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Exams Are Here Again--And Some Remember Those Lazy Spring Days

# Apollo Crew Gives Program Boost

WASHINGTON (UPI)—America's Apollo 8 astronauts gave the nation a fascinating report Thursday on their historic flight around the moon and urged Richard M. Nixon to keep the United States in space for the "value it has on the spirit of this country."

Col. Frank Borman, Capt. James A. Lovell Jr. and Lt. Col. William Anders received gold medals and praise from President Johnson and a standing ovation from a joint meeting of Congress on the first day of a six-day tour as the world's newest space heroes.

Before Congress and a nationally broadcast news conference, Borman, who revealed the Apollo 8 space flight would be his last, appealed for an unflinching effort to press forward in man's conquest of space.

"To pause, to falter, turn back on the quest for knowledge is to perish," the Apollo 8 commander told Congress. "I would be a very shallow man if I did not admit that while I am deeply committed to the space program and to unlocking the secrets of the universe, I am even more deeply committed to the future of this country."

Borman expressed hope later that the Nixon administration will consider not only the scientific and technological benefits of the U.S. space program, but the "almost nebulous value it has on the spirit of this country" with all its problems.

Just before Borman's announcement that he would "step aside" for further spaceflight assignments, he was promoted to second in charge of all the nation's astronauts. He will serve as deputy director of flight crew operations under astronaut chief Donald K. "Deke" Slayton.

Reporting publicly on their

six-day space odyssey for the first time since their splashdown in the Pacific Dec. 27, the astronauts told newsmen and the nation that: —Prime proposed sites for a landing on the moon are "sufficient and adequate" by their personal observation from an altitude of 69 miles. Lighting of such sites is "much more amenable" than they had expected.

—Americans will "hopefully" land on the moon this summer aboard Apollo 11.

—Despite some greens or purples appearing in color photographs, Anders said, the moon is a "black and white

world" with no signs of water or plant or animal life, and "no flying objects—UFO's."

—They experienced no psychological problems, such as feelings of depression, isolation and loneliness during their flight.

—A reported offer by the Russians to attempt to rescue them if they got into trouble on their flight was appreciated. But, said Borman, the problems of a space rescue are "insurmountable at this time" in both countries.

—The splashdown impact was so severe that the spacecraft took in about a half-gallon of water through its vent tubes, and Borman thought for a moment the craft was sinking.

—Stars seen from the dark side of the moon don't twinkle. "They're either there or they're not," said Anders.

The dark side of the moon shows evidence of volcanic activity in the past, including encrusted lava.

—Each of the astronauts carried a Bible for their Christmas Eve reading of the first 10 verses of Genesis. That reading seemed a "more appropriate and simple" message to earth than their original idea of speeches saying it was all "one world" back home as viewed from the moon.

# NASA Announces Astronauts For Attempted Lunar Landing

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The space agency said Thursday that the first U.S. astronauts to try to land on the moon will be Neil A. Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.

Armstrong, a former X15 rocket plane pilot, will command the landing flight, called Apollo 11.

It is expected in July and there is a launch "window" for shooting for the moon between July 11 and 22.

Armstrong and Aldrin will be the two astronauts who

explore the chalk-gray lunar surface, while Collins remains in lunar orbit 69 miles above them inside an Apollo spaceship similar to the one used last month by Apollo 8.

Their backup crew on the moon landing venture, set as a national goal by President Kennedy in May of 1961, will be two members of the Apollo 8 crew that orbited the moon Christmas week and one rookie space flyer.

Apollo 8 veteran James Lovell, who has spent more time in space than any other

man, commands the backup crew. William Anders, systems engineer of Apollo 8, and rookie Free Haise are the other two members of the backup team.

Apollo 11 will be the fifth manned Apollo flight and the third flight to the moon.

In April or May, Apollo 10 will carry astronauts Thomas Stafford, John Young and Eugene Cernan to the moon. Stafford and Cernan will fly within 10 miles of the lunar surface in the Apollo moon landing craft, but will not actually touchdown.

The moon lander, a bugshaped spacecraft which was not along during the Apollo 8 mission, is scheduled to receive its first test with men aboard Feb. 28 in earth orbit. The crew for this mission is James McDivitt, David Scott and Russell Schweickart.

Plans for the lunar landing mission call for Armstrong and Aldrin to spend some 24 hours on the moon's surface and bring back to earth about 50 pounds of lunar rock.

Armstrong, a blond, boyish native of Watakoneta, Ohio, commanded the flight of Gemini 8—the only U.S. manned space mission cut short by an emergency.

He and Scott flew Gemini 8 to a rendezvous with an Agena target rocket but a control rocket on their craft started firing out of control and they made a safe emergency splashdown in the Pacific Ocean. Armstrong, 38, is a naval aviator and was backup commander for the Gemini 5 and Gemini 11 mission.

Collins, also 38, was the copilot of Gemini 10 and made a spacewalk during that mission.

Collins was born in Rome, Italy, where his father was a military attaché.

Aldrin became the world's first working space walker during Gemini 2, the last of the Gemini series. A native of Montclair, N.J. he will be 39 on Jan. 20.

# Sirhan's Lawyer Claims News Denies His Client Fair Trial

LOS ANGELES (UPI) The trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was snarled Thursday over publicity given to the defendant and to his chief counsel's role in another case.

After an eight-minute open court session, attorneys adjourned to chambers to discuss in private a defense motion on news coverage the defense felt could deny Sirhan a fair trial. It was not disclosed whether the motion sought a mistrial because of adverse publicity, a 30-day continuance or a change of venue.

For the first time since the trial began Tuesday, no members of Sirhan's family were present in court Thursday.

The 24-year-old Jordanian

immigrant was serious and unsmiling in contrast to Wednesday when he waved and flashed a big grin several times at his family.

The defense subpoenaed 15 radio and television newsmen, who were told to bring to chambers transcripts of what their stations broadcast last Monday and Tuesday on the Sirhan case and on chief defense attorney Grant Cooper's difficulties in the 'Friars card-cheating case.

A federal court hearing held on those two days ended with U.S. District Judge Francis C. Whelan ordering Cooper to answer a list of 45 questions dealing with how he came into illegal possession of a transcript of comedian Phil Silvers' grand jury testimony in the Friars case.

Questioning of subpoenaed newsmen in the chambers of Superior Court Judge Herbert F. Walker, who is presiding at the Sirhan trial, centered on whether news stories about Cooper's Friars Club problems were intertwined with those about the opening of the Sirhan trial Tuesday.

The open court hearing began at 10:04 a.m. (PST) after 40 minutes of private discussions in chambers between prosecution and defense attorneys.

The session was adjourned eight minutes later and was devoted to a discussion of the availability of a 1,010-page transcript in another case, the People vs. Castro and others, which the defense plans to cite on Monday in support of its motion challenging the entire jury selection system.

### Newspapers Hit Hardest

# AP Wire Service Strikes

NEW YORK (UPI) — Editorial and other employees of The Associated Press struck the news wire service Thursday, reducing the volume of its report and closing at least a score of AP bureaus across the country.

Hardest hit by the Wire Service Guild (WSG) strike—the first against a wire service in the union's history—were approximately 500 U.S. newspapers who depend solely on AP for national and international news. Service to television and radio stations also was affected.

WSG members, including editorial employees, photographers, clerks, personnel workers, messengers and others, struck at 8 a.m. (EST) for higher wages and other contract improvements including a modified closed shop. The United Telegraphers Union (UTU) ordered its members not to cross WSG lines and an undetermined

number of teletype operators appeared to be complying.

The AP refused a union counterproposal Tuesday, claiming night and overnight wage differentials alone would cost \$210,000 more than its "final" offer to spend \$5.7 million on a three-year contract. The union demanded a \$150 a week starting wage and top pay of \$264 in the

third year of the contract.

Joint negotiations to settle the strike resumed at the offices of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Thursday afternoon.

# State Service Inflation May Cause Tax Boost

RALEIGH (UPI)—It is a good bet Gov. Bob Scott will have to ask the Legislature to increase taxes.

There are two reasons: inflation and the demand for more and better state services.

Inflation has increased costs to the State just as it has to the housewife. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated a 4.5 per cent increase in the cost of living over the past year.

As for improved State services, in three areas of state responsibility alone, commissions have estimated increased needs for the next two years of more than \$575 million over current spending. These areas are public schools \$300 million, higher education at least \$45 million and highways \$230 million.

During the campaign, Scott said he thought he could finance his programs with the state surplus and through economics. In an interview soon after the election, however, he said he would have the courage to ask for new taxes if necessary.

This probably is what he will have to do.

The "surplus" often referred to is more accurately termed a credit balance. It is made up of tax collections above estimates, and money which has appropriated two years ago but not spent.

The credit balance available to the last Legislature in 1967 turned out to be \$172 million on July 1, 1967. There has been no official estimate of what the credit balance will be this coming July 1. An educated guess, however, puts it in the neighborhood of \$100 million.

The over collection of taxes was \$20 million last fiscal year and will probably be nearer \$30 this year. Add to this about \$50 million in reversions from unspent money and it comes to about \$100.

The biggest reason for the larger credit balance two years ago was the unprecedented and unexpected spiral in the economy in 1966.

It is anybody's guess as to how much Scott can save with economies. Certainly it will not be enough to finance programs

crying for hundreds of millions.

So what does Scott do? It appears he will have to recommend a tax package to the 1969 Legislature which opens here next Wednesday.

The Highway Study Commission recommended laying on an additional three cents tax per gallon of gasoline, and increasing the cost of automobile license plates by an average of \$15. This would more than double the present average cost of \$11.

If Scott means to approach the record his father made in paving highways, he will almost certainly have to ask for at least part of these recommended increases.

The Public Schools Study Commission recommended that the Legislature set a minimum of school support from local governments.

Coupled with this, the Tax Study Commission recommended the Legislature authorize local option sales taxes.

Either of these proposals would have hard going in the Legislature.

There will be some support in the Legislature for a general increase in the sales tax. Supporters will argue that if local option sales tax is allowed, it will probably forever cut off the state from any increased sales taxes.

On the other hand, many Legislators will be afraid to vote for a tax increase, but might do it on a local option basis.

A cigarette tax is not likely. Somewhere, however, Scott is going to have to come up with the money to meet the ever increasing demands.

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