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WEATHER

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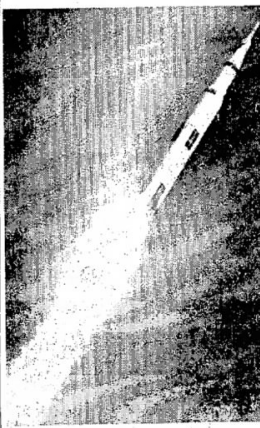
Speeding Craft Leaves Earth Behind



KIDNAP VICTIM HEADS HOME—Barbara Jane Mackle, who was released in Atlanta Friday by kidnapers who had kept her entombed for 80 hours, is escorted to a private plane by her father, left. The father, Robert Mackle, reportedly paid \$500,000 ransom for release of the Emory University co-ed, who was kidnapped at gunpoint from a motel near Atlanta, Ga. (AP Wirephoto)

Kidnaper Pursued In Jungle

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (UPI)—FBI agents and scores of local police closed in Saturday on a man believed to be Gary Steven Krist, wanted in the Mackle kidnap case. He reportedly was spotted passing through coast guard locks north of Ft. Meyers in a high powered boat. A coast guard helicopter pilot confirmed the man, aboard apparently to be Krist. At FBI agents and deputies from Lee and Charlotte counties closed in by boat and car, deputies said the suspect beached the boat on a river bank heavily overgrown with mangroves and did not foot into the dense jungle in southwest Florida. "He's here. We know the other two are not with him," an unidentified FBI man said. This was the first mention of three suspects in the case. The only other person named by the FBI last year in the kidnapping has been Ruth Eisenmann Scher, Krist's 24-year-old blonde girl friend.



HEADING TOWARD THE MOON—The Apollo 8 spacecraft, boosted by the Saturn V rocket, leaves a trail of fire as it blasts off toward the moon carrying astronauts Frank Borman, commander, William A. Anders and James A. Lovell Jr. The seven-day mission is scheduled to make 10 orbits of the moon. (AP Wirephoto)

Outer Space Trip Begins Without Flaw

By EDWARD K. DELONG

SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON (UPI)—Apollo 8 astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders rode the awesome Saturn 5 rocket into space Saturday and headed for the moon.

The monstrous rocket lifted itself from a pool of orange flame at Cape Kennedy at 7:54 a.m. EST and went into orbit around the earth. Three hours later the astronauts fired its top stage a second time and sped at 24,000 miles an hour toward the moon a quarter of a million miles away. They will orbit it 10 times Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A European space expert called it "one of mankind's greatest days."

"You're on your way. You're really on your way now," Chris Kraft, the space agency's top flight director, radioed the astronauts after they restarted their Saturn's third stage, fired a five-minute and 11-second burst at 10:42 a.m. EST to kick off its orbit toward the moon, and put themselves into the history books.

Dropping the useless third stage, the spacecraft began spiraling out from its earth orbit and Lovell's calm voice came across 450,000 miles of space. "I can see all Earth," he said. "I can see the entire earth, now out of the center window. I can see Florida, Cuba, Central America, the whole northern half of South America, in fact all the way down to Argentina, and down through Chile."

"We have a beautiful view of Florida now. And at the same time we can see Africa. I can also see Gibraltar." The voices of the astronauts were mostly terse, calm and businesslike in contrast to the incredible events they were carrying out. The historic "burn" by which man began his escape from earth gravity for the first time. (Please See Page 12, Column 3)

LBJ Views Space Feat

By TOM SEPPY

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson watched the launch of Apollo 8 today and then sent a message of congratulations to the astronauts from Bethesda Naval Hospital where he is recovering from the flu. Johnson, hospitalized for four days, also issued a statement mourning the death of America's first astronaut, Alan Shepard, who died in his sleep Friday.

White House press secretary George Christian said the President, who spent a "fairly comfortable" night watching the lift-off while sitting in a chair. Corliss said Vice Adm. George G. Burdick, Johnson's personal physician, said the President generally continued to improve although he is "still not up to par" and has a cough.

Johnson entered the hospital Wednesday with a temperature of 101.4 degrees but during the last couple of days it has ranged between the normal 98.6 and 100 degrees. Christian said although the President said he would be in the White House within 24 hours. (Please See Page 12, Column 3)

Whites Gain By Readiness Plan

By TOM POWELL

The gap between dissident students and faculty and administration at College of San Mateo appeared to widen yesterday at the faculty vote 185 to 3 to expand the College Readiness Program to include white students.

The decision is not binding but constitutes a strong recommendation to the College administration.

Dr. Frank Pearce, director of research, made the proposal. It called for a campus-wide tutorial center "for all who need it." It could be expanded to include some 2,000 "disadvantaged white students." The faculty will work out details and present recommendations to the administration by January 1.

President of the Black Students' Union, said the faculty's decision is not binding but constitutes a strong recommendation to the College administration. (Please See Page 12, Column 3)

Teens Slain On 1st Date Near Vallejo

VALLEJO (UPI)—Two teenagers on their way home from a high school Christmas concert were shot to death last Friday night on a lonely, unimproved stretch of Lake Herman Road east of Vallejo.

Coroner Dan Moran identified the young victims as Deirdre, 17, a student at Vallejo High School, and Benjamin, 16, who attended Hiram High School.

The teen-agers were out on a first date, sheriff's deputies said, and may have been murdered just before landing.

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CG Plane Lands Safely

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A Coast Guard amphibious plane with a crew of seven was escorted safely to San Francisco International Airport Friday night after developing engine trouble 150 miles out to sea.

The two-engine C-47A issued a distress call that prompted deployment of three cutters and two planes.

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Released Soldiers Thank a Prince

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Eleven American soldiers, released by Cambodia after 185 days of captivity, arrived at Andrews Air Force Base with broad smiles today, ready for a quick trip home for Christmas.

"We are happy and pleased to be home in time for Christmas," said WO Ralph W. McCullough, Columbus, Ga., the senior man among the 11 men from the landing craft.

"We want to thank the Prince for our release," McCullough said, referring to Prince Nor-

dom Sihanouk, the Cambodian monarch. The soldiers were taken from Hanoi and were taken by bus to Walter Reed Army Hospital for a final checkup before leaving for home. The Army said it hoped to have all of them out of Washington within 24 hours. (Please See Page 12, Column 3)

Pope Eyes Consistory

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI may set a date for a consistory and announce the names of new Roman Catholic cardinals today, Vatican sources said.

The sources said earlier the pontiff probably would announce a new consistory for early next year sometime before Christmas. Pope Paul delivered his annual Christmas message Friday night—earlier than usual in order to make lack South Vietnam's anniversary a coming.

Military spokesmen said a platoon of American tanks intended to attack the guerrilla base near the village of Trang Bang, 10 miles from Saigon.

The tanks quickly alerted U.S. detachments, artillery and helicopter gunships, which poured bombs, shells and machine gun fire into the red battalion. Allied troops tried to surround the Communist.

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Reds Flee Wall Of U.S. Firepower

SAIGON (UPI)—A wall of U.S. firepower stopped 600 Communist soldiers from attacking the city of Saigon today, U.S. spokesmen said.

The 15-hour battle 25 miles northwest of Saigon Friday ended with the death of 20 of them and the capture of 100. The U.S. spokesmen said the battle was the heaviest since the U.S. moved into the city.

Long after nightfall, the reds broke off the fight and scattered, apparently slipping the net of American troops around them, spokesmen said.

In the nearby coastal resort of Vung Tau, President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam today threatened to break off Paris peace negotiations if the Communists again attack Saigon.

"If they attack Saigon, if they continue to fight, we will continue to fight instead of continuing to talk without purpose," he told newsmen. Thieu also criticized U.S. Defense Secretary Clark G. (Please See Page 12, Column 4)

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