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APOLLO SEVEN PASSES HALFWAY MARK

Astronaut Wally Schirra blew a floating pencil around in the Apollo-Seven spacecraft yesterday morning to demonstrate weightlessness to the American public below.

It was the three-man Apollo team's fourth live telecast to earth from their orbit. Schirra said the movement of floating in weightlessness reminds him a bit of a monkey moving around in its cage.

On the whole, the telecast was relatively serious in tone. There are reports that space agency officials had thought some previous telecasts a bit too fun-and-gamesy.

One of the things the astronauts tried to show Mission Control was how debris had collected on one of the spacecraft windows. However, the picture as received in Houston was not clear enough to show it.

The astronauts are now riding their moonship in the second half of its 11-day mission. Officials at the Houston Space Center said every trouble-free orbit of Apollo-Seven increases the prospect of a Christmas flight around the moon.

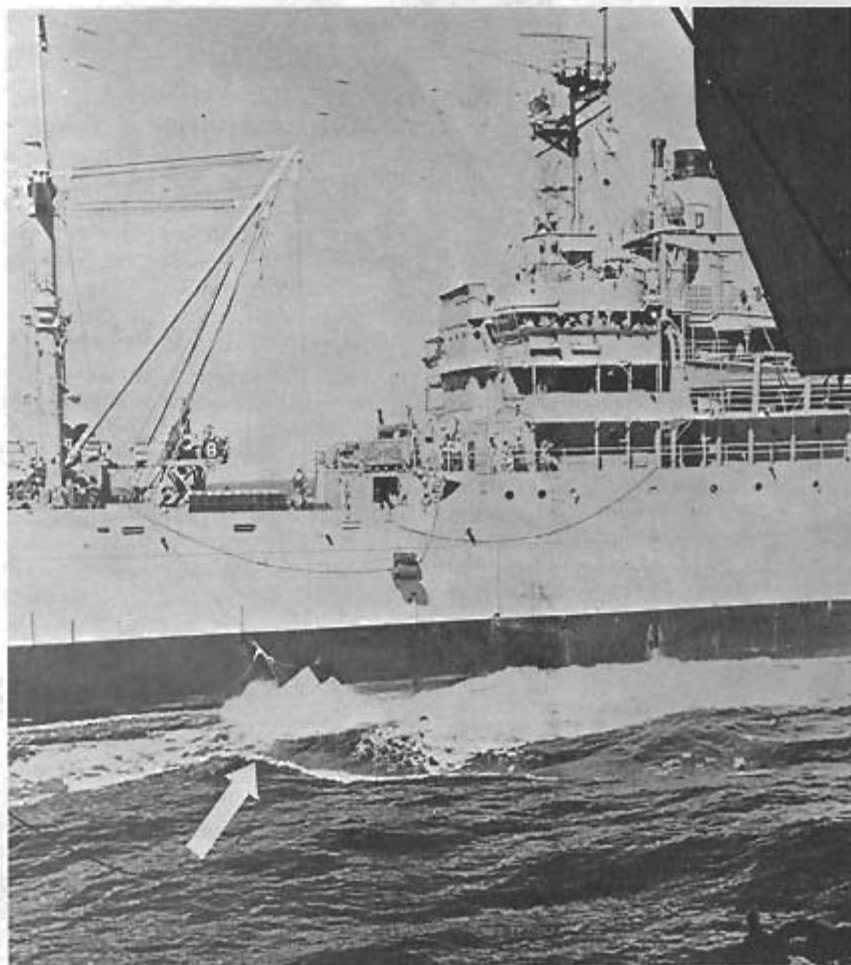
Humphrey Warns Wallace "Costly"

Democratic nominee Hubert Humphrey flew into Detroit last night, in an effort to hang on to blue collar workers who are reported defecting to third party candidate George Wallace.

In a speech prepared for a Detroit rally, Humphrey warned the workers that a vote for either Nixon or Wallace could prove costly to them in the long run.

Humphrey later in the day, told a retired citizens luncheon that the 1968 Republican platform doesn't even mention Medicare, and

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Arrow points to cargo lost after line parted during ammo transfer yesterday afternoon. Ledger Staff Photo

NIXON SEES U-S IN MONEY CRISIS

Richard Nixon told a crowd of steel workers yesterday that if he becomes President he will act to deal with rising steel imports which he says are injuring the domestic industry.

He charged that dangerously short-sighted financial policies of the Johnson administration have thrown the U.S.'s international trade and financial positions out of balance.

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Hecklers Drive Wallace From El Paso Rally

For the second time in less than a week, George Wallace has been heckled off the podium.

The third party Presidential candidate was the victim of a shouting match between some 250 demonstrators and 7,000 Wallace fans at a rally in El Paso, Texas.

The hecklers greeted Wallace with Nazi salutes and cries of "Sieg Heil." As usual, Wallace blew kisses at the demonstrators. But this time they were returned by a Negro youth sitting on the

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Clash Below DMZ; PEACE RUMORS STILL FLY

(Saigon)--Military spokesmen in Saigon say that Allied armored vehicles smashed into North Vietnamese troops and killed at least 75 communists in a second day of fighting below the demilitarized zone.

The North Vietnamese were dug into bunkers and fired B-40 and B-41 anti-tank rockets at the Allied armored personnel carriers. But the South Vietnamese drove over the bunkers, spraying them with machine-gun fire.

Five South Vietnamese soldiers were killed, but the North Vietnamese fled, leaving behind six machineguns, five rocket launchers and a motor, and 16 light automatic weapons.

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he cited the Democratic record in winning approval of medical care for the elderly.

He conceded he is trailing Richard Nixon, but promised he would give "the biggest surprise in many, many years," and said he would win in a "hair-breadth" decision.

The Vice-President said Nixon's entire record is a tangled wreckage of obstructionism and defeat--against medicare, against federal aid to education, against test ban treaties.

The rally--in John F. Kennedy Square--followed a tour of Ford's River Rouge auto assembly plant. He warned the workers that a vote for Wallace would mean long, unpaid vacations.

A political survey by Sindlinger and Company shows that Humphrey has made a slight comeback. About 34 per cent of those polled favor Richard Nixon, 30 per cent prefer Humphrey and 17 per cent support George Wallace. The poll was completed nine days ago.

Meanwhile, rumors of a possible bombing halt continue back and forth between Saigon and Washington. But the White House sticks to its report that there has been no change in the basic situation--no breakthrough. Reports from Washington have said President Johnson has been unable to get the assurances he wants from Hanoi, and Saigon is balking.

The President reportedly wants a firm assurance that a bombing halt would unlock the Paris Peace Talks, and freeze the combat level in the war. South Vietnam's President Thieu reportedly wants even more guarantees from Hanoi. U.S. Ambassador Elsworth Bunker has met frequently with Thieu in the past two days. The White House refuses to talk about that.

American military spokesmen in Saigon announced that 177 Americans died in combat in the Vietnam War last week--and 1,278 were wounded.

Those figures were the lowest for G-I casualties since the week ended August 24th.

In the same period at least one-thousand-527 communists died in the war, lowest number since the week ended August third, when 1,461 were reported killed.

Arabs, Israelis

Clash in Jordan

(Jordan)--A military spokesman in Amman says two Jordanians were killed and six others wounded during the night in a three-hour clash between Jordanian and Israeli forces. The spokesman says Israeli troops started the clash by opening fire on Jordanian forces near the Darya Bridge and villages in Northern Jordan Valley.

The Jordanian spokesman said Israeli helicopters were seen removing casualties, but there has been no word from Tel Aviv on the clash.

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shoulders of a white friend. Wallace shouted at the hecklers, "You're just a bunch of punks," but finally left the hall without finishing his speech.

Wallace's running mate, retired Air Force Chief of Staff Curtis LeMay got his first look at a combat area in Vietnam. Sources in Saigon said LeMay took a helicopter ride to the Mekong Delta, where he met with soliders there to get their views on the war. LeMay is on a fact-finding tour and expected back sometime next week.

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Nixon said: "It would be unjust to allow the consequences of these actions to irretrievably injure American industry and labor." Nixon made his comments in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

The Republican claimed that every million tons of new steel imports represents a loss of almost 8,000 job opportunities at a time when steelworkers are being laid off for lack of business.

In New York before his trip to Pennsylvania the former Vice-President launched a series of ten nation-wide radio addresses. In this first speech he said the nation must be perceptive to the voices of dissent, particularly those of the young. He also called for voting rights for 18-year-olds, and the establishment of a volunteer army.

Maryland Governor Spiro Agnew, who is Nixon's running mate, was also in the Keystone state. Agnew said he has evidence that college professors founded the militant Students for a Democratic Society on some campuses. In his continuing attack on violent student dissent, Agnew said that S.D.S. is teaching students "how to make Molotov cocktails and how to tear down the country."



A Phantom jet prepares to touch down during yesterday's General Quarters drill. Ledger Staff Photo

LBJ, HHH, NIXON TRADE BARBS AT AL SMITH DINNER

Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey finally got on to the same platform last night, but there was no sign of a debate.

The occasion was the annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Dinner, held in New York.

Also on hand were retiring President Lyndon Johnson, New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, and an array of other political figures. But it was clearly the President's show. He thanked Nixon for calling him "the hardest working President of the century," then said "No chief has ever been surrounded by so many indians. I don't think any veteran can appreciate my feelings on this night, except maybe General Custer."

Then the Chief Executive needed Nixon by paraphrasing his statement after his 1962 defeat in California: "This could be my last press conference. You won't have Lyndon Johnson to kick around any more."

The President then joined Humphrey, Nixon, and several other political and religious figures for a picture taking session before flying back to Washington.

Japanese Author

Wins Nobel Prize

The 1968 Nobel Prize for Literature has been awarded to Japanese novelist Yasunari Kawabata.

The 69-year-old author was awarded the prize for what was described as "his narrative mastery, which with great sensibility expresses the essence of the Japanese mind."

He is the first Japanese to ever win the award, which carries a cash prize of \$70,000 this year.

Informed in Tokyo that he had won the award, Kawabata said: "Is that right?" He added "Thank you," saying he could say nothing more.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters selected Kawabata from a field of contenders that included America's Norman Mailer, Italy's Alberto Moravia, and England's Graham Greene and W.H. Auden.

Onassis - Kennedy Marriage Seen

BULLETIN: It was confirmed late last night that Mrs. John F. Kennedy and Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis plan to marry within a week. The announcement was made by Mrs. Kennedy's mother, Mrs. Hugh Auchinloss.

There's another report that Mrs. John F. Kennedy plans to remarry.

A copyrighted article in the Boston Herald Traveler said yesterday that the widow plans to marry Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, possibly before the end of the month.

In New York, Mrs. Kennedy's news secretary said she does not know of any wedding plans.

Onassis could not be reached for comment. In Washington, Senator Edward Kennedy's office said it has no word on any plans.

Onassis is 62, divorced, and one of the world's richest men. He has entertained members of the Kennedy family in the past.

"CUBAN POWER "

Proves Explosive

(Los Angeles)--The Los Angeles headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party was damaged by a bomb late Wednesday night.

There were no injuries but two persons attending a meeting on the second floor of the building were shaken up severely. On a nearby doorframe police found a sticker proclaiming "Cuban Power." It was similar to stickers found at the scenes of six Los Angeles bombings last summer.

Pole Vault Gold Medal:

US CONTINUES OLYMPIC LEAD AT THE MEXICO GAMES

THE SPORTSMAN

by Bert Rosenthal

America's Bob Seagren won the Olympic pole vault title in a marathon six and one-half hour contest with four other jumpers.

Seagren won the gold medal on the basis of fewer misses, although a West German and an East German also cleared a world record height of 17 feet, eight and one-half inches. The Los Angeles athlete has another world record pending, one-half inch higher. John Pennel of California stayed in the contest until the end, but wound up in fifth place.

SPORTS SHORTS

FOOTBALL

Flanker Elbert Dubenion, the last of the original Buffalo Bills of the A.F.L., announced his retirement yesterday. He was immediately a full time talent scout.

The Dallas Cowboys of the N.F.L. obtained end Sonny Randle, who became a free agent after his release from San Francisco last week.

BASEBALL

The New York Mets announced the conditional sale to the new Montreal Expos of the National League of outfielder Don Bosch.

Red Schoendienst signed a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals to manage the team in 1969. It is believed he will receive about \$50,000.

GOLF

Las Vegas--Pro Ken Still shot a six-under-par 66 for a 36-hole total of 137 and captured the individual low score honors in the Pro-Amateur Preliminary to the \$100,000 Invitational Tournament at Las Vegas.

Seagren said he was confident he could clear the height. "I took the gamble because I was confident I could make it, and I could see it would take that or more to win."

In basketball, Jo Jo White led a vicious U.S. attack that kept the lead except for the opening moments of the game, as the team sailed by their first big test to defeat Yugoslavia, 73 to 58.

The U.S. led at the half 36 to 28, and easily increased its margin in the opening part of the second half. White, wizard of the mid-court shot, looped in 24 points.

It was the 70th straight victory for the U.S. in Olympic basketball competition.

The anticipated racial demonstration took place last night. U.S.

athletes had long planned some sort of demonstration to protest racism, and it came after the running of the 200 meter race. Tommie Smith and John Carlos, both Negroes, finished one-two in the event. When they received their medals both raised their fists in the "Black Power" salute.

The swimming and diving events got under way yesterday, with the U.S. favored to win 23 of the 33 gold medals up for grabs.

Janis Lusia of Russia set an Olympic javelin record with a throw of 295 feet, 7 inches.

BASKETBALL

Baltimore--The Baltimore Bullets of the National Basketball Association announced the signing of Jack Marin to their 1968-1969 roster.

HOCKEY

New York--The New York Rangers of the National Hockey League recalled center Walt Tkaczuk to replace the ailing Orland Kurtenbach who is suffering from a strained back.

Amateur athletes usually produce their best performances at the Olympic Games. The quest for the coveted gold medals, awarded to the winning performers, and the chance to bring glory to their countries, usually brings the athletes to their peaks and often enables them to do the unexpected.

Some of the efforts at the current Olympic Games in Mexico City can only be classified as truly amazing... amazing because of the severe handicap the athletes are forced to overcome. The big handicap is Mexico City's altitude of 7,350 feet.

There were screams of dismay when the games were awarded to Mexico City. It was thought--with justification--that the rarified air of the high altitude would be dangerous for the athletes.

Every country that could afford it prepared their athletes for the thin air by having them practice at altitudes comparable with Mexico City. For instance, the United States sent many athletes to south Lake Tahoe, Calif., to get used to high altitude.

It apparently helped them. But there are other athletes who have suffered.

The great distance runner, Ron Clarke of Australia, barely staggered in sixth in the 10,000-meter race, before collapsing. Clarke was unconscious for some time after the race. An Australian physician said Clarke ran the last few laps from memory. The Doctor added:

"He couldn't see. He couldn't breathe. He suffered a circulatory collapse."

The next day, one girl from Uruguay and another from Nigeria had to be helped off the track after collapsing during the women's 400-meter qualifying heat.

Before the Games are over on October 27th, there will be other athletes who will feel the toll of competing in Mexico City's high altitude. It is a shame that a great event such as the Olympic Games has to be marred by such conditions.