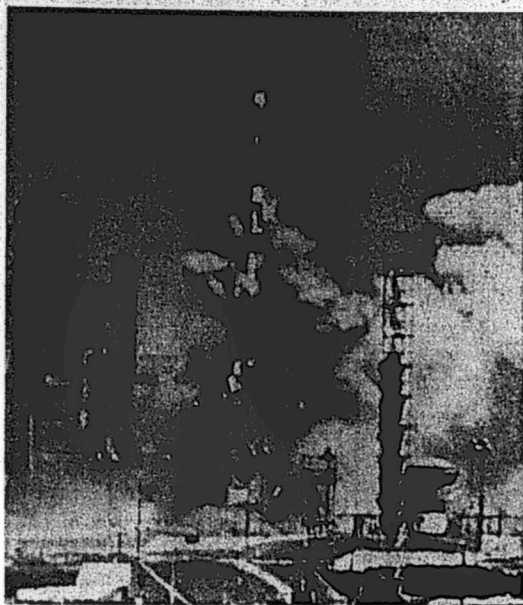


White Floats In Space For 20 Minutes



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White Moves By Jet Gun In Exuberant Space Walk

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — Astronaut Edward H. White II returned safely to the Gemini 4 Thursday after a breathtaking journey through space as a human satellite.

After White completed one of man's most exciting adventures, he and his command pilot, James A. McDivitt, whirled on in their marathon, four-day space journey.

White was the first American to challenge the vacuum of space protected only by his spacecraft and lifeline.

The Mission Control Center announced White's time in the airless void at 20 minutes, twice as long as Soviet Cosmonaut Alexei Leonov, who took the world's first space stroll March 18.

McDivitt, who held the Gemini 4 on a steady course throughout the excursion, also was exposed to the elements of space when White opened his hatch.

The Mission Control Center reported the two men had a 20-minute "extraordinary conversation" while White "floated around in front of the Gemini 4, propelling himself with a hand-held jet gun maneuvering unit."

The conversation was relayed directly to the ground and into communications channels so people around the world could hear it as it happened. However, only brief snatches of the conversation were audible.

McDivitt reported he was delighted at the spectacular sight of his partner drifting in front

of the spacecraft, traveling at 17,500 miles an hour.

McDivitt said he was exuberant over the performance of the jet gun.

White's exit had been planned for the second orbit, but was delayed to the third because the astronaut was too busy then.

"He looks great," McDivitt said as White floated out into space. "He's outside and working."

In his weird world of weightlessness, White became a human satellite in a pressurized spacecraft, speeding through the void at 17,500 miles an hour.

But the 34-year-old Air Force major was totally unaware of any motion as he hung seemingly suspended in space.

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HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Astronaut Edward H. White II eased himself out of a Gemini capsule 133 miles above the earth Thursday and floated for 20 serene minutes in the chilling void of space, chatting nonchalantly and darting about with a space gun.

The dramatic excursion clearly was the high point of a celestial adventure scheduled to last for days.

Another cosmic feat, a proposed rendezvous with uncrewed orbiting satellite, had to be scratched from the flight plan because of a lack of sufficient maneuvering fuel in the two-man capsule.

White's space twin, pilot James A. McDivitt, had hoped to be able to pull alongside the burned-out second stage of the mighty Titan 2 rocket which blasted the pair into orbit from Cape Kennedy, Fla., at 10:16 a.m. EST. Tuesday Johnson was among millions of Americans who watched the launch on television.

McDivitt followed the huge much fuel he had a second rocket booster to aid from the heavens but soon used up too much fuel and had to give up the chase.

White's thrilling experience in the vastness of space, where even the stars refuse to twinkle, came during the third orbit, one later than planned as he streaked at 17,500 miles an hour through the skies above his own homeland.

The climactic space walk features lively banter between White, McDivitt and ground controller Virgil I. Grisson.

White's feat matched that of cosmonaut Alexei Leonov who drifted for 19 minutes outside the Soviet Union's Voskhod 2 spaceship March 18. Unlike Leonov, White said he experienced no disorientation in trying to relocate his spaceship. Like the Soviet, he found the experience exhilarating and was reluctant to re-enter the spaceship.

"I'm not coming in," White

laughingly said to McDivitt at one point.

When he did return, the mission continued routinely. At 3 p.m. EST, the capsule was into its fifth circuit of the globe and space adventurer White was told to take a snooze.

The Russian maneuver was

"We'll go in next time around," McDivitt reported casually.

"That's okay with us," replied the mission director Christopher C. Kraft Jr., from the Houston Control Center.

Next time around White methodically prepared his special gear — gold-colored face plate, thermal gloves, emergency oxygen chest pack, golden tether, maneuvering gun shaped like bicycle handlebars with a camera attached.

He closed his sun visor and unlocked the hatch.

POKES HEAD OUT

Gingerly he stood upon his contoured couch and poked his head through the hatch. Then, without effort in the weightless ether world, he glided outside.

Glancing down to earth, he said the prospect "looks like we're coming up on the coast of California."

As he began darting here and there, prospecting with a camera attached.

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television: The American was not. But Americans could hear the three-way conversation between White, McDivitt and ground controllers which was broadcast publicly as it happened. The Russians did not broadcast.

MCDIVITT CASUAL

White had planned to step outside during the second orbit but the space twins reported they were simply too pressed for time to get ready.

LBJ Appeals For Understanding Between U.S., Soviet People

CHICAGO (AP) — President Johnson said Thursday night, "There is no American interest in conflict with the Soviet people." — that the peoples of both countries want peace.

Declaring that "no true Soviet interest is served by the support of aggression or subversion anywhere," Johnson addressed the Soviet Union directly with these words:

"We of the United States stand ready always to go with you onto the fields of peace — to plow new furrows, to plant new seeds, to tend new growth — so that we and all mankind may someday share together a new and bountiful harvest of happiness and hope on this earth."

In a speech prepared for a Democratic fund-raising dinner Johnson said his appeal for American-Soviet understanding and cooperation toward peace was directed straight at the people of the Soviet Union.

Although Johnson's remarks

were tailored for a partisan \$100-a-plate dinner at McCormick Place, virtually his entire lexicon dealt with foreign affairs. There were no overtly political passages.

In discussing American-Soviet relations, Johnson said: "Between the great powers of East and West, there is no history of conflict on battlefields of the past. Between the people of the Soviet Union and the people of the United States, there has been friendship and there can be greater understanding."

Johnson said that although Soviet leaders have chosen to curtail off their people "to keep out knowledge of the free world's peaceful intention," Soviet people know the cost and catastrophe of warfare and "want peace and the taste of its sweet fruits."

He said the United States, "to quote Jefferson, has a passion for peace."

The President flew to Chicago late Thursday to make his first

on-record political speech since November's election.

Johnson landed in his Air Force Jetstar transport at O'Hare International Airport to address the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner of the Cook County Democratic organization.

Gov. Otto Kerner and Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, both Democrats, were on hand at O'Hare to welcome the President.

Accompanying the President were his daughter, Luci, 17, and Sen. Paul Douglas, D-Ill.

Special police precautions for the visit included closing of the southeast-bound and south-bound ramps to the John F. Kennedy and Edens expressways while the presidential motorcade traveled from O'Hare to the Conrad Hilton Hotel in downtown Chicago.

About 1,500 policemen were assigned to guard the presidential party, with 269 stationed at McCormick Place.

Soviet-Built Jet Bombers, Missile Sites Reported In North Viet Nam

WASHINGTON (AP) — About half a dozen Soviet-built medium jet bombers have been sighted in North Viet Nam in the past week or so, informed sources said Thursday. The craft were identified as twin-jet IL28s.

Whether they are being piloted by Russians is not known, these informants said.

They reported that six or eight of the planes, which have a middle-range bombing radius sufficient to allow bombing of

South Viet Nam, had been spotted.

The United States has previously reported detecting at least two Soviet-type aircraft in the vicinity of Hanoi, the North Korean capital. No missiles have yet been detected at these installations, it was stated Thursday.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk said last week that Soviet involvement was "deepening," and he said "the other side" should not underestimate the Ameri-

can commitment to South Viet Nam.

"It would be a great mistake if the other side should think that a larger war on their side would remove us from Southeast Asia," he said.

There was no immediate comment from administration officials concerning the possible significance of the new development.

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All Marines Ordered Home From Dominican Republic

CHICAGO (AP) — President Johnson announced Thursday night that all Marine Corps units still in the Dominican Republic now permit further reduction of our military personnel.

Johnson said he had been advised by the commander of Inter-American forces there "that conditions in the Dominican Republic now permit further reduction of our military personnel."

He added: "I have accordingly ordered the withdrawal of all remaining units of the United States Marine Corps totaling approximately 2,100 men."

Legislature Drives Hard For Adjournment Today

AUGUSTA (AP) — The Maine House and Senate completed adjustments on most, if not all, of the state plan — a referendum legislation Thursday. They plan to wind up their 22-week session by Friday night.

Reductions in some of the remaining budget items took most of the time Thursday, as the financial planners tried to spread their available funds as far as they would go.

Under a bipartisan agreement reached two weeks ago, they have an estimated \$1.5 million of general fund surplus to spend on individual appropriation bills which at one point totaled nearly \$4 million more than that.

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Interior Dept. Labels Cross Rock Plan Ill-Conceived, Unsound Resources Use

By MAY CRAIG

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department Thursday made public its opposition to the Cross Rock power project on Maine's St. John River as an ill-conceived and unsound use of the land, water and wildlife resources of the state.

Secretary Stewart L. Udall declared that in his opinion "the flooding of the Allagash alone would be one of the most

disastrous conservation tragedies of this nation."

The department's strenuous opposition to construction of the proposed private power project was expressed in a letter from Udall to federal power commissioner Joseph C. Swidler.

THE PROJECT, which would be located on the St. John below its confluence with the Allagash River, has been proposed

by Malcolm S. Stevenson of Bangor, Maine. He has asked the power commissioner for a preliminary permit.

Udall pointed out that rules of the commission do not allow intervention in issuance of preliminary permits. He added, however, that the Interior Department would be constrained to file a formal intervention should the issue of an application for a license for the project develop at a later date.

Udall wrote Swidler that the affected bureau and officers of his department are unanimous in their conviction that the project is an ill-conceived and unsound use of Maine's resources.

"PRESIDENT JOHNSON has called for creative conservation to preserve and restore the natural beauty of this nation," he wrote. "The Cross Rock proposal violates the sound principle of conservation."

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Prayer For Today
Almighty God, we thank Thee for the quality of life which seeks always to drive beyond itself to new frontiers and horizons. At no point may we halt the march of the Holy Spirit and say, "Thus far and no farther!" Grant that we may trust Thee the source of all life and the light for its leading, to take the steps of faith which fall upon the evening void but find the rock beneath; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

—Dwight E. Stevenson, Lexington, Ky., professor of homiletics, The College of the Bible.



An Anniversary Rose
Sen. Margaret Chase Smith holds a giant artificial rose Thursday which was presented to her on her 25th anniversary as a congresswoman. Sen. Smith, who always wears a rose in the lapel of her business suit during duties at the Capitol, used the flower as a symbol while campaigning last year for the Republican presidential nomination. (AP Wirephoto)

UMP Graduates Warned Of Growing Govt. Power

By CHARLES C. SUTTON
Education Reporter

Graduates of the University of Maine in Portland were warned Thursday night of the development of a large, strong and omnipotent federal government.

"You have seen nothing else in your 20 years of life," declared Carleton O. Lane, president of Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. and he said there is no one else to turn to when people can't solve their problems locally.

Lane, speaking at the fourth commencement for the University of Maine in Portland, praised federal programs such as Social Security, urban renewal and interstate highways. But he added:

"When a movement of this magnitude gets started, it is like a backfire, burning the good with the rest in its rush to correct the original evil."

"IN MY OPINION, the separation of government and religion has gone too far," he continued, "as has the one person — one vote theory under which our Supreme Court has set in motion forces likely to result in the dissolution of our traditional two-house state legislatures."

Lane also said the authority assumed by the federal government in anti-trust regulations and hydroelectric development has been carried beyond the "bounds of sound reason."

Lane's address was made shortly before 28 students were awarded bachelor of arts and bachelor of science in business administration or education degrees and eight students, bachelor of laws degrees.

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Starring
Sir Laurence Olivier
Claire Bloom
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