



GROUND SUPPORT FOR ASTRONAUTS

R. C. Green LEFT, of Webster, Texas, and O. G. Lindquist, Nansau Bay, wave their hats beneath a sign displayed in front of a bank in Webster, Texas. The sign indicates the support of the bank and employees of the double team of astronauts who made a rendezvous in space Wednesday. Astronauts Walter Schirra and Tom Stafford were blasted into orbit Wednesday and met with astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell who were already orbiting the earth. (AP Wirephoto)

TIDAL WAVE REPORTED

More Than 2,000 Killed In E. Pakistan Cyclone

KARACHI (Reuters) — More than 2,000 persons are believed to have been killed in a cyclone which battered the East Pakistan coastal area Wednesday. It was reported unofficially from Dacca, the East Pakistan capital.

The cyclone hit the coast from Chittagong to the holiday resort of Cox's Bazar, 100 miles to the south.

East Pakistan was hit by a cyclone in May and 17,000 persons were then officially reported to have been killed.

Wednesday, winds of up to 100 miles an hour battered the coast. Communications were disrupted by the three-hour storm.

East Pakistan's governor, Abdul Monem Khan, flew to Chittagong to survey the damage.

The governor ordered immediate relief measures to be taken.

CAUGHT IN WAVE
The Associated Press of Pakistan domestic news agency said

most of the victims were fishermen and trading boat crews caught offshore in giant tidal waves created by the winds.

The agency said heavier death toll reports were expected after communications were restored with Chittagong Hill areas and many offshore islands cut off by the storm's path of destruction.

The cyclone raged for more than three hours Tuesday night and early Wednesday over a

UN Approves Canadian Plan

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — The United Nations General Assembly gave formal approval Wednesday to a Canadian resolution appealing to all members for voluntary financial contributions to wipe out a \$100,000,000 UN peacekeeping deficit.

Magdalen Islands Electioneering Described At Press Conference

OTTAWA (CP) — Forestry Minister Sauve said Wednesday strange things happen during elections in his Ile-de-la-Madeleine riding but denied any personal wrongdoing in the Nov. 9 campaign.

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Excited Astronauts Fly Craft In Formation

Trinidad And Tobago To Get Canadian Loan

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (CP) — Talks between Prime Minister Pearson and the prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago ended Wednesday with the signing of an agreement providing for a Canadian development loan to the Caribbean country.

The amount of the loan was not disclosed, but it is designed to finance the production of electricity and lumber for housing.

Prime Minister Eric Williams of Trinidad and Tobago later described Mr. Pearson as one of the great international statesmen and the most respected of those men now at the helm of the world's developed countries.

He made the remark in the House of Representatives.

The Canadian leader arrived here Tuesday after a vacation elsewhere in the Caribbean and returns home today.

HAVE HISTORIC TIES
Dr. Williams, in his legislative address, said Canada long has had historic ties with Trinidad and Tobago.

"We in Trinidad and Tobago have reason at the moment to be grateful to Mr. Pearson, his government and his country."

"In many of our secondary schools at this moment, young university-trained Canadian teachers are doing a great service, perhaps only paralleled by the United States Peace Corps workers."

Canadians are helping "the tremendous educational development of the country."

"So valuable is the support we are this moment receiving from a number of Canadian teachers, that we have taken up with the Canadian prime minister the question of further assistance in mathematics, geography and other fields."

Dr. Williams also spoke of considering closer connections between Trinidad and Tobago and the Organization of American States, preferably in close collaboration with Canada and Jamaica.

Earlier, a Trinidad government spokesman said figures on trade between the two countries were discussed. They showed that although Trinidad was able to sell Canada more than it bought last year the position has returned to a trade deficit in the current year.

Wagon Boss Heads Home
HALIFAX (CP) — Bill Stiff of Fort William, Ont., one of two men who Tuesday completed a 3,700-mile cross-Canada covered wagon trip, headed for home with his fiancée Wednesday by train.

Cecil Rivers of Calgary, the other man, was scheduled to leave here late Tuesday for his home.

The two men were welcomed by civic officials here and received free shampoos, haircuts and beard trims.

Ann Otto of Calgary, Stiff's fiancée, flew here Wednesday to join Stiff.

The covered wagon, the three horses that pulled it and Rivers' nine dogs were to be sent back to Calgary by rail. Rivers refuses to sell the 42-year-old wagon, similar to those used by western pioneers 100 years ago.



Queen Salote Of Tonga Dies

AUCKLAND, N.S. (Reuters) — Queen Salote of Tonga, the world's tallest queen and ruler of the world's tiniest kingdom, died here Tuesday at 65.

The dusky Polynesian sovereign, six feet, three inches tall and weighing 280 pounds, was admitted to a hospital here Sunday with chest complications and pleurisy. She had been suffering from a type of cancer in the leg.

Queen Salote's elder son, Prince Tungi, the premier of Tonga, succeeds his mother as ruler and will be known as King George Tupou III. His younger brother, Prince Tuipulhake, who served as deputy premier, becomes premier.

The queen, who ruled over 67,000 people on 150 tiny islands in the South Pacific, was virtually unknown to the outside world until she attended the 1953 coronation of Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

Millions of Britons saw the bareheaded and beaming Salote ride through rain-drenched London in an open carriage for the benefit of the crowds while other dignitaries travelled in closed vehicles.

When she became ill with suspected cancer last month, Queen Salote flew here from Nukualofa, the Tonga capital, in an RAF plane provided by Queen Elizabeth.

CROWNED AT 18
Born March 13, 1900, the queen of "the friendly islands" — as Captain Cook described them in the 18th century — suc-

ceeded her father, King George II, at the age of 18.

Queen Salote descended from an unbroken line of warrior-kings stretching back almost 10 centuries. She was the only child of King George II.

A devout Christian, the queen was educated in Auckland.

Her great-great grandfather abolished slavery and established a British-style constitution in the 19th century. Queen Salote advanced education, medical and health services.

At the age of 17, she wed her kinsman, Uliami Tungi, who served as premier from 1923 until his death in 1941. They had three sons, the youngest of whom died in 1936 at the age of 15.

Tonga, a 269-square-mile group of islands 300 miles east of Fiji, has been a constitutional monarchy under British protection since 1900.

Historic Feat Cheers Yanks

By RONALD THOMPSON
HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Four excited United States astronauts scored their country's greatest space success Wednesday with an historic rendezvous in their two spaceships. Then they set out on a happy formation flight 185 miles above the earth.

A six-hour space hunt ended dramatically with two teams of astronauts only six to 10 feet apart—after Gemini 7 had flown more than 4,000,000 miles and Gemini 6, the hunter, more than 105,000.

They nudged so close that Gemini 6 command pilot Walter M. Schirra could see the 11-day beard growth of the second craft's commander, astronaut Frank Borman.

Schirra and pilot James P. Stafford masterfully flew up for a visit with Borman and James A. Lovell Jr., who had not seen an earthling since they embarked on a 14-day voyage Dec. 4.

SAYS COULD 'DOCK'
Schirra said the space chase and rendezvous was so easy "we would have no trouble docking."

An actual link-up—or docking—is one vital manoeuvre the United States has yet to accomplish, but neither spacecraft is equipped for it on this flight.

"You're up close," Schirra told Lovell early in the formation flight.

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"I can see your lips moving," Lovell replied.

"I'm chewing gum," said Schirra, a 42-year-old navy captain and oldest of the active U.S. astronauts.

"Oh, okay," Lovell said. "Can you see Frank's beard, Wally?" "I can see your's better right now," came the reply.

The tiny spacecrafts continued their voyages nose-to-nose and only six to 10 feet apart.

REPORTED SUCCESS
First word the manoeuvre was successful came from Stafford.

He calmly reported to anxious ground controllers over a noisy communications channel shortly after 2:30 p.m. EST.

"We're about 120 feet apart and sitting."

The meeting occurred over the Pacific Ocean during Gemini 6's fourth orbit of the earth and Gemini 7's 165th.

A busy worldwide tracking network for the first time in history keeping tables on two manned spacecrafts at once, came to a virtual standstill during the final breath-taking minutes of the momentous and dramatic meeting in space.

IT'S UP TO THEM
"This is the waiting time," mission control said as the final, tricky manoeuvres to bring them only feet apart started. "It's up to them."

Even though they were traveling.

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Space Medicine Director, Wife And Pilot Found Dead

ASPEN, Colo. (AP)—The bodies of the Director of space medicine, Dr. W. Randolph Lovelace II, 57, his wife and a pilot were found Wednesday near the wreckage of a light plane in a mountain canyon.

Dr. Lovelace and his wife, Mary, 53, apparently died in the crash. The pilot, Milton Brown, 27, lived for a time and put their bodies together and covered them up, a member of the search party reported.

The plane left Aspen Sunday for Albuquerque, N.M., but it got only about 20 miles before crashing in Grizzly Gulch at about 12,500 feet.

It took four hours to reach the site, spotted earlier by a helicopter pilot.

WING HIT SNOW
"It looks like he caught one wing in the snow and it probably cartwheeled," said Mike Penfold, a forest ranger. "The plane broke in half, the passenger compartment broke open. It apparently threw all the people out in their seats."

Penfold said the fuselage had burned and Brown apparently was trying to get close to it for warmth.

Dr. Lovelace was chief of aerospace medicine for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Last month, he sent a report to the White House conference on international cooperation predicting great benefits through use of communication satellites in medicine.

Senator Clinton P. Anderson (Dem., N.M.), a long-time friend, said Lovelace visualized even the most backward countries learning the latest medical techniques via satellites.

Lovelace was a former chief of surgery at Mayo Clinic.

Two Presidents Complete Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson and Pakistani President Mohammed Ayub Khan completed two days of talks Wednesday with an agreement to deal directly with each other on matters of common interest in the future.

Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers said the misunderstandings that impeded communications between the two governments in the past were discussed.

Somerset Maugham Dies At 91

PARIS (AP)—Author W. Somerset Maugham died early today, a member of his household said. He was 91.

No details were available immediately.

Maugham was placed in hospital in Nice, near his villa on the French Riviera, Saturday and on Sunday doctors said he had no chance for recovery.

He rallied briefly but a slight weakening was reported Tuesday.

Answering questions, he said there is no parallel between his telephone call and representations made by Guy Rouleau, former parliamentary secretary to Prime Minister Pearson, in attempts to win bail for Lucien Rivard.

Mr. Rouleau was criticized by Chief Justice Frederic Dorian of Quebec Superior Court for action in conflict with the normal course of justice. On the Magdalen Islands, because of communication problems, telephone calls to the judge are normal, Mr. Sauve said.

It was his duty to suggest the men be kept in jail, Mr. Sauve said, and anyone in the same position would have acted similarly.

"You don't know what it's like. You've never been there."

Later, he said: "Do you know what it's like to be threatened by 25 or 30 people, some of them not completely sober?"

Mr. Sauve said Prime Minister Pearson has been given a copy of the document. He said he had no idea whether it will have any bearing on his cabinet status.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said last week if irregularities are proved Mr. Sauve should resign.

The minister returned home from Rome Sunday night where he was chairman of a conference of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization.



WILSONS LEAVE FOR U.S. VISIT

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson and his wife leave for their trip to the United States. Wilson is scheduled to visit President Johnson in Washington and to address the U.N. General Assembly. No. 10 Downing Street, London.

Downing Street is the Prime Minister's official residence. (AP Wirephoto via cable from London)

ONLY 8 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

