



Gemini-7 Crew

Air Force Maj. Frank Borman, left, and Navy Lt. Cmdr. James A. Lovell, center, talk with newsmen Tuesday in Houston, Tex., about their 14-day space mission. Borman and Lovell were named the primary crew of Gemini-7 on July 1. At right is Air Force Maj. Michael Collins, who was named as back-up pilot along with Air Force Maj. Edward H. White II. Gemini-7 is scheduled for space flight during the first quarter of next year, but could come late this year. (AP Wirephoto)

No Space Walk Slated For Gemini-7 Flight

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Command pilot Frank Borman said Tuesday no space walk will be made during Gemini-7, the longest flight currently planned by the U.S. astronaut team.

Air Force Maj. Borman and Navy Lt. Cmdr. James A. Lovell were selected last Thursday as the primary crew for the late-December flight that could last 14 days.

"At this time there are absolutely no plans for extravehicular activity," Borman said at a news conference.

"When you stop to think about it space two weeks, it would be difficult to have a space walk without prejudging something else Borman said.

Borman, Lovell and Air Force Maj. Michael Collins, the back-up crew pilot, agreed the primary objectives of the mission will be medical experiments aimed at preparing crews for the moon shot of Project Apollo. The first manned moon shot is expected to last eight days.

Air Force Maj. Edward H. White II, the first American

Two Sites Near Hanoi Ready To Take Soviet Missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department reported Tuesday two missile sites in North Viet Nam are now ready to take Soviet surface-to-air missiles and two other sites are rapidly nearing that state of readiness.

Heretofore the State Department had confirmed that one missile site had been observed in the Hanoi area and said there might be a second site in the same vicinity.

At the same time, neither State nor Defense Department authorities would completely rule out the possibility that Soviet surface-to-surface, medium-range missiles are in North Viet Nam.

Although reconnaissance planes and drones have kept close tabs on the progress of the surface-to-air missile site work so far, it has been made to knock out the installations.

Contingency plans have been made to deal with this threat. The method to be used would depend on the stage of development of the sites at the time of any U.S. attack.

If the sites were to be hit before the missiles were operational, it might be done by conventional bombing. However, if the U.S. attack were launched after the anti-aircraft missiles were in firing position, the U.S. planes probably would try to come in at low level and fast to avoid being knocked down themselves. In that case, they might use such weapons as the Bullpup missile which has warheads ranging up to 1,000 pounds.

The surface-to-air missiles involved in the Hanoi-Haliphong installations have a slant range of about 35 miles and can reach altitudes of 80,000 feet.

Normally they are stored in groups of six missiles set around a central radar guidance position.

Their locations usually are established to provide interesting fan-like areas of coverage to guard a given region. The missiles are two-stage rockets measuring more than 75 feet in length.

They are defensive missiles, but the medium-range ballistic missile is considered to be an offensive weapon with a range of up to 1,500 miles. Such large missiles are difficult to transport without detection.

At a news briefing, State Department press officer Robert

McCluskey said that work on two of the Communist missile sites near Hanoi is essentially completed and "much may be in an advanced state of readiness at two other sites."

The term "essentially completed," officials said, means that the missiles are ready to be fired at any time.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk said at a news conference on May 28 that the preparation to receive Soviet missiles marked a deepening of the Russian commitment to North Viet Nam. The Soviet Union has announced its determination to increase support to North Viet Nam.

Allies Blast Cong Tunnels, Empty Huts

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — A 2,500-man allied task force blew up Viet Cong tunnels and abandoned huts in one segment of the U-Don jungle Tuesday.

Virtually unopposed, the soldiers found little life except hostile dogs. They shot every dog that barked.

Fresh human footprints in the paddifields and dozens of empty thatched houses showed a wholesale withdrawal before the combined operation of Americans, Vietnamese and Australians, their second of the war. This time they concentrated on a section 30 miles northeast of Saigon.

More than 1,000 paratroopers of the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade made up the biggest national contingent of the task force, as was the case in the first combined operation last week. All were lifted in by

helicopters with orders to search out and destroy the Viet Cong and their homes, supplies and installations.

This followed up a bombardment of the jungle Monday with 500 tons of bombs by about 25 Guam-based B-52 jets of the U.S. Strategic Air Command.

The eight-engine monsters had staged their first war raid on a three-square mile area of the U-Don jungle Monday.

But there was, again, no significant contact with the enemy. The helicopters drew some ineffective shots in flight.

A sniper fired on a U.S. platoon that was destroying three thatched huts and fish traps. He hit nobody and got away after the Americans shot back.

There was more action in smaller engagements elsewhere.

A battalion of U.S. Marines

clashed with guerrillas during a search and destroy operation in the area of Chu Lai, 35 miles south of Da Nang.

A Marine spokesman said one suspect was killed and 35 were rounded up for questioning. One Marine was wounded slightly.

Down the coast, 80 Vietnamese troops were reported airlifted in to reinforce about 100 survivors of the Ba Gia outpost, which was overrun briefly Monday by a Communist force estimated to total 900 to 1,500 men.

One American and 25 Vietnamese were killed in that engagement and two Americans and 107 Vietnamese were missing.

A U.S. spokesman announced several losses in a U.S.-advised Vietnamese mountain patrol attacked by the Viet Cong Monday night about a mile from the Duc Do Special Forces camp.

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Health Care Bill Pictured Tremendous Forward Step

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, D-N.M., urged passage Tuesday of the Social Security-health care bill as "a tremendous stride forward

toward making economic security in old age a reality for the great majority of Americans."

Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., declared the measure "will be the largest and most significant piece of social legislation to pass the Congress in the history of our country."

"It will do more immediate good for more people who need the attention of their government than any that the Congress has ever enacted," he said.

The two senators spoke as the Senate opened debate on the far-reaching legislation raising Social Security benefits and setting up broad health programs for all Americans 65 and over.

Long, the Democratic whip and floor manager for the bill, arranged for the Senate to come in Wednesday two hours ahead of its usual time to try to speed work on the measure.

He said he was hopeful that the initial votes on amendments could come Wednesday. The bill's sponsors are pushing for passage by Friday.

Anderson, who has worked for years to win adoption of a Social Security-financed health care plan, and Long both noted that the Senate was acting on the original Social Security bill exactly 30 years after its passage.

"As one who had the privilege

of knowing Franklin Delano Roosevelt and understanding his hopes, dreams and aspirations for the Social Security program, I think I can say this bill is not only destined to become one of the most important contributions to security in old age but also a major element in completing the structure he had in mind when the Social Security law was enacted 30 years ago," Anderson told his colleagues.

Long said the Social Security system "has grown, from somewhat humble beginnings, to be a mighty citadel of America's social and economic well-being."

"The original report of the Senate Finance Committee in 1935 contemplated that, by 1960, some \$2.5 billion would be paid out in benefits."

"Last year, Social Security benefit disbursements totaled over \$18 billion. Present estimates indicate that, by 1967 when this legislation, the total social insurance disbursements will approach \$25 billion."

"Even allowing for differences in the value of the dollar, the program is about four times greater than conceived."

Before adjourning for the day, the Senate formally adopted all of the 71 Finance Committee amendments to the House-passed bill except one.

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Colby Graduate Nominated For Defense Post

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP) — Robert N. Anthony, a Harvard professor and a graduate and trustee of Colby College, Waterville, Maine, was nominated Monday by President Johnson to become Assistant Secretary of Defense.

He succeeds Charles J. Hitch, who is leaving his post Aug. 31. Hitch has held the job of controller of the Defense Department since January, 1961.

Anthony, a professor of business administration at Harvard, is a specialist in the teaching of management control systems. He has served as a consultant to various government agencies and a graduate member of the Colby class of 1928. Anthony was graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He later earned master's and doctor's degrees at Harvard and in 1962 was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at Colby.

Born at Orange, Mass., Sept. 6, 1918, Anthony has been at the faculty at Harvard since 1941, with time out during World War II to serve as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. He has also taught at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland.

The legislation by custom act for the states on proposed amendments and it takes three-fourths of them, 38 states, to call an addition into the Constitution.

Backers of the amendment hope for relatively speedy action. However, they do not expect ratification as the 25th Amendment before 1967.

Final Senate action was put over from last week to debate what critics called ambiguous language setting out who decides when a vice president could assume the presidential powers.

Gore wanted clarification of a provision that the president's capacity to carry out his duties would be determined by the Supreme Court.

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Takes First Walk

Five-year-old Cheryl Barrett of 234 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth, stands in fascination Tuesday as Hareycomb, an eight-hour-old foal, is nuzzled by its mother, a pony named

Black Beauty, at the home of Richard E. Cotton, 180 Evans St., South Portland. Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin W. Barrett. (By Staff Photographer Merrill)

Presidential Disability Bill Is Approved By Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved and sent to the states for ratification Tuesday a proposed constitutional amendment spelling out procedure to

7-State Alarm For 3 Escapees Of State Hospital

AUGUSTA (AP) — State police flashed a seven-state alarm Tuesday for three men who terrorized a guard and escaped from the detention ward of the Augusta State Hospital Monday.

Descriptions of the missing men were sent to police in the six New England states and New York state.

One of the three—Ernest B. Stafford Jr., 37, of Brunswick—had been committed to the institution in 1964 after he was found innocent of murder by reason of mental illness.

The other two were identified as Richard Miller of Machiasport and Edwin A. Damon of Rockton Springs, both 33.

State Police said they did not have a clue to the trio's whereabouts. They escaped from the Continued On Page 13; 4th Col.

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Luci Johnson Asked To Be Rebaptized, Officiating Catholic Priest Discloses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Luci Johnson, 18, requested rebaptism when she converted to the Roman Catholic Church, it was disclosed Tuesday.

The officiating priest, the Rev. James Montgomery, said the President's daughter asked to be baptized because she wished in conscience to be sure she was meeting the requirements of the church.

"I did what she requested and fulfilled the laws of the church," Father Montgomery said of the rebaptism, which had become the target of criticism from theologians.

And the White House confirmed Luci's personal request

that she be baptized, although she already had been baptized in the Episcopal Church as an infant.

"Luci felt it was a personal matter, joining the church, and she went about it in a personal way," Elizabeth Carpenter, press secretary to Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, explained Tuesday.

It was learned that Luci felt she wanted to start at the beginning in her new religion and that this was the way to do it.

The Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California, who launched the criticism in a sermon Sunday,

saw it as "a direct slap at our church."

He said Luci had been baptized in the Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholic Church recognizes the validity of baptism in other branches of the Christian faith, so rebaptism of the baptistal ceremony was "totally void of any sacramental effect and thus sacrilegious."

No specific criticism was leveled at Luci, although up now, it had not been known that she personally made the request for baptism.

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Vatican Official Critical Of Rebaptism Rite For Luci

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — A spokesman for the Vatican's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity said Tuesday the baptism of Luci Johnson, the President's daughter, who had embraced the Roman Catholic faith, had had a "regrettable" effect on the Christian unity movement.

The spokesman, Father Thomas Strasky of Milwaukee, Wis., emphasized that the problem centered on Luci Johnson's baptism and not on her conversion, which he called a "personal matter." She is welcomed into the church by all Catholics, he said.

Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike, in a sermon at San Francisco, had called the baptism "totally void of any sacramental effect" because the President's daughter had previously been baptized in the Episcopal Church.

Father Strasky, who is a member of the secretariat, said baptism by the Episcopal

Church is a valid baptism. "Normally, a convert to Catholicism from Episcopalianism would only take the profession of the faith," he said.

Father Strasky said he did not know why the Catholic priest involved decided that rebaptism was necessary. He said it seemed the priest followed "what is a bad practice in the United States—indiscriminate baptism."

Father Strasky said American priests have this tendency "despite clear rulings to the contrary by the Holy Office in a number of cases."

Johnson's conversion makes the case doubly regrettable," Father Strasky said. "If there was some reason for doubt as to the validity of her earlier baptism, it should have been made clear in conditional baptism into the Catholic Church runs counter to the ecumenical spirit and would be even more regrettable."

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A secret is something you tell only one person at a time.

Receives Gift

President Eduardo Frei of Chile presents a statue of Mary to Pope Paul VI during an exchange of gifts in the pontiff's private study in Vatican City Tuesday. The sculpture is in modern liturgical style. In center is Msgr. Gennaro Verolino, chief of the Vatican ceremonial office. (AP Wirephoto)

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