

COLLINS

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up in that, and an was John. He told me to come on back. As a result, Collins did not get a chance to install a new microphone. Collins, for an astronaut on one of the later Gemini flights to retrieve. Instead, he said, he just tossed it into the limitless void.

CAMERA IN ORBIT

And I lost my EVA Mission. I had to say, "Collins applied, meaning the still camera he was to take pictures of the earth, the spacecraft and the sea of interest."

By the time the end came the capsule was down to 110 pounds of fuel, less than 10 per cent of the fuel and near the minimum required for them to save for the critical manoeuvres necessary to bring them down to a proper orbit for splash-down.

Once Collins got back inside, Young was told to fire the spacecraft jets to race away from the Agena. But the command pilot said:

"I have no idea where it is." Collins slipped outside with the parachute—something—a word that makes a man feel like he's immersed in jelly. He and Young tackled the difficult task in an eagerness, although the low fuel supply had been a point of concern throughout Wednesday.

Because Young and Collins burned excessive amounts of fuel their first night in space, there was doubt for a while whether they would even attempt the second rendezvous which set the stage for Collins' walk.

Controllers finally said go ahead with the stroll, but keep an eye on the fuel tanks. Thrusters pulsed on and off, maintaining a formation flight with the Agena, left in orbit after the troubled flight of Gemini 8 four months ago.

MISSED CHANCE

Collins missed the chance to experiment on how well he could manoeuvre himself with a space gun at the end of the 50-foot tether.

However, when he crawled back in, dragging the tether along, he said:

"I don't have any complaints at all."

"How you coming getting untangled from the umbilical?" Young replied. "This plane makes the snake house at the zoo look like a Sunday school picnic."

Collins became a member of a select group of spacemen—a Soviet cosmonaut and two American astronauts—that have braved the cosmos outside an orbiting spacecraft.

Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov drifted outside Voskhod 2 for 10 minutes March 18, 1965.

U.S. astronaut Ed White followed during the Gemini 4 flight with a 23-minute stroll in June of the same year.

CERNAN HOLDS RECORD

U.S. Navy Cmdr Eugene A. Cernan holds the record for his two-hour, 16-minute walk outside Gemini 8 last month. His stroll was also cut short when his face plate fogged, then froze.

The Gemini space bus completed the second and most difficult rendezvous of their voyage just minutes before Collins stepped outside the Agena with little difficulty.

Youthful Blonde Gives Instructions

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Deborah Sheppard, a 16-year-old blonde-and-blue-eyed girl whose right arm was nearly severed five days ago, lay in a hospital bed giving instructions to a photographer taking her picture.

Debbie, her arm in bandages and slung onto a bar across her hospital bed, is doing well. Surgeons worked two hours and 45 minutes re-attaching the child's mangled arm to her shoulder. They say she has about 80 per cent chance of keeping it.

"I'm the happiest person in the world," said her young mother, Mrs. Larry Sheppard, of nearby Stone Mountain.

"My arm hurts," said Debbie, who managed to tell the photographer how to pose her parents Tuesday.

Deborah was trying to put her nightgown into the washing machine when the accident occurred last Friday. The washer was going through a spin cycle and the cover, her arm and her long hair all caught in the agitator.

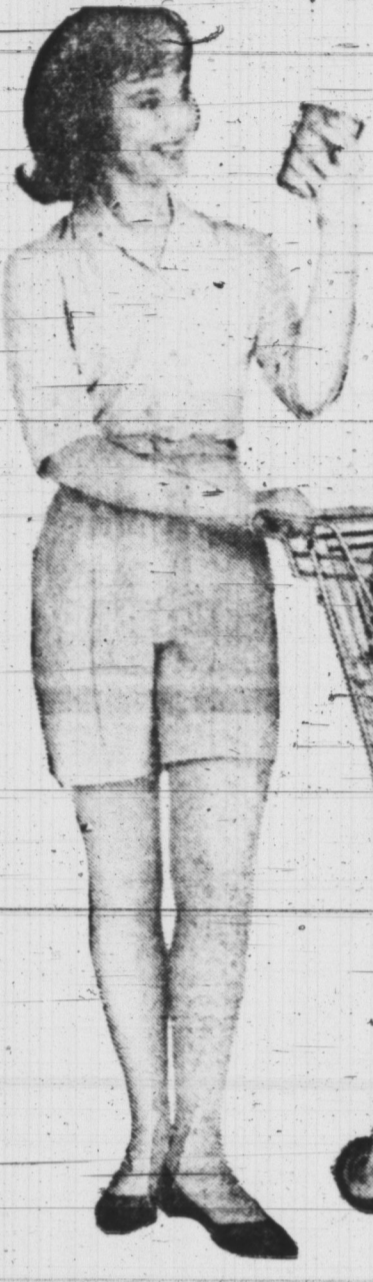
Board Names New Director

MONTREAL (CP)—Election of James Sinclair of Vancouver, federal minister of fisheries, in the Liberal government a decade ago, to the board of directors of the Aluminum Company of Canada was announced today.

Mr. Sinclair is chairman of Lafarge Cement of North America and a director of the Bank of Montreal, the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, Canadian Industries Limited, Columbian Ltd.

He is also a member of the British Columbia Energy Board and the Advisory Board of the British Trust Co.

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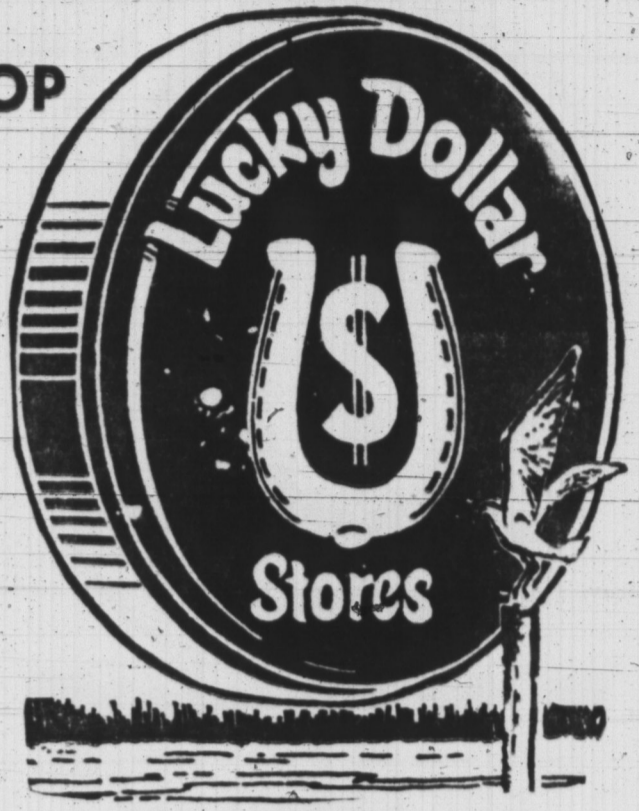
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