

Apollo 7 Hailed as Perfect, Crew Flies to Cape Kennedy

JOHNSON CALLS GUN CONTROL BILL STILL INADEQUATE

The Apollo 7 astronauts enjoyed dinner with officers aboard the aircraft carrier USS Essex and sliced into a 500 pound cake that was baked in honor of their flight.

The astronauts spent the day undergoing the first of many long medical examinations. Dr. Charles Berry, director of flight medical operations, told newsmen the astronauts are in "really great spirits." He said they are bubbling with enthusiasm and anxious to get on with the debriefing. Despite the cold induced head congestion, Dr. Berry said, they suffered no pain or discomfort during re-entry.

"extremely happy"

Space officials in Houston told newsmen they are "extremely happy" with the results of the 11 day space trip. It was planned as a check-out of the craft which is eventually to ferry astronauts to the moon. If all goes as planned, the crew of Apollo 8 will make a moon trip around Christmas. The

ship would orbit the moon about 10 times before returning to earth.

The Apollo 7 crewmen, Walter Schirra, Donn Eisele and Walter Cunningham, left Essex yesterday and flew to Cape Kennedy for debriefing. Friday they will fly to Houston for a planned family reunion and continued debriefings.

President Johnson has signed what he calls the most comprehensive gun control law ever enacted.

But, the President said, it still falls far short of what is needed. The bill restricts the interstate sale of rifles, shotguns and ammunitions. Johnson had also called for licensing of gun owners and registration of all firearms.

bans mail orders

The legislation supplants the firearms section of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act passed within days of President Kennedy's assassination. The Crime Act banned interstate mail order sale of pistols, their over-the-counter sale to non-residents, and their sale to persons under 21.

Demands for a new law gained momentum after the June assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

The new law bans sales of handguns and handgun ammunition to people under 21, and the sales of rifles, shotguns, and ammunition to those under 18.

It also prohibits sales to mental incompetents, drug addicts, felons, fugitives and people under indictment.

Effective immediately, the law makes it illegal to import all surplus military firearms. The rest of the legislation takes effect December 16th.

The new gun restrictions are the most far-reaching enacted since 1938. That was when the National Firearm Control Act first imposed limited restrictions on sports and other weapons.



A "Cod" aircraft prepares to come aboard Enterprise bringing that long awaited package from home or a letter from the girlfriend. In any case, it means a short respite from refresher training. (Ledger staff photo)

AN EDITORIAL . . .

Since every newspaper must have an editorial policy, I'd like to take this time to outline what we are trying to do with the *Ledger*. It is a very simple policy; we want to present the news of the world, the nation and our community -- *Enterprise*.

As you may have already noticed, we are taking a different approach than most shipboard papers. We think you, as intelligent readers, want the top news of the day. We try to give you this by using our entire four daily pages for news and timely photographs.

Our plans for Sundays are a bit different. In an expanded paper we plan to run along with the news, the comics, cartoons, crosswords, pinups, features, etc., which we didn't have room for in the daily.

In keeping up with the news aboard ship, we'd like to hear from any of our readers when a newsworthy event has, or is about to happen. The phone in Public Affairs is 951, and we're located at 02-52-2-Q. With our two-man staff we can't cover every shipboard event, but we'll do our best to be equitable.

As you may have also noticed, like every other paper you've read, we sometimes make mistakes. Our bleary-eyed copy editor sometimes misses misspelled words and typographical errors. We will certainly try to keep this to a minimum. Remember, this is our refresher training period too.

As our first retraction, we want to correctly identify the aircraft on the front page of yesterday's paper. They are the "Barn Owls" of VA-215. Sorry, but a special "Welcome Aboard" from the "*Enterprise Ledger*" staff.

The Editor

OSHKOSH, BEGOSH, WALLACE GETS IT FROM ALL SIDES

George Wallace is the apple of somebody's eye.

The American Independent candidate was struck on the shoulder by an apple core during a speech in Oshkosh, Wisc. Hecklers also threw rocks, eggs, and tomatoes in the direction of the former Alabama governor.

not a racist

In a television interview last night Wallace denied he is a racist. He defined a racist as someone who hates another person because of the color of their skin. He believes, he said, that "a Supreme Being...made all mankind, and if you dislike anybody because of race or color you're disliking the work of God."

Wallace's running mate, retired Air Force Chief of Staff Curtis LeMay, said he has no desire to wipe out any country. But, LeMay added, if the U.S. is in a war "then we ought to win it." He spoke at a news conference in Miami, as he began a 19 state campaign tour.

Humphrey Goes Over Big at Texas Party Unity Rally

Hubert Humphrey had one of his better campaign days yesterday, as he spoke to cheering crowds in Fort Worth, Texas.

The hecklers were out chasing his opponents, he had bought together the feuding elements of the states's Democratic party, and 10,000 persons turned out to hear him throw barbs at Richard Nixon.

The downtown rally also featured Sonny of Sonny and Cher, recording star Chubby Checker, actress Inger Stevens and former Decathlon champion Rafer Johnson.

Humphrey told the enthusiastic audience that "The last time a Republican did anything for the South, his name was Sherman and he marched through Georgia."

The Vice President had a few words on money matters too. "When I hear a Republican talk about fiscal responsibility," he said, "it's like hearing a drunk talk about temperance."

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NIXON SAYS VOTE FOR HIM A VOTE AGAINST CRIME

Richard Nixon carried his law and order theme into Michigan yesterday, and continued his blasts at Hubert Humphrey.

The G.O.P. leader warned crowds that "If you want to fight crime, vote for Nixon." He charged the Democrats with ignoring soaring crime, and backing programs that would put the nation in debt.

HHH 'deceptive'

Nixon accused Humphrey of making a deceptive promise to raise Social Security payments by 50 per cent; saying it would "add significantly to inflationary pressures and soaring prices."

The former Vice President said that Humphrey had spent four years in what he called "President Johnson's obedience school," and said his election would mean a continuance of the current policies.

Nixon spent the day flying around the teeter-totter state of Michigan, where his race with Humphrey is considered very close.

"we have lost lives"

Speaking in Battle Creek, he charged that "Under the Johnson and Humphrey administration we have lost lives, we have lost money, we have lost time."

In a speech delivered in Saginaw, he accused Humphrey of "the fastest, loosest tongue in the nation." He added that a Democratic administration cannot "hope to restore peace."

Campaigning earlier in Ohio, Nixon said the Vietnam war could "have ended before now with a better kind of leadership." Nixon spoke towards the end of his one day whistle-stop tour of the Buckeye state. In Springfield and Lima, an egg was thrown at the platform where Nixon spoke. Both missed the target.

Running mate Spiro Agnew spent the day campaigning in Missouri and Tennessee.

Peace Rumors Still Fly at 27th Paris Peace Talks

Ambassador Averell Harriman has urged North Vietnam to act now for peace. He told the Communist delegation in Paris, "The choice is yours."

Harriman made the comment during a general discussion at the 27th session of the Paris peace talks. But the terms he used seem to pack a special significance at a moment when President Johnson is awaiting Hanoi's response to his secret package plan for a bombing halt.

Ambassador Harriman denied any knowledge of any proposals being made. As he entered the old Majestic Hotel where the talks are being held, Harriman tried to give the impression it was just another routine meeting. He said he did not expect a break in the talks at this session.

major peace effort

But reports from many quarters agree that the White House is in the midst of a major effort to break the deadlock.

In London today, high-ranking diplomatic sources confirmed that the Soviet Union is acting as the go-between in this effort, and is also urging Hanoi to move toward a political settlement now. The Kremlin is said to have passed on to Hanoi an American plan for peace talks involving both the Saigon government and the Viet Cong.

Marines kill 54 Cong

U.S. Marines have killed 54 Communists in stepped up action south of the Demilitarized Zone. Yesterday's battle followed the enemy attack on the Marine base which claimed nine lives.

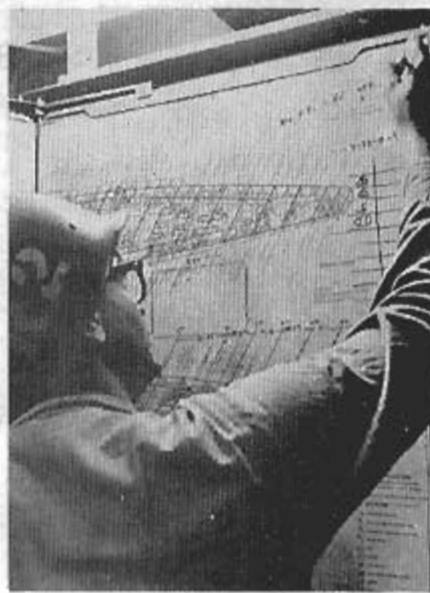
American Navy planes kept up their attacks on enemy supply routes in the southern panhandle of North Vietnam.

Elsewhere, only small skirmishes were reported.

troops pulled back

Military men in Washington say the North Vietnamese have pulled at least 12,000 men out of the war in the last five months. But the Pentagon hesitates to call this a de-escalation. It's possible, they say, that these units were so badly shot up that Hanoi had no choice but to bring them home.

A major portion of the troops have been moved out in the past six weeks. Another 20 to 30 thousand have recently been moved away from cities in the south and across the Laotian and Cambodian borders.



ETN2 David Lampert plots a "hit" at the Repair Locker 2 plotting board during a refresher training exercise

A FATHER IS...

A father is a person who is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic. He growls when he feels good and laughs very loud when he is scared half to death.

A father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in a child's eyes. He is never quite the hero his daughter thinks...Never quite the man his son believes him to be. And this worries him sometimes. (So he works too hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road of those of his own who will follow him.)

A father is a person who goes to war sometimes...and would run the other way except that war is part of the only important job in life (which is making the world better for his child than it has been for him.)

Fathers grow old faster than people, because they, in other wars, have to stand at the train station and wave goodbye to the uniform that climbs aboard.

And, while mothers cry where it shows, fathers stand and beam... outside...and die inside.

Fathers are men who give daughters away to other men, who aren't nearly good enough, so that they can have children that are smarter than anybody's.

Fathers fight dragons almost daily. They hurry away from the breakfast table, off to the area which is sometimes called an office or a workshop. There, with calloused, practiced hands, they tackle the dragon with three heads: Weariness, Work, and Monotony. And they never quite win the fight but they never give up.

Knights in shining armor, fathers in shiny trousers: There's little difference as they march away to each workday.

I don't know where father goes when he dies, but I've an idea that, after a good rest, wherever it is, he won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore.

He'll be too busy there too...repairing the stairs, oiling the gates, improving the streets, smoothing the way.

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U-S, Yugoslavia Meet in Basketball Finals Friday

The U-S basketball team surged into the finals of the Olympic Tournament by beating Brazil Tuesday night 74 to 63. It's the eighth straight victory for the U-S squad in this tournament. The United States has never lost a game since the sport was introduced in the Olympics in 1936. It has had 74 straight victories.

The American's opponent in Friday's final is a surprise--Yugoslavia. The Yugos upset Russia 63-62 in last night's other semi-final. The Americans beat Yugoslavia 73-58 when they met earlier in the competition.

Jo-Jo drops 16

High scorer for the U.S. last night was Jo-Jo White of Kansas, with 16 points--14 in the first half.

The U.S. Olympians hiked their gold medals to 29 last night by winning another swimming final. Debbie Meyer of Sacramento, Calif. led a U.S. sweep in the women's 200 meter freestyle. It's the second gold medal for the 16 year old.

Mexico's 1st gold

Mexico's Felipe Munoz won the men's 200 meter breaststroke to give the host country it's first gold medal in the games.

U.S. boxers continue to do well in the games. Heavyweight George Foreman, middleweight Al Jones and featherweight Al Robinson have all advanced to the semi-finals, joining flyweight Harland Marbley.

scandal rumors

Rumblings of a possible Olympic scandal are growing louder. The Associated Press has learned that the U-S Olympic committee is investigating reports that some athletes, including Americans, agreed to use equipment of athletics goods manufacturers in return for cash payments.

A report (in the *Washington Post*) says the U-S is even considering giving up some of its gold medals because of the pay-offs. The story says certain black militants on the American track team are under investigation.

Notre Dame Leads Nation in Offense

Notre Dame's 58 - 8 walloping of Illinois last Saturday has hiked the fifth-ranked Irish into the top spot in total offense and second in rushing.

Notre Dame has an average of over 529 yards a game in total offense and ranks second behind Princeton in rushing with almost 321 yards a game. Also, the Irish have scored 203 points in five games for a 40.6 average to rank behind unbeaten Kansas. The Jayhawks have scored 225 points for a 45 point average.

Houston, Ohio University and Yale round out the top five-scoring among major college teams.

HUMPHREY IN TEXAS

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Humphrey treated Texans to a rare sight when both Governor John Connally and Senator Ralph Yarborough got together to endorse the Democratic nominee. The long time rivals rarely agree on anything.

The First Lady paid a surprise visit to Humphrey's rally in Dallas. Lady Bird Johnson stayed only a few moments, but at a later rally in Austin, daughter Luci and her son Patrick showed up wearing Humphrey bandanas.

who do you trust?

The main issue of the campaign, Humphrey said, is "who can the American people trust to lead this country."

Edmund Muskie, the Democratic Vice Presidential nominee, toured Connecticut. At Stamford, Muskie said he and Humphrey have tried to give voters "clues" on how they would work toward a Vietnam peace. But he said he didn't want to say anything to jeopardize the Paris peace talks.

THE SPORTSMAN

by Charles Morey AP sportswriter

Mickey Mantle was 37 years old the other day, and the man who has been running neck-and-neck with him throughout their careers, Willie Mays, will be 38 shortly after the 1969 season begins.

When the 1968 season ended last month, Mickey would not be definite about whether he would play next year. The best guess is that he will. There is no question about Mays.

"those days are gone"

For a man of 37, Mays had a pretty good season last year. He never again is going to have one of those years where he hits .320 knocks in 120 runs and belts over 40 homers. Those days are gone for Mays. He knows it and he pays tribute to it by taking time off rather frequently.

But he still is a rather important man in the clutch for San Francisco. Among other things he had 19 game winning hits this year, the most on the team. Willie McCovey of the Giants led the National League in home runs with 36 and in runs batted in with 105. McCovey had 18 game winners.

up-and-comers

Incidentally, the Giants lost a couple of outfielders in the recent draft when both Jesus Alou and Ollie Brown were taken. Current indications are that Mays will be flanked next season by two young fly chasers, Bobbie Bonds and Dave Marshall.

Both Marshall and Bonds showed a lot of promise this year. Bonds had a .254 average in 81 games and Marshall hit .264 in 76.

Bonds at times looks like a young Willie Mays and is the man that Willie himself thinks will eventually take over in center field.