last week in Dayton. Goal - said he- to make "voluntary service to the community and the nation and the world - as common in America as going to school."*

## MEDAL FOLLOW PRESIDENT

The President later presented a Congressional Medal of Honor - posthumously - to Navy Seabee Marvin Shields of Port Townsend, Washington. The fifth man so honored - for outstanding bravery in Viet Nam.

Marvin Shields assigned to that army special forces camp at Dong <sup>X</sup> Hoai -- under ~~bitter Communist~~ <sup>heavy</sup> attack in June, ~~of~~ Nineteen Sixty-five. Though twice wounded - once in hauling ammunition, again in helping a fallen friend~~s~~ - he volunteered to help knock out an enemy machine gun position. Mission~~s~~ accomplished - at the cost of his life.

Shields young widow, Joan - and his two year old daughter, Barbara -- accepting the award - the nation's highest military honor. Tears in their eyes - as the President described the fallen Seabee as typical - of "a new kind of fighting man - forged and tempered in a new kind of war." A man "fighting with one hand" - said the President - and building with the other."

## VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - another record U S Air strike - against the ~~Communists~~ North; second - in as many days. About five ~~had~~ hundred Air Force and Navy jets - spear-heading the attack. Concentrating on Russian-built missile sites, - a big petroleum dump, - and enemy infiltrations routes.

To the south - a "green beret" special forces camp under heavy <sup>Viet Cong</sup> ~~Communist~~ attack; near Quang Ngai - about three hundred and fifty miles north of Saigon; ~~The Communists~~ <sup>Qu</sup> ~~are~~ attempting to break a blockade - on one of their main supply routes.

The enemy finally driven off - with the help of two of those so-called "dragonships". Lumbering C-forty-Sevens - spitting ~~bullets~~, concentrated fire from high speed Gatling guns.

Peril of another sort - back in Saigon. A newly-arrived American G I - going berserk. Shooting and wounding three other soldiers - before he himself was shot ~~to death~~ by one of his intended victims.

SAN DIEGO FOLLOW VIET NAM

*Here at home - in San Diego - a first-hand report today - on the horrors of war in Viet Nam. From German-born Navy Lieutenant Deiter Dengler - first American flyer to escape from a North Vietnamese prison camp.*

*Lieutenant Dengler - a naturalized citizen - saying he was beaten by Communist guards, when he refused to sign a statement - condemning the United States. Also for denying charges - that he ~~was~~ was a German mercenary, supposedly hired by "American imperialists" - to fight in Viet Nam.*

*The Navy flyer adding that he was later tied upside down to a tree - while ants crawled all over his face, also dragged around by water buffaloes - before he finally made good his escape.*

*Full details of that escape - still, ~~secret~~ <sup>kept secret.</sup>*

~~guarded secret.~~

MOSCOW

Harold M. Koch of Chicago - a former Roman Catholic priest - ~~on the television~~ <sup>on TV</sup> tonight in Moscow, ~~telling~~ Russian viewers that he defected to the Soviet Union - to protest the war in Viet Nam. A war he said was increasing daily - in cruelty and injustice.

During the course of his brief appearance - Koch also lashing out at President Johnson - calling the U S war against poverty - "nothing but a ~~deception~~ deception." <sup>also</sup> asserting that the threat of racism - is growing in America. These - said he - criticisms he could not voice in the United States - for fear of losing his job as a teacher.

JAKARTA

*still at it -*  
Sukarno of Indonesia - ~~even who~~ apparently

never gives up. In Jakarta -- the figurehead President-for-Life today demanding speedy elections, to determine - said he "what the true feelings of the people are." Sukarno vowing - if victorious at the polls - to "hit back" at those who have slandered him.

*there seems to be*  
Be that as it may ~~x~~. little question ~~of~~ <sup>as to</sup> who's in

charge. The new military regime today ordering a military trial - for former Indonesian Foreign Minister Dr. Subandrio. Sukarno's long-time friend and pk political cohort - charged with complicity in that abortive coup of last October.



CLEVELAND

In Cleveland -- a local scientist and a German Doctor today were named co-winners -- of the first fifty thousand dollar Stouffer prize. One of the most generous awards -- in the medical world.

Dr. Ernest Klenk of Cologne, Germany -- cited for work that has earned him the title -- "father of modern lipid biochemistry." The other Dr. Harry Goldblatt of Cleveland -- for an experiment producing hypertension in dogs.

FO RD

A former Michigan grid <sup>iron star</sup>~~star~~ ~~himself~~ - House  
Republican Leader Gerald Ford agreed today to run  
interference for Congressional legislation, designed to  
permit the pending merger - between the American and  
National Football Leagues.

However, as ~~exip~~ a fillip to high school and  
college fans - Ford further adding a wrinkle of his own  
to the merger plan, ~~A~~ proposal that pro football be banned  
from television - on both Fridays and Saturdays - from  
1/2 ~~as~~ early September through early December.

## BELLEVILLE

From Belleville, Illinois - the story today of a new-style fire plug. Designed to break away ~~as~~ from a coupling - when hit by a car. Automatically shutting off a valve - and thereby preventing water from <sup>gushing out</sup> ~~escaping~~ <sup>into</sup> ~~the~~ street. What's more, supposedly reusable - time ~~as~~ and time again.

So what happened? In its first real-live test - the new fire plug a complete success. When hit by a car - breaking off cleanly - and turning off the water. Except that the driver who hit the fire plug - ~~was~~, he picked it up and drove away with it.

A gift for his dog <sup>do</sup> ~~is~~ you suppose? Hal's time?

and s-l-u-t-m.

PARIS

*In Paris - the French government today announced - it is withdrawing from the Nato military committee - as of October One. Another major step in DeGaulle's grand plan - to make France a third great ~~force~~ force in world affairs. The French saying that, henceforth, they will be represented on the committee - Nato's Senior military authority - only by a liaison group.*

*Nato reaction: If the French want to withdraw so be it; but whether they will be permitted ~~access to~~ <sup>future</sup> access to committee meetings ~~by means of~~ <sup>via</sup> a liaison group - that's up to Nato - not France.*