

# News of the Day

## Apollo flight delayed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The flight of the first manned Apollo spacecraft has been postponed again, possibly until next summer, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has announced. Officials indicated the delays are linked with modifications of the spacecraft which were decided on after three astronauts were killed in a launch pad fire last January.

## New embassy planned

The 13-acre site of an unused veterans' hospital reportedly has been accepted as the location for a new and larger Soviet embassy, a move which may clear the way for construction of a new American embassy in Moscow.

Each nation has been working in cramped quarters in the other's capital.

Neither has been willing to grant more space without reciprocity.

## Homosexual data released

The National Institute of Mental Health, quoting estimates that "four per cent of the adult men in this country are exclusively homosexual," has named a 12-member task force to do research on the condition.

Group members have been drawn from the fields of psychology, anthropology, sociology, psychiatry, law and the clergy. It is headed by Dr. Evelyn Hooker, a research psychologist on the staff of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Stanley F. Yolles, director of the institute, in announcing formation of the task force, said homosexuality "presents a social problem of considerable magnitude and one which has been somewhat neglected by scientists, partially due to the stigma which attaches to work in the field."

## Agencies may be penniless

The House decided Thursday to let more than a score of federal agencies become technically penniless starting Sunday until it can decide next week how the government budget can be cut.

It scheduled a vote for Tuesday on an emergency measure that would provide funds until Oct. 10 for agencies whose appropriation bills for the year that started July 1 have not been enacted.

## Explosion plot revealed

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A new element was added Thursday to an alleged plan by an extremist group to poison thousands of policemen and top city officials—a plot to blow up City Hall, the Federal Courthouse and Police Administration Building.

Police said the alleged plot also called for the assassination of Mayor James H. J. Tate, Police Commissioner Frank L.

Rizzo, Dist. Atty, Arlen Specter, President Johnson, and J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director.

Investigators said they were informed of the plot by Robert Earl Bailey, 23, of Anniston, Ala. an escapee from a Georgia road gang.

Bailey reportedly told police he was approached by a member of the Revolutionary Action Movement RAM while at Holmesburg Prison in Philadelphia. He said he was contacted after the member learned he had been a sharpshooter in the Army.

RAM also was charged Wednesday with planning to start a riot and then poison police and officials.

## Raids continue on North Vietnam

SAIGON (AP)—American warplanes fought nine air battles with swarms of MIG fighters over North Vietnam while the ground war generally slackened and the embattled U.S. Marine post at Con Thien had the lightest day of its month-long artillery siege.

Weekly casualty figures released by the U.S. Command today reflected a lull in the ground war. Last week the United States lost 128 killed and 1,434 wounded, well below the weekly average. Communist losses reported by the U.S. Command for the week were 1,134 dead, also below average.

Most of the American casualties were among the Marines holding positions in the Con Thien area, 2-1/2 miles below the DMZ, against a possible invasion of South Vietnam's northern provinces by 35,000 North Vietnamese troops massed in and near the buffer zone.

Clearing skies enabled American pilots to fly 159 combat missions Wednesday in making a near-maximum effort over the North for the second straight day. The Americans ran into fierce antiaircraft fire and nearly every operational jet the Reds could put in the sky.

Although there were nine dog-fights with the MIG17s and MIG21s, no planes were reported damaged or downed in these battles. The one loss listed by the U.S. Command was a Marine A4 Skyhawk jet hit by ground fire above the demilitarized zone, the 685th plane downed over North Vietnam. The pilot ejected over the Tonkin Gulf and was rescued.

The American planes, trying to impair North Vietnam's ability to support its ground forces in the South, struck at communications, links and supply points. Air Force planes raked Hanoi's rail lines to Red China and an ammunition dump near Hon Gai, the country's second port.

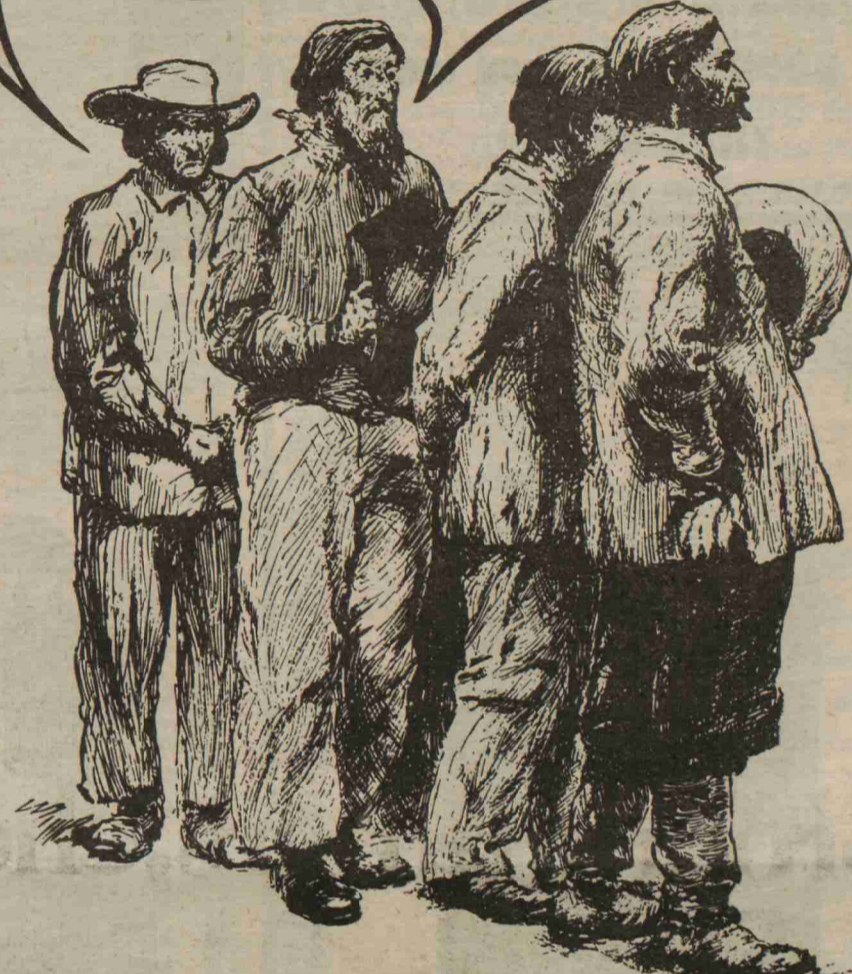
Navy planes from the carriers

Constellation, Coral Sea and Intrepid pounded supply routes up and down the coast, and reported hitting a number of barges.

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