

Fuel Cell Trouble Threatens To Cut Short Gemini Flight

MANNED SPACE CENTER, Houston, Tex. (AP)—Fuel cell trouble hit Gemini 5 again Thursday, threatening to cut the mission a day short.

With their power shut down, the astronauts broke two Soviet endurance records and slowly tumbled over and over in space as they tried to reach their 121-orbit, eighth-day goal. They did little else.

Flight director Christopher C. Kraft said that if conditions grow worse he may have to end the mission Saturday instead of Sunday.

"We're doing everything we can to get to eight days," Kraft said, "and I believe we will do it."

Too much tumbling can cause motion sickness, but astronaut Lt. Gordon Cooper Jr. and Charles ("Pete") Conrad Jr. seemed unconcerned as their spacecraft turned end over end once every hour.

Shortly after Kraft discussed the fuel cell problem at a news conference Conrad told a communicator in Hawaii: "The vehicle's tumbling, it changes axis. But that's the big rotation. It's mostly in pitch with a little yaw."

Hawaii: "How do you feel about those rates, Pete?" Conrad: "They're all right."

As for Cooper, he was asleep, eat, look and sail on to his next goal.

Officials said neither the jet thruster problem nor the fuel cell water problem put the astronauts in danger.

Kraft said he was simply being conservative.

"There is no danger whatsoever as long as the thrusters are being out," flight controller John Hodge said earlier.

Things were so relaxed that Conrad called down a fiscal reminder for his wife Jane.

"I'll bet she owes me a dollar," he said.

Mrs. Conrad had already acknowledged the debt, but she refused to tell reporters what the issue was, a personal matter, she said.

The fuel problem in the jet thrusters, which enable the pilots to maneuver their craft, developed early Thursday, and the astronauts coasted to their records in a powered-down condition.



Viet Nam Traffic Jam

Associated Press Radiophoto from Saigon

Truckloads of U.S. paratroopers, left, move along on the way to Kontum, South Viet Nam. At right are Vietnamese trucks which carried supplies to Kontum.

B52's Rain More Bombs On Cong Hideout

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—U.S. B-52 Stratofortresses staged their 11th attack of the summer on suspected Viet Cong installations Thursday in South Viet Nam. A spokesman announced the target was in the Zone D jungle 30 miles north-east of Saigon.

The raid was the fourth by B52s since June 18 on the Zone D, a guerrilla-infested wilderness and old bandit hideout of about 600 square miles ranging from a point north of Saigon eastward toward the South China Sea.

In keeping with new security regulations, the spokesman declined to disclose details. In past raids, from 25 to 30 of the Stratofortresses have taken part. The bomb load in each case was reported to have totaled about 800 tons. The announced aim is harassment of

Phanoms carried out six reconnaissance missions. They dropped more than 22 tons of bombs, plus rockets and cannon shells, against a variety of targets, including bridges, roads, bridges, trucks, truck parking areas, barracks and a radar site in areas ranging from near the

border to a point 80 miles south of Hanoi. Three Navy A4 Skyhawks attacked the Phouc Duc highway bridge, about 30 miles north of the border, and the pilots said they crashed both its approaches. Continued on Page 4; 4th Col.

Broad Educational Aid Bill Approved By House

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House approved Thursday a broad new program of aid for the nation's colleges, including the first federal scholarships for needy undergraduates.

It passed a \$60-million bill designed to improve academic quality and make higher education more readily available to low- and middle-income families. The roll-call vote was 367-22. The bill, which carries out the

recommendations of President Johnson, now goes to the Senate, where an even broader measure is being studied by an Education subcommittee.

President Urges Solons Speed Muskie Water Bill

By MAY CRAIG

WASHINGTON—President Johnson urged solons Thursday to get Sen. Edmund S. Muskie's Water Quality Act out of conference and into law.

"I hope to see Sen. Muskie and the rest of you back here in another ceremony on that pollution bill," the President said as he signed the Public Works and Economic Development Act in the White House's East Room.

Other Maine residents at the ceremony included former Judge John P. Carey of Bath, also a former member of the Area Development Administration's advisory board; and Wallace Hazleton, president of developers Trust Co., Augusta, who had testified in support of the signed bill. Both were invited by the White House.

News, Features On The Inside

The Weather

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ADMINISTRATION'S ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAM is in trouble with some of its best friends in Congress; they want Sargent Shriver to give up either his poverty job or the Peace Corps helm. Page 2.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, turning 57 Friday, is brimming with vigor and keen about his job. Birthday observance plans are not disclosed but he will join Lady Bird in Texas. Back Page.

"THE CLOCK IS TICKING, time is moving" on unresolved racial problems which threaten violence in Washington and other big cities. President Johnson says in signing a public works bill. Back Page.

SOUTH KOREAN TROOPS STORM university campuses in an effort to hold antigovernment student demonstrators at bay. Back Page.

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Lewiston Shoe Plant Walkout To End Today

LEWISTON (AP)—Employees of Knapp Bros. Shoe Mfg. Corp. will return to their jobs Friday morning following a two-day work stoppage which ended nearly 700 persons.

Spokesmen for management and an employees' committee reported late Thursday afternoon that an agreement had been reached and that full production will be resumed.

Knapp President William A. Short conferred with the committee at the Lenell Street plant while the majority of the Barker Division workers stood by outside.

Gerard Gauthier, spokesman for the striking workers, said management agreed to recognize the committee and described this as "the number one issue."

He said the company also granted a second day of reimbursement pay and a half day's pay on the day before Christmas, providing an employee works four hours. The committee agreed to accept the company's recent 2 1/2 per cent pay increase. Employees had asked for 10 per cent.

Harrison Foster, plant superintendent, said workers are expected back on their jobs Friday and that an announcement could be expected at that time.

Men, 19 To 26, Who Take Brides From Today On Still Are Draftable

WASHINGTON (AP)—Men who get married after midnight Thursday will be subject to the draft on the same basis as single men under an executive order signed Thursday by President Johnson.

Since Sept. 10, 1963, married men have been in a special category and not subject to the draft as long as single men were available.

Joseph Calliano, a presidential assistant, said the change in draft regulations to apply to newly married men was recommended by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and Lt. Gen. Lewis Hershey, director of the Selective Service system.

He said Johnson also checked with leaders of the House and Senate Armed Services committees and that they recommended the change.

The revised regulation will have no effect on the draft status of men now married or who get married before midnight Thursday.

If a draft-age man gets married after midnight and he comes a father before being called into service, he will then go into the same deferred class as other fathers.

Married men without children, while not formally deferred, have been passed over for induction so long as they were living with their wives.

Disorder or separated men of draft age were subject to call. Calliano said that with draft quotas increased due to the war in Viet Nam, some of the President's advisers advised him there had been an increase in draft age marriages.

An Associated Press survey last week showed such marriages were on the increase in many major cities. A number of other cities, however, reported little or no change in the marriage rate.

Calliano said it will be up to each local draft board to decide whether to draft men married after midnight Thursday. He said he did not think the number would be particularly large.



Today's Chuckle
Simple soul: A man who starts to build a \$35,000 house with \$35,000.

Petitions Filed
The Rev. Benjamin C. Bubar Jr., left, presents petitions to Secretary of State Kenneth M. Curtis Thursday in Augusta. The petitions seek to suspend a newly passed Sunday liquor

Johnson Asks Both Sides Make 'Decent' Steel Pact

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Steel negotiators, prodded by President Johnson to reach agreement before a midnight Aug. 31 deadline, met in the White House Thursday with the government's chief mediator.

William E. Skimlin, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, met with the top-level negotiators in an effort to close the 16-cent gap separating the two sides.

Earlier, President Johnson spoke by telephone with R. Conrad Cooper, chief industry negotiator, and the union president, J. W. Abel, and said he relied on them for a "reasonable and decent settlement."

Neither side had any comment on the President's call at the meeting got under way.

It was the second time in two days that the President urged negotiators to reach agreement before the United Steelworkers Union can call off its 450,000 workers in basic steel and shut off 80 per cent of the nation's steel output.

At a news conference Wednesday, he lifted the steel situation to the war in Viet Nam.

MESC Doubts Drive Will Produce Apple Harvesters

AUGUSTA (AP)—The Employment Security Commission chairman said Thursday that based on recruiting results so far, he believes there will be a serious shortage of apple pickers if only state sources can be used.

labor be lifted to allow hiring of Canadian apple pickers. The telegram was in effect an official statement that available labor is insufficient, a necessary step before the ban could be legally lifted.

A telegram from Roy U. Sinclair to the U.S. Bureau of Employment Security did not mention Canadian workers specifically but Canada traditionally is an important source of help for the Maine apple harvest, and present rules place it off limits.

Robert C. Goodwin of the U.S. office that special recruitment teams have been securing the state for help without finding any assurance of an adequate supply.

"A serious shortage of help in Maine at the present time and I do not believe an adequate supply of apple pickers will be available when the need arises," he said.

Heed said Gov. John Chas. of Rhode Island and John King of New Hampshire have joined in his plea for lifting of the restrictions.

The governor sent President Johnson a telegram Wednesday asking him to advise Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz to permit hiring Canadians for his harvest.

Prayer For Today

Save us, O God, from assuming that Thou art a distant God. Help us to be aware of Thy presence throughout the length and breadth of our experience. If we do not find Thee on every hand, it is because our spirits are clouded by the anxiety of too great a concern for self, by our failure to give Thee the every consideration of good and evil by our mistaking the religious for the holy. May the spirit that was in Jesus Christ enable us to find Thee in all our ways that we pray, Amens.

—Maries J. Hays, Hallowell, Pa. vice president, Lenoxia College.

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