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Major Maneuvers Successful Astronauts Relaxed, Ready

Wheeler Assessing Vietnam Fighting Lull SAIGON — Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrived yesterday, arousing speculation that improvement in South Vietnam's armed forces may allow further U.S. troop withdrawals this year.

By The Associated Press Three men wearing American flags on their left sleeves rocketed away from earth yesterday to take mankind's most daring step into the unknown, a walk on the moon.

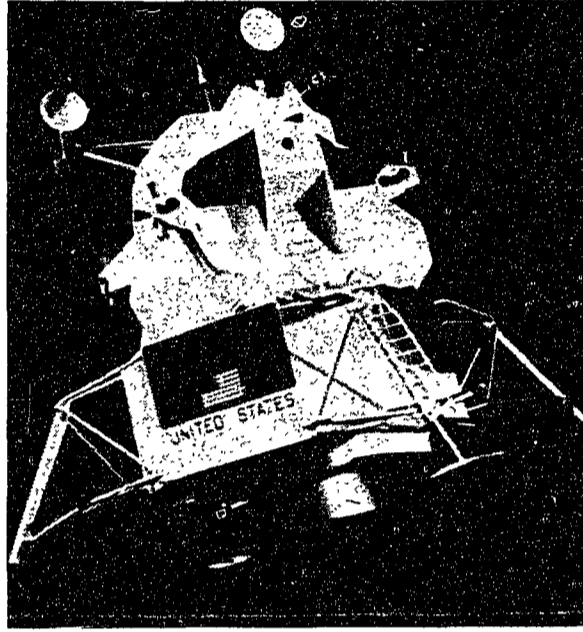
Radio Observatory reported a burst of signals from the Soviet spaceship just before Apollo 11 roared into space. Some believe Luna 15 is to soft-land, scoop up lunar soil, and bring it back to earth.

Said spacecraft commander Armstrong. "Out of my window right now I can observe the entire of North America, Alaska, over the pole, down to the Yucatan Peninsula, Cuba, the northern part of South America, and then I run out of window."

Pacifists Journey to Hanoi for Prisoners PARIS — Seven American pacifists, including two women, passed through Paris yesterday on their way to Hanoi to receive three U.S. war prisoners, freed by the North Vietnamese.

Agnew Views Mars

SPACECENTER. Houston (AP) — Among the very important persons invited by the space agency to watch the launch from bleachers a safe 3 1/2 miles away was Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, who heads the nation's space council.



MODEL OF the lunar module, called "The Eagle" by the astronauts. The Eagle will carry two astronauts to the surface of the moon. The lower portion of the module with its four landing legs will be left there and the upper stage will be used to carry the astronauts back to their spacecraft.

He also beamed a weather report earthward: Clear over most of the United States, except for a cloudy front moving across the center of the nation, clear over the Greenland icecap.

Luna 15 Nears Moon

JODRELL BANK, England (AP) — The 250-foot radio telescope at Jodrell Bank traced the Soviet Luna 15 three-quarters of the way to the moon yesterday.

The Nation

Navy Maintains Watch on Soviet Flotilla WASHINGTON — Without being too pushy about it, the U.S. Navy is maintaining its close surface and air surveillance over the first Soviet flotilla to penetrate the Gulf of Mexico.

Apollo 11 Flies in the Spirit of Columbus

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — At 4:45, a half-hour before sunrise, Aug. 3, 1969, in the harbor of Palos, Spain, Christopher Columbus ordered the anchors up.

El Salvador Ignores Conditional Cease-fire

(AP) — Honduras accepted yesterday a conditional ceasefire in the war with El Salvador, a peace committee of the Organization of American States announced.

White House Opposes Wage, Price Controls WASHINGTON — The White House ruled out wage and price controls "under conditions that are now foreseeable" yesterday as Republican leaders continued to press for Senate passage of the income surtax bill.

Students, Faculty Deserve Representation

New Trustee Reflects on Duties

By RENA ROSENSON Collegian Staff Writer For the first time in many years, a professional educator has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Penn State. In her own words, Mrs. Helen Wise said, "I was very honored to be elected. My election is an indication that people think that there is a place for a professional educator on the Board of Trustees of a large university. Penn State hasn't had one in a long time, if ever."

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gram, every member knew about it and the problems it involved. Mrs. Wise said she feels that more of the "Colloquy kind of thing" is necessary, even if it is on a more informal basis.

Romanticism, Science Conflict on Moon Shot

Poets and Writers in Trouble: Long Range Plans Had Included Unmanned Space Vehicle Only

"Moon you were my sadness pictured in your solitude I spoke your name in syllables of gold of tangerine of silver tone

That was in reverie before your fall."

—Robert Lima Penn State, 1969

Apparently even man's spectacular conquest of the moon has a slight touch of nostalgia.

Because now comes the question, what happens to one of the great inspirations of poets and songwriters now that man's technology has unveiled the moon as nothing more than a pock-marked wasteland of rocks and craters?

"The mystery of the moon is gone," laments one such man, Robert F. Lima, poet, critic, and associate professor of Spanish and Comparative Literature.

"To the poet, the invasion of the moon is something like having a celestial joke played on him. For ages and ages, he has written about the moon in song and verse, linking her to love and fantasy, majesty and divinity; yet, suddenly, he finds

that his place has been usurped and that his symbol has been deflowered."

And now that man's race to space has taken this traditional symbol of romanticism down from her pedestal, Lima says today's poet will have to relate to the moon in ways quite different from those of the past.

"He may either completely ignore the moon, start making her as one more absurdity in man's life, or try to create a neo-romantic image of life there, maybe even exclaiming: 'Long live man on the moon!'" the professor suggests.

"It could be that the Apollo mission, despite its purely technological achievement, may inspire the first real epic poem of modern literature. In recent centuries there hasn't been a subject big enough or worthy enough for epic consideration. Certainly the landing by man on the moon generates the excitement and awe necessary for such inspiration."

But the day of the moon as a romantic image is over, Lima maintains.

"Frank Sinatra's 'Fly Me To The Moon' could well be the very last romantic song written about the moon," he says. "The songwriters of today will have to change their style. They can't romanticize about the moon anymore, because the mystery has been explained and its exotic aspect debunked. When you know what something's about, it loses its appeal."

As for the poet, Lima expects many may choose to ignore the moon completely because its unromantic role in space exploration has made it a stepping stone for what some call our materialistic society, a new symbol for colonization and exploitation.

"Even before the advent of the space program, even before projects like Vanguard, Gemini and Apollo were heard of, modern day poets began trending away from the romantic image of the moon," Lima points out.

"The contemporary poet is more involved with the socioeconomic problems of the world—pollution of natural resources, hunger, over-population, racial injustice, law and order, political hypocrisy and other human concerns. Where such subjects abound there's very little room left for poetry that is romantic."

While Alfred Noyes, for example, wrote of the moon as "a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas," today's poet is writing in the sphere of protest and change.

Yet, while poets are going through this metamorphosis of themselves, Lima feels people as people will continue to take great pleasure in being able to look up and see the moon—even though it is just rocks and craters—because from earth it will still be beautiful.

"As individuals, I think—and hope!—that we will still find beauty in nature, despite our increasing technological sophistication," he says. "The changing moon should always remind us of our relatively humble achievements."

But what of the contemporary poet? What of his view of the moon? Perhaps, offers Lima, the answer lies in sending one there someday.

"The poet on the moon will be able to get a clearer view of the universe," he suggests. "Too many of today's poets have lost sight of the beauty of the macrocosm. In taking them away from the problems of earth, a new creative expansion could take place in them. Such a journey would make it possible for the poet to see the earth from the moon, as we now see the moon from the earth. The beauty and splendor of such a view, indeed its awe, would contrast meaningfully with the only, grotesque view the poet now has of his mother planet."

Appropriately, on the very eve of man's first daring attempt to actually land on the moon, Robert Lima, poet and professor, has attempted to capture his feelings in the way he knows best—through a poem entitled "Apollo."

"RUSHING to harness Moon, the rape of fertile Venus, the clash with Mars are left without a second in our rhetoric

We are content to spend ourselves with reason Let others put a dream to work."

At the very beginning not even the most victorious of the nation's space pioneers dared dream that the distant moon would be within the reach of man within a decade.

The year was 1958 and National Aeronautical Space Association was but a babe in arms and John P. Hagen could look back on it because he was there.

"Initially, when the long range plans for the future of NASA were being formulated, we weren't thinking in terms of a man on the moon by 1970," he recalled.

"It was clear that it adequate financial support was forthcoming and things went along reasonably well. This country could send a rocket to the moon by 1969."

But that was to be an unmanned space vehicle, to either land on the moon or orbit it. It wasn't until two or three years later that man was inserted so strongly into the space program.

Eleven years ago John P. Hagen was director of Project Vanguard, the nation's first venture into the space orbiting beyond.

Today as heard, the Department of Astronomy is held in such on the eye of man's most spectacular leap into the solar system, pull quietly on his pipe and remember.

He could remember that those "recent" early July days for the American space program and he could remember all the heat that went with it.

In the early 1950's the international scientific community decided on a plan for an International Geophysics Year in 1958 in which an effort would be made to orbit a satellite around the earth for scientific research," Hagen said.

President Eisenhower approved the project in 1955 and Vanguard was born. It was to be a civilian project that marked the beginning of the United States' earth satellite program.

His memory was fresh now and Hagen went on to list his pipe and remember. "I had to start from scratch. We had to build our own launch facilities, to build a vehicle and we had to develop a tracking system."

"Our plan was to launch a vehicle in 1958 during the IGY year, but even at that we were pushed because we were starting from scratch," Hagen said.

And then the Russians set the world on its ear. Oct. 4, 1957, Sputnik I was shot into space by the Soviets and all hell broke loose in this country.

Jean Hagen remembered that, too.

"Everybody lost all sense of perspective. Everybody was screaming about why were they ahead of us. There was a lot of excitement in political and scientific circles. I assure you."

"In retrospect, the Russians made a decision to develop large military rockets to deliver their bulky hydrogen atomic weapons and they had been working on them for sometime."

"The real shock wasn't the capability of a space but rather that capability of the military rockets. The Russians had developed a massive intercontinental missile, something our country wasn't ready to believe," Hagen said.

The United States came to each go with and air force to save the Russians by agreement by the speech President Kennedy made to the Congress in 1961 making a man on the moon before the end of the decade a matter of national pride and prestige.

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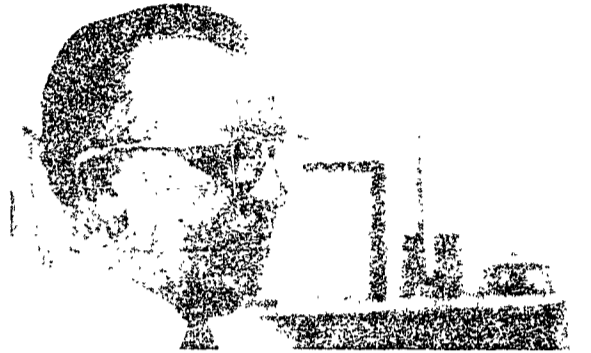
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THOUGH HE MAY be a bit premature, Robert F. Lima says today's contemporary poet might have a better view of the Earth by seeing it and writing about it from the moon.



JOHN HAGEN, former director of Project Vanguard, the first U.S. venture into the scientific exploration of space by satellite, reflects on the giant strides taken in the nation's space program during the past decade.

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