

Soviets position spacecraft for linkup with orbital lab

MOSCOW — A senior Soviet cosmonaut said Thursday the Soyuz-14 two-man spacecraft sent aloft Wednesday is being positioned for a docking with the orbiting Salyut-3 space laboratory.

Alexei Leonov, commander of the Soviet crew for next year's projected Soviet-American space linkup, said the Soyuz cosmonauts would do further experiments and practice flying alongside Salyut before attempting to dock.

This indicated that while American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts are learning to cooperate in space, their communications on the ground are not so good.

Earlier in the day, Jack Reilly, the spokesman for nine American spacemen in training for the joint flight at Star City near Moscow, said the Russians had told them the Soyuz had linked up with Salyut.

The docking, part of a program similar to the highly successful U.S. Skylab mission, would be the first by the Soviets since June 1971. Three Soyuz cosmonauts docked then with Salyut 1, but died due to a pressure failure in their spacecraft when returning to earth after 24 days in space.

The Tass news agency and other official information organs indicated Soyuz-14 was being nudged into the same orbit and speed as the Salyut laboratory, sent aloft June 25.

Tass said Soyuz was in an orbit ranging from a maximum 164 miles to a minimum 153 miles above the earth. It said it was orbiting the earth every 89.7 minutes at an angle of 51.6 degrees.

The last report on Salyut-3 said it was circling the earth every 89.1 minutes at an angle of 51.6 degrees at a maximum height of 168 miles and a minimum of 136 miles.

Soyuz-14, piloted by Col. Pavel

Popovich, a veteran of Vostik-4 in 1962, and flight engineer Lt. Col. Yuri P. Artyukhin, who is making his first flight, was launched Wednesday from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The lift-off came four and one-half hours after President Nixon ended his Moscow summit and flew home. The astronauts were given no advance notice of the Soviet flight.

Academician Boris Petrov, chairman of the Interkosmos Council, told a news conference Wednesday morning that cosmonauts were ready to link up with Salyut, launched June 25. But he said no prolonged flight is planned.

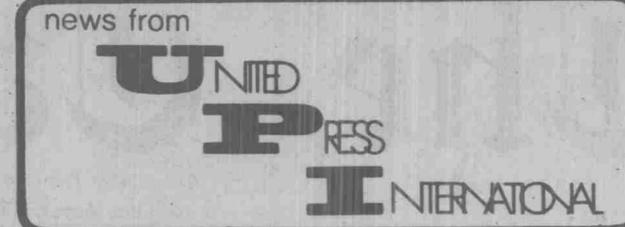
Thousands wait in rainy streets to get glimpse of Peron's coffin

BUENOS AIRES — Tens of thousands of Argentines paying an emotional tribute to their fallen leader lined the streets in the rain Thursday to catch a glimpse of the coffin of President Juan D. Peron en route to a symbolic burial.

New President Maria Estela "Isabel" Peron, his widow, received pledges of support from the nation's political, military and labor leaders at a state funeral in the congress building.

The body of Peron, the strongman of the 1940s and 1950s who died Monday at age 78, was then taken to the chapel of the suburban presidential residence.

Most of the mourners along the 10-mile route stood silent. But hundreds of youths ran alongside the funeral procession on broad Avenida Libertador shouting "Peron! Peron!" Some tossed flowers at the casket. Police used teargas to disperse late arrivals



Lebanon defense set

CAIRO — Arab defense and foreign ministers drafted plans here Thursday for joint action to protect Palestinian refugee camps and installations in Lebanon from future Israeli attacks.

Militant proposals to arm the Palestinians with modern weapons and slap the Arab oil embargo back on the United States lost out, conference sources said.

The final decision of the Cairo meeting

was not announced publicly for security reasons.

Conference sources said Lebanese representatives declined offers to ship troops and arms to Lebanon. Instead, Lebanon sought financial aid for a 10-year plan to bolster its defenses.

The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) asked for anti-aircraft weapons to defend the 15 refugee camps in Lebanon.

But the sources said the Palestinian request would not be considered because the delegates recognized Lebanon's sovereign right to set defense policy for the whole of Lebanon, including the refugee camps.

The sources said the conference did not discuss another Palestinian proposal for reimposition of the Arab oil embargo. Instead, Lebanon asked all Arab nations to put diplomatic pressure on the big powers to restrain Israel from further attacks.

Nixon rests after summit

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — President Nixon, weary from the rigors of a month in summitry, spent Independence Day relaxing at his Florida retreat before returning to the battle against impeachment and a crucial Supreme Court test on his secret Watergate tapes.

A White House spokesman said Nixon spent most of the holiday quietly with Mrs. Nixon at their bayside villa after doing some paperwork in the morning and conferring with his chief of staff, Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr.

"He really needs a break and rest in Florida," Haig told reporters during the President's 13-hour return flight from Moscow that ended a 25,000-mile odyssey which Nixon began June 10 when he left Washington for a five-nation Middle East tour.

Nixon was pleased — if not entirely satisfied — with the results of his overseas missions. Although Nixon and Soviet Communist party leader Leonid Brezhnev signed agreements limiting antiballistic missile defenses and underground missile testing, they were unable to negotiate permanent curbs on offensive nuclear weapons.

Haig said, "Basically we achieved all we hoped to and in many respects the exchanges between the leaders were better than expected."

Kissinger briefs French

PARIS — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger Thursday briefed French leaders on the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms summit as part of Washington's policy to smooth relations with Europe through consultations.

Kissinger arrived from talks in Brussels with Belgian, Common Market and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) leaders. He said his visit to Paris "is in line with the spirit of consultations which we are trying to introduce into our relations."

"We are always glad to meet as allies on a basis of equality and independence. It is in this spirit that we are going to discuss not only what has happened in this past week in Moscow but the future of relations between Europe and the United States," Kissinger said. Political observers saw Kissinger's meetings here as an opportunity to smooth Franco-American relations, ruffled once again when newly-elected President Valery Giscard d'Estaing did not attend the recent summit meeting in Brussels of President Nixon and European leaders. Giscard d'Estaing's campaign pledge was to strengthen Franco-American relations "on a basis of equality and independence."

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