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## Hanoi Sends Out Peace Feeler To Johnson



### Head-On View Of Gemini 7

Astronauts Walter M. Schirra and Thomas P. Stafford got this view of the Gemini 7 spaceship from their Gemini 6 spacecraft during Wednesday's historic rendezvous.

## Record-Wrecking Space Pair Speeding To Splashdown Today

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI)—Homeward-bound Gemini 7 astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell, happily caught up with the Christmas spirit, raced through their 14th and final day in space Friday and pointed toward a splashdown Saturday morning.

"Jim's beginning to look like his bearded space buddy. At one point mission control at Houston read a news item telling them to mail their Christmas cards now. 'I have a stack of stuff up here, but I can't find a post office,' Borman said. Houston said they should have sent it down with Gemini 6 after the historic rendezvous Wednesday, 'Roger,' said Gemini 7. The two astronauts also were

## Launch Team Gives Gemini 6 Pilots Warm Welcome; Are Praised In Turn

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI)—Some 300 people lined up to greet Gemini 6 pilots Walter Schirra and Thomas Stafford as they stepped from the silver jetliner that returned them to the Cape. "It's the best thing going," said the grinning Schirra. About 600 Cape workers were on hand to greet the astronauts and as the space heroes descended from the plane a 10-foot red and white banner was unfurled. It read: "Welcome Wally and Tom, from the launch team."

Schirra was asked to compare his rocket ride along the Atlas missile he rode into space in the Mercury program. He said the Titan flight was "much, much smoother." In fact, he said, it was so smooth that neither he nor Stafford noticed when the guidance

## Rusk Seeks Clarification Of Ho's Bid

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson has received through intermediaries a conditional offer from President Ho Chi Minh of North Viet Nam to enter into negotiations for a peace offer which specified the terms of a cease-fire would have to be reached. The offer appeared to require that the U.S. would also have to accept in advance Communist negotiations on the basis for settlement.

Ho was quoted in Fanfani's report as saying "I am prepared to go anywhere; to meet anyone — language strikingly similar to words used by Johnson." The Premier said last March "I am ready to go anywhere at any time, to meet with anyone wherever there is promise of progress toward an honorable peace."

## U.S. Joins In British Embargo Oil For Rhodesia Banned

LONDON (AP)—By order of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain banned all oil shipments to rebel Rhodesia Friday and the United States government immediately advised other governments to comply with the embargo. A State Department official in Washington said the U.S. position was this: "The U.S. government welcomes and supports the British decision to prohibit oil imports into Rhodesia."

Rhodesia declared its independence last month, rejecting British demands that the black majority ultimately have a say in the government. The British government was reported seeking Commonwealth assistance in trying to solve the crisis. Wilson's government believes its most urgent task is to restore Commonwealth unity, badly shaken when African members Tanzania and Ghana broke relations this week over Rhodesia, officials said.

### News, Features On The Inside

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### Prayer For Today

Eternal God, our Father, bless us during these advent days when we are endeavoring to prepare our hearts and hearts for the celebration of our Lord's birth. May we hear once again those glorious words of the angel: "Unto you is born this day a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Like the shepherds of old, make our journey to the manger and there offer up our homage to Him whom we have come to know as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help us to remember, always, that "wherever we will receive Him, the Son of God, He will come into our hearts and lives bring the blessings of forgiveness and peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### Caravan Dolls

Sisters Cheryl Sterling, 2, in front, Kimberly, 6, and Lisa, 4, hold dolls which are ready for distribution by the Press Herald's Clearing House Christmas Caravan. The dolls were dressed by Mrs. Leona Thompson and Mrs. Lillian Munroe of Kennebunk. The girls' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Sterling of Scamman St., South Portland.

## Anti-Viet War Students Beef's May Go To Court

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—The right of Selective Service to reclassify for immediate induction students who are anti-Viet war protesters may go to court. A federal judge has ruled that the government's attempt to interfere with draft board operations appears headed for a court challenge.

## Traffic Toll Hits Alltime High With 218th Fatality

CUMBERLAND — Richard Sullivan, 49, of 81 Granite St., Portland, was killed in a two-car crash on fog-blanketed Route 100 Friday evening. Sullivan's death raised Maine's highway toll for 1965 to 218, breaking the previous record for an entire year, set in 1935.

## Highway Fatalities

Year	Fatalities
1965	218
1964	190

### Today's Chuckle

It's a good idea to remember that all soft soap has a high percentage of lye in it.

### LEG-OF-BEEF BUFFET

This Saturday 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Lafayette 638 Congress St. 773-4441

### GREGORY PECK

THE PURPLE PLAIN 9:00 P.M. Channel 13

### CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT AND OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES

SHOPPING BAYS LEFT