

PAFB bomber crashes; 1 killed



CAPT. JOHN HAUG Commander



MAJ. FRANK HOPKINS Radar navigator



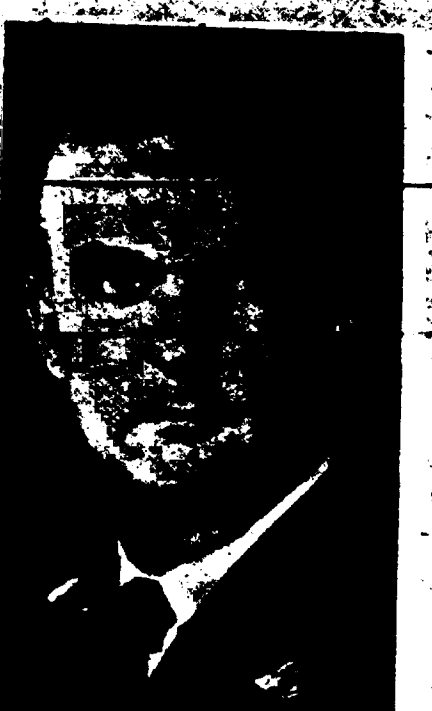
CAPT. CURTIS CRISS Navigator



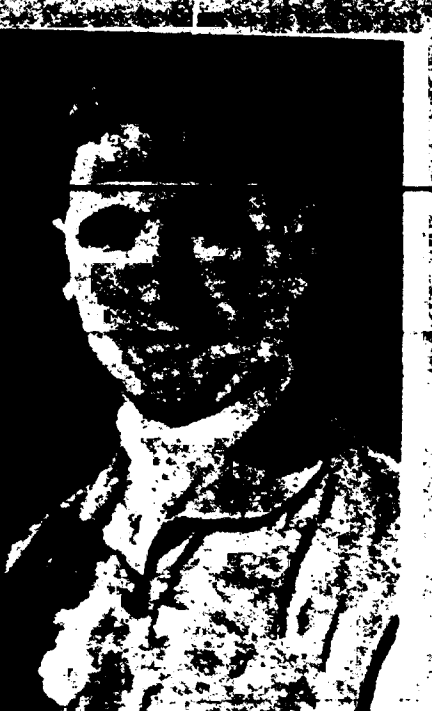
CAPT. RICHARD MARX Electronics warfare



S-SGT. CALVIN SNAPP Gunner



MAJ. ALFRED J. D'AMARIO Safety officer



CAPT. LEONARD SVITLENKO Deceased co-pilot

Saturn hurls Lunar I aloft

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — Lunar Module I, forerunner of the spaceship expected to ferry U.S. astronauts to and from the moon's surface next year, rocketed into earth orbit Monday for a punishing test of its landing and takeoff engines.

Guided by a computer directed robot nicknamed the "mechanical boy," the 16-ton unmanned mooncraft thundered away from Cape Kennedy at 5:28 p.m. (EST) aboard the famed 181-foot tall Saturn I rocket which was grounded one year ago by the Apollo 1 fire that killed three astronauts.

The powerful Saturn I, weighing more than 650 tons on liftoff, performed flawlessly as it ended a 16-month stint on the launch pad. It initially hurled the bug-like Lunar Module, still attached to the rocket's last stage, into an earth orbit 100 to 138 miles high.

During its first orbit, over Australia, Lunar Module I successfully separated from the Saturn I's last stage for a busy series of engine tests to determine if it is designed properly for the critical job of ferrying astronauts to and from the moon's surface.

While the 31,700-pound Lunar Module remained attached to the burned out Saturn I last stage, the combined vehicles became the second heaviest object ever placed in space. Their weight totaled 70,580 pounds, topped only by the 280,036-pound Satellite sent up last November by the United States first Saturn V super rocket.

The space agency originally hoped to launch Lunar Module I at 2 p.m. (EST) Monday, but the countdown clock was stopped to resolve two problems.

\$600 million in highway aid frozen

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move designed to slow down inflation, the Johnson administration announced Monday it will freeze \$600 million of the federal highway aid becoming available to states in 1968.

The action, announced by Secretary of Transportation A. J. Altmeyer, will make available to the states this year only about \$4.1 billion of the \$4.7 billion anticipated for 1968.

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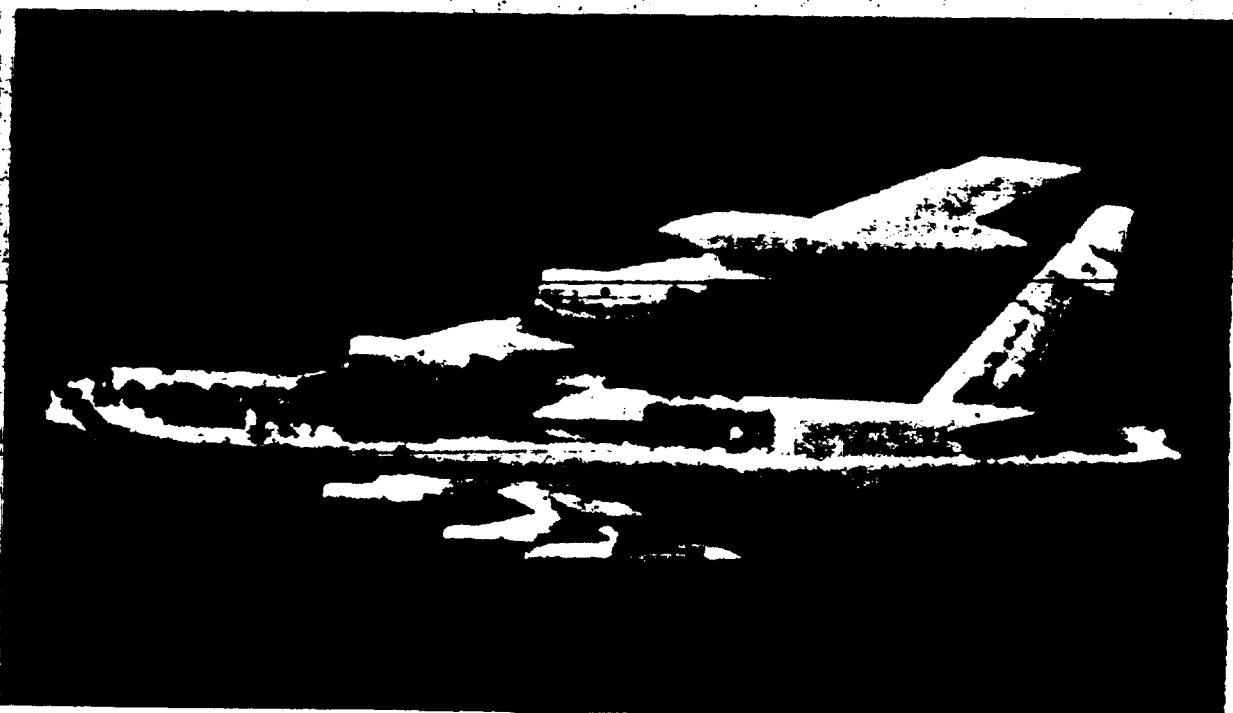
Clouds with occasional snow today and tonight. High in the upper 30s and low 20s. Lowest clouds in the area. Clear and cold with occasional snow showers Wednesday. High in the 30s. Winds becoming westerly at 15 to 25 and gusty. Snow 1/2 to 1 inch. Sun 4 to 11.

with ground based equipment, including a Freon supply needed to control spacecraft temperatures and a power unit needed to permit electronic tests to be run between the blockhouse and Saturn I rocket.

The same type booster, smaller than the mighty Saturn V which successfully flew its first test flight last November 9, is scheduled to loft America's first three-man Apollo astronaut crew into earth orbit about August.



Where the crash took place



B-52 bomber identical to one that crashed

Reds engulfing north Laos

LUANG PRABANG, Laos (AP) — Fresh troops were deployed around Luang Prabang on Monday but Laotian military sources said resistance north of the royal capital has crumbled after the Communist victory at Nam Bac.

These sources said all government posts had been abandoned between Luang Prabang and Nam Bac, 60 miles to the north and the scene of a government debacle Jan. 12. They reported government control extends only a few miles in each direction from the royal capital.

Senior Laotian officers predicted a major attack on the royal capital by the North Vietnamese and Communist Pathet Lao, estimated to number about 1,200 men.

But this view was contradicted by Western sources in Vientiane, the administrative capital to the south. They said the Communists had given clear signs through third parties that they did not want to risk all-out war by attacking Luang Prabang where King Savang Vatthana has his court.

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Laos, the Communists are said to believe. The 4,000 royalist troops who fled Nam Bac still are filtering back and many are being airlifted to Luang Prabang by American civilian helicopters. About two-thirds of them are reported back behind government lines. American helicopter pilots reported they were not longer receiving heavy ground fire that knocked down one helicopter last week. This indicated the Communists were not pressing the retreating royal troops.

Royal troops captured Nam Bac and the valley of the same name from the Pathet Lao in 1966. The valley is rich in rice.

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Nuclear armed plane hits ice near Thule

A Plattsburgh Air Force Base officer was killed when his B-52 bomber crashed into an ice-covered Greenland bay Sunday and sank with perhaps four hydrogen bombs aboard. Six crew members survived.

Fatally injured was Capt. Leonard Svitlenko, 27, of 6204 Maryland Dr., the co-pilot. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and a daughter.

He was the twin brother of Capt. Lewis C. Svitlenko of 6256D Maryland Dr.

The brothers entered the service at the same time six years ago and have remained together since then. Both transferred here late last spring from Loring Air Force Base, Maine.

At the time of Leonard's death, both were pilots in the same organization—the 528th Bomb Squadron of the 380th Strategic Aerospace Wing at Plattsburgh.

The six other crew members parachuted before the plane penetrated seven feet of ice in North Star Bay, carrying its nuclear weapons with it into deep water beneath.

In announcing the crash, the Pentagon at Washington, D.C., said the bombs were unarmed "so that there is no danger of a nuclear explosion at the crash site."

Nevertheless, the Danish government, which owns Greenland, protested the presence of nuclear weapons in its territory.

Of the six surviving crew members, one—Capt. Curtis Criss, 43, of 200B New Jersey Ave., the navigator—was at first listed as missing.

But a search and rescue operation located him an undisclosed amount of time after the crash.

When rescued, he was suffering frostbite of hands and feet and a fracture of a shoulder.

The temperature was well below zero.

Criss was listed Monday as being in fair condition.

He and these other survivors were taken to the Thule Air Base hospital, Greenland.

Capt. John Haug, 36, of 876B Nevada Oval, the plane commander; Maj. Frank Hopkins, 35, of 6240A Maryland Rd., radar navigator; Capt. Richard Marx, 29, of 6205 Maryland Rd., electronics warfare officer; Maj. Alfred J. D'Amario, 38, of 836A Nevada Oval, a base safety officer, and S-Sgt. Calvin Snapp, 29, of Plattsburgh RD 1, gunner.

Hopkins was reported to have suffered a broken arm in parachuting from the doomed plane.

All crew members except D'Amario are members of the 528 Bomb Squadron in the 380th Wing. D'Amario is assigned to Wing Headquarters Squadron.

The Pentagon announced the crash 18 hours after the B-52 smacked down during an emergency landing approach to the field at the Thule Base. No explanation for delay in the announcement was given.

But the Pentagon reported Monday night that some of the wreckage had been observed on the surface of the ice by helicopters.

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'Nervous' Big Board takes fall

NEW YORK (AP) — A nervous stock market took its worst loss in two months Monday as it began a series of shortened sessions to allow brokerage houses to catch up with a huge backlog of paperwork.

The pace of trading was actually heavier than Friday's although the four-hour session produced turnover of only 10.63 million shares compared with 11.95 million for the full 5 1/2-hour trading day Friday.

The major exchanges have adopted the shortened sessions until further notice. A series of nine short sessions was ordered last August for the same reason.

The day's decline followed the worst weekly decline since early last November. Brokers said investors were confused about the early market closing and worried about recent warnings of overspeculation.

U.S. says patrol went in Cambodia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States acknowledged Monday that a U.S.-Vietnamese patrol had crossed Cambodia's border "during the heat of battle" with Viet Cong guerrillas.

The State Department said it sent formal regrets for any Cambodian casualties that may have resulted from what it called an unintended intrusion 75 yards inside Cambodian territory last Thursday.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's chief of state, has demanded that the International Control Commission investigate the violation of his border and the killing of three Cambodians during the fight.

Robert J. McCloskey, State Department press officer, said the incidents occurred while an American-South Vietnamese patrol was defending itself from Viet Cong gunfire coming from both sides of the Vietnam-Cambodian border.

"We regret the intrusion,"

Airline tests now banned over cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline pilots now are banned from dangerous training maneuvers over congested areas as a result of a crash that killed 19 persons near the New Orleans airport last year. Rep. Fletcher Thompson, R-Ga., said Monday.

The jet airliner knifed into a luxury motel as the pilots rehearsed for a federal licensing requirement that pilots land with power out on both engines on one wing.

A report by the National Transportation Safety Board Monday blamed the accident on the pilot and instructor because they allowed the huge jet to slow down too soon to reach the runway on the remaining engines.

Both men were among six killed in the plane. Thirteen others, including nine schoolgirls, were killed on the ground.

Low-tax GOP unmoved by budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Johnson administration tried Monday to speed congressional approval of a tax increase by outlining \$1 billion in budget cuts. But a Republican spokesman said the party is unmoved by the cuts.

Sen. William H. Fulbright, D-Missouri, said he would support a tax increase as soon as it could be passed. He called enactment of the 10 percent surcharge on individual and corporate income taxes the "single most important and responsible step" toward stemming inflation, defending the dollar abroad and maintaining "stable economic growth."

But Rep. John W. Byrnes of Wisconsin, senior Republican member of the committee, said Fowler and other administration witnesses their presentation would be "a total disaster."

Byrnes said he looked in vain in President Johnson's State of the Union message and in the preliminary budget figures for "any change of attitude" or "any sense of urgency" or "any sense of responsibility."

Fowler returned that the administration already has taken painful budget measures that are showing up in savings and that more are planned. "The reductions are there, concrete and being done."

Administration officials blame a proposed 50-billion increase in spending for the next fiscal year on defense and expenses over which they have no control.

Fowler was joined for the third time since last August by the House Ways and Means Committee by Charles A. Schultze, budget director, and Chairman William McClellan of the Federal Reserve Board.

All four government officials talked of higher prices, high interest rates and even a return of the old boom-and-bust cycle of expansion and recession if taxes aren't raised.