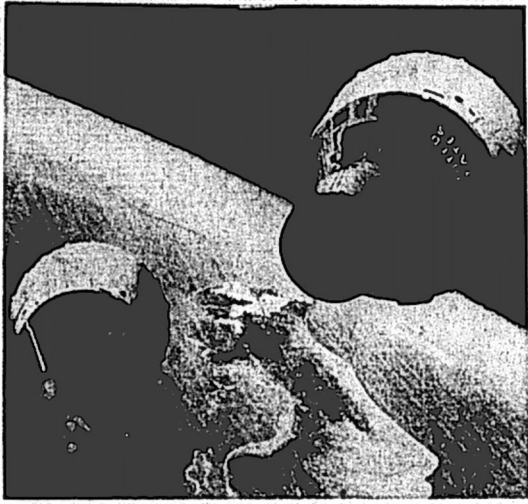


## U.S. Agrees With Peace Talks Plan



Space Neighbors

This sketch shows how Gemini 6 (left) and Gemini 7 might appear in space during next week's planned rendezvous. A radar interrogator in the nose of Gemini 6 will provide di-

### Weather Buildup Watched

## GT7 Hop May Go Day Extra For Rendezvous

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)—Gemini flight director Christopher Kraft said there was a possibility of extending the Gemini flight one day beyond its present 14-day mission if there is a delay in getting Gemini 6 off the pad for a space rendezvous.

At the same time the weatherman injected the first sour note in the otherwise perfect preparations when he said he was worried about a fast-moving trough of rainy weather moving across the southern United States toward Florida.

### Today's Chuckle

Success is the ability to get along with some people — and ahead of others.

## Britain Bids Soviets Join To Set Up Asian Parley

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP)—Britain called Thursday on the Soviet Union to join in setting up a Southeast Asia conference to end the fighting in Viet Nam. The United States promptly indicated its willingness to attend such a parley.

## Thant Silent On Attitude Of Hanoi

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—U.N. Secretary-General U Thant declined Thursday to state an opinion on whether North Viet Nam lacks interest in negotiations to end the Vietnamese war.

A spokesman told reporters the secretary-general does not put labels on the reactions of any party involved in the Vietnamese problem.

The spokesman had been asked for Thant's comment on newspaper story quoting reliable sources as saying "North Viet Nam has shown no interest in recent indirect soundings by Thant on the possibility of negotiations to settle the war."

"The secretary-general has had no contact with the principal secretary-general does not put labels on the reactions of any party."

U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg told reporters Wednesday, "We have had no indications from any member country, or from the secretary-general, that Hanoi is willing to sit down at Geneva or elsewhere and participate in unconditional

negotiations for a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Viet Nam on which we have important differences of view."

Stewart said Britain and the Soviet Union differ as to who is to blame "for the terrible things that are happening there now."

They gave this summary of talks Stewart had with Premier Alexei N. Kosygin for almost two hours Thursday and three earlier meetings with Gromyko.

Now it is possible the Soviet Union might not categorically reject all possible North Atlantic Treaty Organization protection arrangements as constituting nuclear weapons dissemination.

Stewart argued that dismantling would not be involved in any British-authorized scheme to insure non-nuclear NATO members nuclear protection.

But, the informants added, another Soviet objection has become apparent and it might obstruct a treaty. This was apprehension expressed by Soviet officials that steps to strengthen NATO or improve its cohesion might be a menace to the Soviet



Brief Newsmen

Secretary of State Dean Rusk (right) and Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman brief newsmen at the LBJ Ranch, Thursday.

## British Aircraft Zambia-Bound

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Harold Wilson ordered an air strike force into Zambia after President Kenneth Kaunda accepted Britain's terms Thursday for the air defense of his African republic bordering Rhodesia.

A fleet of Argosy and Beverley transports carrying hundreds of British men, guns, radar and other equipment is to take off from Nairobi, Kenya, at first light Friday for key Zambian airfields.

Wilson told the House of Commons: "The presence of the Royal Air Force will be a very important factor in helping to cope with the situation."

He said conditions in central Africa were "critical and explosive."

In Lusaka, the Zambian capital, Commonwealth Relations Secretary Arthur Bottomley still was tussling with Kaunda and his ministers over conditions under which a British ground force could be provided.

Sources said Bottomley is insisting Britain must have control of all ground forces — even those foreign international troops which may be sent by other African states — and that may be deployed in defense of Zambia against white-ruled Rhodesia.

A dispatch from Lusaka quoted informed sources as saying they believe Kaunda still is insisting that British troops take over the vital power installations at the Kariba Dam on the Rhodesian side of the border.

A diplomatic source in Lusaka said Kaunda may agree to give a little and see British troops stationed in the hills overlooking the border dam. There they would be ready to go into action as Wilson has pledged — if

## Enterprise's Combat Debut Brings Good, Bad Results

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—The aircraft carrier Enterprise, nuclear-powered pride of the U.S. Navy, hurled jets against Viet Cong targets Thursday in her combat debut. Good and bad luck mingled for this biggest of the world's warships.

Two other American planes, a Navy A-1 Skyhawk and an Air Force F-105 Thunderbolt, were lost in widespread air operations, Communist gunners shot

them down during raids on two bridges in North Viet Nam's Red River Valley, one 35 miles and the other 50 miles north of Hanoi.

A spokesman said no parachutes were spotted by other raiders and the two pilots were believed to have been killed.

Returning crewmen said they spotted four surface to air missiles in flight in the area where the F105 was downed, but none scored hits.

American spokesman announced U.S. Air Force planes attacked two missile sites 25 and 40 miles northeast of Hanoi on Wednesday. Heavy dust and smoke prevented an immediate assessment of the damage.

Ground operations remained in a relative lull, with fighting limited to small, sporadic incidents.

Guerrillas shot at a district headquarters at Binh Chanh, 10 miles southeast of Saigon, U.S. Army helicopters helped government artillery and mortar squads beat them off. A spokesman said there were no U.S. or Vietnamese casualties and no confirmation of any of the Viet Cong were hit.

Loss of the two Enterprise planes recalled the ill-fated first war mission of another big American military element, the Guam-based B-52 jet bombers of the U.S. Strategic Air Command.

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"SLAUGHTER ON 10th AVE."  
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An Announcement  
Price of The Press Herald delivered to the home will be increased to 35 cents a week, effective Monday. The weekly price has been 30 cents since April, 1962. The increase has been made necessary by rising production costs.

## Ala. White Convicted In Negro's Murder

ANNISTON, Ala. (AP)—A white male juror convicted a 25-year-old white man, Hubert Dan Stranzer, Thursday of second degree murder in the July slaying of Willie Brewster, a Negro foundry worker, and set his penalty at 10 years in prison.

It was the first murder conviction of a white man for the slaying of a Negro in recent Alabama history. It came as a surprise amid speculation that there would be a mistrial since the jury had reported earlier it was deadlocked after more than seven hours of deliberations.

The verdict came after more than nine hours.

On at least two other occasions in modern history in the South, white persons were convicted in the slaying of Negroes in cases linked to recent racial tension.

On March 23, 1963, Johnnie Mae Chapel, 33, Negro, was shot and killed in Jacksonville, Fla., during racial demonstrations. A white man, J. W. Rich, 22, was sentenced to 10 years for the slaying.

Prayer For Today  
O Father, in the midst of this busy life help me this day to make room for Thee in my thoughts. Amid the many voices I shall be hearing may I listen for the sound of Thy voice and the summons of Thy call. Grant me strength to obey Thy will and a heart to sing Thy praise: in Christ's name. Amen.



Packing For Caravan

Mrs. William I. Bean, head of the Press Herald Clearing House Christmas Caravan group in Gorham, prepares to pack caps and dressed. Caravan workers throughout Maine are readying boxes for needy youngsters this week.



Hubert D. Stranzer

the aftermath of a Negro church bombing which killed four girls in Birmingham, Ala. Two white youths were convicted of second degree murder.

On Sept. 15, 1962, Virgil Ware, 13, Negro, was shot to death in

19 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT  
CHRISTMAS SEALS fight and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES