

Gagarin Congratulates Spacemen

McDivitt And White Join Families Today



This view of the Gemini 4 spacecraft was taken by astronaut Edward H. White II during his walk in space on the third orbit of the recent flight. The porthole of White's fellow astronaut, James A. McDivitt, can be seen at left. This is the first picture ever taken by a spaceman while floating outside his capsule. (AP Wirephoto)

ABOARD THE WASP (AP) — America's two Gemini astronauts received a congratulatory telegram Wednesday from the first man ever in space, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin. Gemini command pilot James A. McDivitt, reading the message in translation from the Russian, said, "Isn't that great?"

The message was addressed to McDivitt and said: "We send you our congratulations after the success we witnessed of the space flight in ship Gemini 4."

"We express hope that space flights will be to serve the world and make progress for humanity," Gagarin's pioneering space flight was one orbit long on April 12, 1961.

The message came as the

Wasp plowed along the Florida coast Wednesday morning—but it took a while for the Navy officers to translate it.

"With home just over the horizon and McDivitt on the eve of his 36th birthday, the ship was due to dock at Mayport, Fla., at 8 a. m. Thursday. Sailors will get a brief view of fastboats McDivitt and Edward H. White II, as they rush to a waiting plane for departure at 9:30 a. m.

The spacemen will take about 2½ hours for the flight to Ellington Field near Houston, which is about twice the time it took them to fly around the world one time.

A reunion with wives and children will take place at the airport. Then the astronauts will go to their homes for lunch.

Later in the afternoon they will start lengthy debriefings

expected to last two weeks.

The astronauts toured the ship and watched flight and landing operations at the Wasp-plowed along the Florida coast.

For McDivitt and White, it also was the eye of what fellow astronaut John Young of Gemini 3 called "the loudest part of the flight"—the triumphant return to the United States.

After arriving in Houston, the astronauts will begin five days of whirlwind celebration from the LBJ Ranch in Texas, to their alma mater, the University of Michigan, to a ticker-tape parade in Chicago.

Doctors reported White had lost eight pounds of his original 175 during the four-day flight and space walk and McDivitt had lost four pounds of his pre-flight 156.

But as of Wednesday, they

had both regained weight they lost—presumably most of it water—and added a pound to boot.

Dr. Charles A. Berry, flight surgeon, said the final Gemini experiment, to study the extent of bone calcium loss, was made Tuesday morning with X rays of feet and finger bones.

Before that the astronauts' only diet restriction aboard ship was to maintain a relatively constant calcium intake by limiting them to a glass of milk a day and eliminating other high calcium foods.

Some Soviet and American reports had indicated that the human skeleton might become a little less carrying capabilities, and might lose some of its substance. Flight doctors tend to discount this, but wanted to

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White House Denies Policy Shift In Troop Combat Announcement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Wednesday that discretionary authority for U.S. ground forces to fight alongside Vietnamese troops was given to avoid a situation that could enable the Communist Viet Cong to gain great advantage.

In a statement, read by the presidential press secretary, George E. Reedy, the White House once again defined the

combat mission of U.S. ground units in Viet Nam. Reedy said there has been no change in the role in recent days or weeks.

There was some difference in emphasis but virtually no difference in substance from previous explanations of the U.S. role in Viet Nam.

DUAL ROLE: Last Friday a military spokesman in Saigon said U.S. forces have a dual role: "To be

slain at important places and add to the defense, and to participate in battle in what we call combat support of the government forces when it becomes necessary."

This statement passed almost unannounced. On Saturday the State Department, responding to a question, defined the U.S. policy of conducting an aggressive defense of installations.

This concept did not tie down

U.S. forces to the immediate base areas.

There was no mention of combat support for Viet Nam forces until Tuesday. State Department spokesman Robert J. McConkey said this authority had been given to Gen. William C. Westmoreland, chief of the U.S. Military Assistance Command in Saigon. McConkey said the authority had been granted in recent weeks.

NO NEW ORDERS

The White House said there have been no new orders given recently to Westmoreland.

"The primary mission of these troops is to secure and safeguard important military installations like the air base at Da Nang. They have the associated mission of active patrol-

ing and active securing it and near the areas thus safeguarded," the statement said.

"If help is requested by appropriate Vietnamese command units, Westmoreland also has authority within the assigned mission to employ these troops in support of Vietnamese forces faced with aggressive attack when other effective reserves are not available and when in his judgment the ground military situation urgently requires it."

STRESS DANGER

If the U.S. military commander did not have this discretionary authority, the White House said, "a situation might easily arise in which heavy loss of life might occur and great advancement of active patrol-

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Committee Rejects Administration Plea To Cut Only Half Of Car Excise Tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee rejected Wednesday the administration's plea that only half of the 10 per cent excise tax on automobiles be wiped out, it voted to keep 1 per cent to help pay for riding the countryside of unsightly auto junkyards.

The committee voted to condition elimination of 4 per cent on manufacturers agreeing to add to their autos such safety features as backup lights, seat belts, padded dashboards, safe-

with the final 4 percentage points eliminated in 1968 and 1969.

Byrd's committee did not finish its task of working over the \$4.8 billion excise tax bill and set another meeting for Thursday.

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Maine's Spelling Champ Eliminated From Bee By Slip Of Tongue, By Jingo

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His questions finally led to the dictionary explanation that the word "jingo" was someone who is very patriotic, constant after constant seemed to struggle for information other than the beamer's pronunciation and definition of their words.

The Maine champion spelled "esteem," "delicacy," "obedience," and "toment" during that three-hour phase of the bee. And after lunch he returned to spell "supernatural" and make his ill-fated attempt on "jingoism."

He was the 25th speller to drop in the bee, on the 320th word of the day. Officially he finished in 46th place.

Only two more rounds were held before the contest ended for the day with 30 contestants still in the bee line. They'll go back at it at 9:30 a. m. Thursday and continue spelling until a 1965 national champion is crowned.

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Reed Expects To Call Special Session In '66

By DONALD C. HANSEN
State House Reporter

AUGUSTA — Gov. John H. Reed said Wednesday he expects to call a special session of the 102nd Legislature late this year or early in 1966.

The session will be called, the governor said, if the voters are expected to approve a constitutional amendment Nov. 2 authorizing the state to guarantee loans for private recreational projects.

"I don't want to pinpoint a date for the special session just yet," Reed said, "but it probably will be held late this year or early next year."

THE SPECIAL SESSION would be asked to adopt enabling legislation by establishing

a recreation authority that would manage the state's guarantee of loans to recreational projects.

The special session, presumably, would be the only special session of the 102nd Legislature that last Friday adjourned its regular session after 22 weeks of deliberations. The 101st Legislature held two special sessions in addition to the regular meeting.

In addition to the recreational loan guarantee amendment, voters will be asked in a statewide referendum Nov. 2 to approve two other constitutional amendments and six bond issues totaling \$27.5 million.

THE SECOND constitutional amendment approved by the

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Today's Chuckle

Did you ever wonder why women seem to prefer the strong, silent man? They think he's listening.

Bill To Raise Ceiling On Debt Passes House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed Wednesday a bill raising the ceiling on the national debt to \$311.3 billion for the year beginning July 1.

The figure is a billion dollars lower than the Treasury asked.

Reps. Stanley R. Tupper and William D. Hathaway voted in favor of the bill raising the national debt limit.

But still well above estimates of the high point of the debt during the period.

The national debt fluctuates constantly, because high points in government receipts and expenditures come at different times. So long as the government operates at an overall deficit, however, the debt continues a long-term rise. The deficit in the year beginning July 1 is now projected at \$4.3 billion.

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Sea gulls don't lose their hearty appetites even when the mercury hits a humid 81 degrees as it did Wednesday. These patient birds are waiting for waste scraps from a Rockland sardine plant. The weatherman looks for another good day Thursday, with temperatures in the 70s and less humidity. (By District Correspondent Moore)

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The Weather

Partly cloudy, showers today; much cooler Friday. Full Report Page 12.

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OHIO REPUBLICANS throw an eight-city salute to National Chairman Ray Bliss to raise \$1 million for the GOP treasury, Back Page.

A BILL REPEALING THE LAW that permits states to ban union shop pacts wins 6-3 subcommittee clearance and heads for a tough House fight. Back Page.

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Prayer For Today

Our heavenly Father, free us today from the burden of hate and intolerance. Help us to recognize our hidden prejudices. In the light of Thy love and mercy toward all men may we seek, through brotherly ministry, the road of peace to recognize our common needs and at our work. Grant that we may seek the spirit of gentleness and meekness with which Christ disarmed all His enemies. In His name we make our prayer. Amen.

— Mrs. E. H. Hester, Nashville, Tenn., missionary widow, National Baptist Publishing Board.

BILLY GRAHAM'S HAWAII CRUSADE

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