

THE WEATHER
Temperatures
High Yesterday 87
Low Today 66
Expected High Today 95
Expected Low Tomorrow 68
Expected High Tomorrow 98
Sunrise 5:43 a.m. Sunset 8:04 p.m.
Rainfall
Season Total 8.78 Season Normal 6.37
Last Year 5.19
Isabella Dam Reservoir: 416,887 acre-feet
Kern River Flow: In 10,641 cfs; Out 4,889
Forecast
Sunny and warmer today and Friday
with light winds.

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KERN PRODUCTION
Agriculture \$301,712,350
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REDS BEGIN VIETNAM TRUCE

U.S. Death Toll Below Rate in '68

SAIGON (UPI)—Viet Cong and North Vietnamese troops began a 48-hour truce for Buddha's 2,513th birthday as promised today, with the U.S. Command reporting one minor violation.

Simultaneously, American headquarters released casualty figures showing the U.S. death toll has surpassed 5,000 this year but is running 40 per cent lower than last year.

The report said 265 GIs died last week and 1,863 suffered wounds—a sharp dropoff from the 430 killed and 2,185 wounded the previous week in sharp fighting across South Vietnam.

According to their announcement last week, the Communists began their two-day ceasefire at 7 a.m. U.S. and South Vietnamese troops are pledged to a 24-hour truce beginning at 6 a.m. Friday, which is the official national holiday.

Guerrilla gunners in the predawn hours before the shutdown shelled 30 towns and Allied camps, inflicting what U.S. spokesmen called light losses, but followed up one of the barrages with ground attacks.

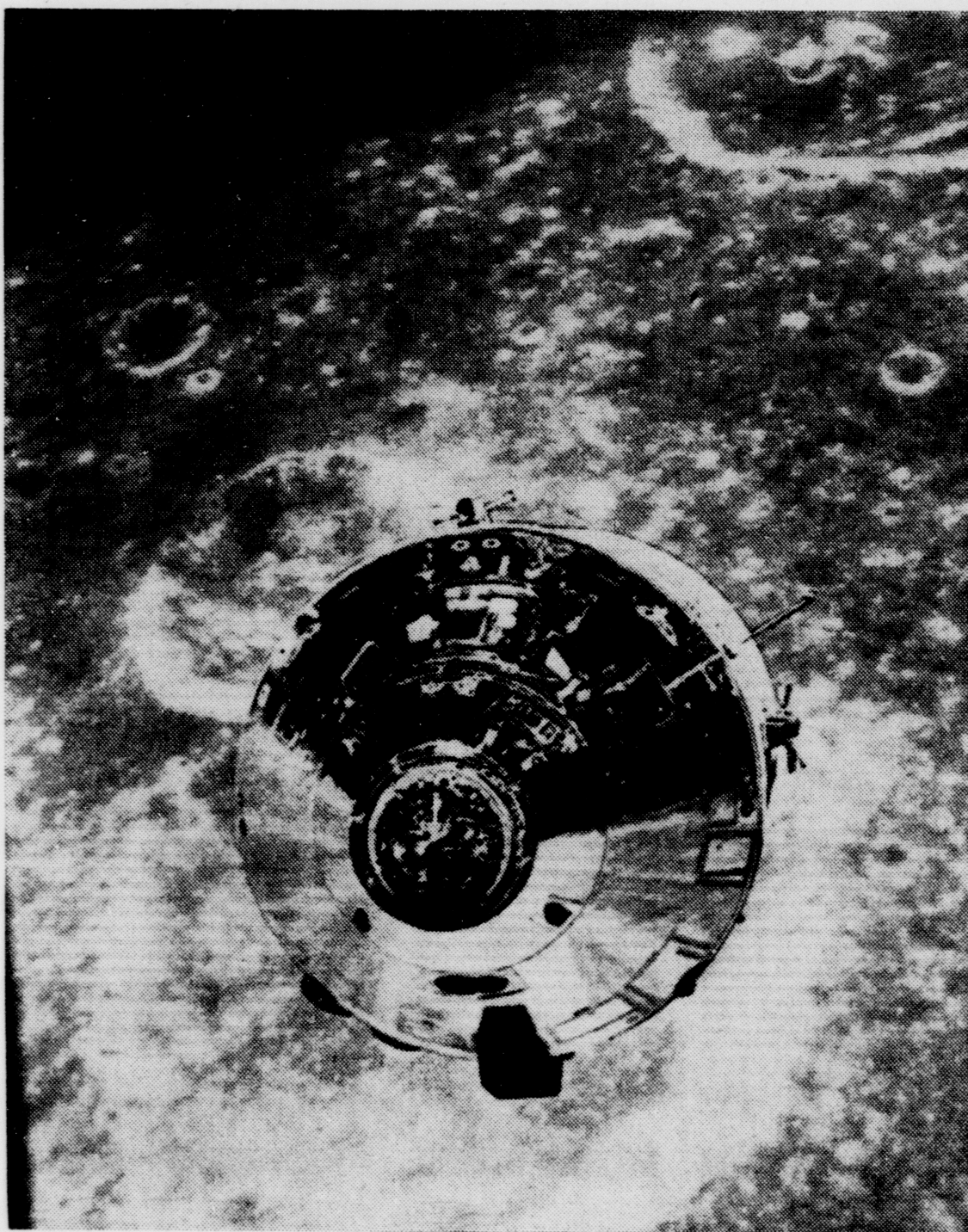
The first incident reported after 7 a.m. involved a group of Viet Cong firing on a U.S. observation helicopter 20 miles northwest of Saigon. Military spokesmen said the 'copter was not hit.

Seven waves of B52s bombed a Communist buildup near Dak To in the Central Highlands overnight in one of their most concentrated strikes in recent weeks. Other Stratoforts raided Communist approaches to Saigon.

The latest fighting on a front southwest of Dak To Wednesday cost the North Vietnamese 46 men killed, bringing their losses in that area since Monday to 292 dead, Allied headquarters said.

U.S. military spokesmen said such B52 raids and all Allied offensive operations would be halted for the one-day see Truce—page 8

Space Adventure on Film



This is how the Apollo 10 command module looked to astronauts Tom Stafford and Gene Cernan as they hovered about in the lunar module after the two spacecrafts separated.



This is the Earth rising over the moon as seen from Apollo 10 command module during the moon exploration voyage.

—AP Wirephotos

NEWS CAPSULES

INTERNATIONAL

Duvalier 'Dead or Ailing'

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, Haiti's self-professed president for life, is probably dead or at best gravely ill, the former Haitian ambassador to Mexico said Wednesday.

"I have direct reports," said Jean-Pierre Audain, who spoke to the newspaper Excelsior.

NATIONAL

Kidnap Figure Pleads Guilty

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — Honduras-born Ruth Eisemann-Schier pleaded guilty today and was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for her part in the \$500,000 ransom kidnapping of coed Barbara Jan Mackle.

Judge H. O. Hubert Jr., who had imposed a life sentence on Gary Steven Krist for the kidnapping, passed sentence on the 26-year-old Miss Eisemann-Schier. She left the courtroom smiling.

STATE

Clerks Locked Out in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Approximately 11,900 members of the Retail Clerks Union were locked out of major supermarkets in Los Angeles County today but the markets continued to operate with supervisory and nonunion employees.

The lockout by the Food Employers Council was in retaliation for picket lines set up Wednesday at 23 Food Giants markets.

Chains affected are Ralphs, Mayfair, Alpha Beta, Shopping Bag, Safeway, Von's and Better Foods.

The FEC, representing the markets, had announced during three months of negotiating with the clerks the markets would consider a strike against one as a strike against all.

An FEC spokesman said the lockout was effective at 9 a.m. when overnight workers left their shift.

The clerks are seeking increased wages. They recently turned down a 65-cent per hour boost, accepted by sister unions in Santa Barbara and San Diego, with a call for an additional 22.5 cents per hour boost.

Park Road Closed

FRESNO (AP) — District Highway Engineer R. E. Deffenbach said today the Division of Highways won't be able to open California 180 into the Cedar Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park in time for Memorial Day traffic.

High water from the Kings River has closed a 15-mile section from Barton Flats to Cedar Grove.

Apollo 10 Moon Photos to Aid Landing

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Deep canyons, massive craters and majestic mountains on the moon stand out boldly in pictures taken by the Apollo 10 astronauts and released here Wednesday.

The photographs, taken by Air Force Col. Thomas P. Stafford and Navy Cmdrs. John W. Young and Eugene A. Cernan, bear a striking resemblance to aerial pictures of the ice-bound antarctic continent on Earth.

Craters stand out as smooth-faced indentations in the white lunar surface and rilles, or deep canyons, resemble foot trails forced through snow.

All of the surface shown in the photographs is marked by craters, some showing up only as pinpoints while others dominate the landscape.

Dr. John Dietrich, a space agency geologist, said it was too early to make a definitive analysis of the pictures, but he said they definitely will be useful in exploring the approach path to the planned lunar landing attempt in July.

All the still photos of the moon released Wednesday were taken from the Apollo 10 command module while it was in orbit 69 miles above the moon.

A single still picture showed the command module, its nose pointed at the camera, in orbit of the moon. These were taken by 70mm cameras held by the crew.

A 16mm motion picture sequence shown to newsmen included scenes taken during a pass to within 9.4 miles of the moon by Stafford and Cernan, but a reflection in the window of the lunar module they were flying partially obscures the lunar view.

Dr. Dietrich said the film "probably will not improve on the best that we had" of the planned Apollo 11 landing site.

The motion picture film also showed Young having the first shave in space.

Young uses an ordinary safety razor to remove his chin whiskers, and wipes it clean with a towel.

Shaving in space, where there is no gravity, always had been forbidden before Apollo 10 because officials feared bristles floating in the spacecraft would foul delicate instruments.

A second release of pictures is planned tonight.

While the pictures were being released, the men who took them were telling in private about their eight-day trip around the moon and back.

'COMEDY OF ERRORS'

Water Tests Sink Submarine

VALLEJO (UPI) — The \$50 million nuclear submarine Guittaro sank at a Navy pier in a comedy of errors, during which one work crew pumped water into the bow to level the vessel while another poured water into the stern for an experiment, according to congressional investigators.

The submarine settled in 36 feet of water while undergoing final preparations for commissioning at Mare Island Naval Shipyard on May 15 — as Navy brass was attending an Armed Forces Day dinner in Vallejo addressed by assistant Navy Secretary James D. Hittle.

The Guittaro was refloated by shipyard workers in three days. Restoration work is under way. A special three-member team of the House Armed Services subcommittee ended three days of closed hearings Wednesday and concluded the submarine sank as a result of "the concurrence of several wholly avoidable factors."

The committee report said the "ultimate responsibility" for the accident must be borne by the Mare Island shipyard commander, Rear Adm.

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section to "trim" or level the ship by adding ballast water.

—4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both crews poured water into separate ends, counteracting each other.

—7 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. A security watch advised the workmen at the forward end that waves were washing into a manhole on the submarine's deck, "but these warnings went entirely unheeded."

—7:45 p.m. Workmen in the forward end turned off their hoses and went to lunch.

—7:50 p.m. Workmen in the aft section finished their job and started emptying the tanks, until one noticed the forward part of the ship was going down.

—8:50 p.m. The other crew returned from lunch as the Guittaro's bow dipped and water began pouring into open deck hatches. Efforts to close the hatches were unsuccessful because of numerous construction lines and power cables strung through the doorways.

—8:55 p.m. Everybody scrambled off the submarine and it settled to the bottom, leaving only eight feet of its

conning tower showing above the surface.

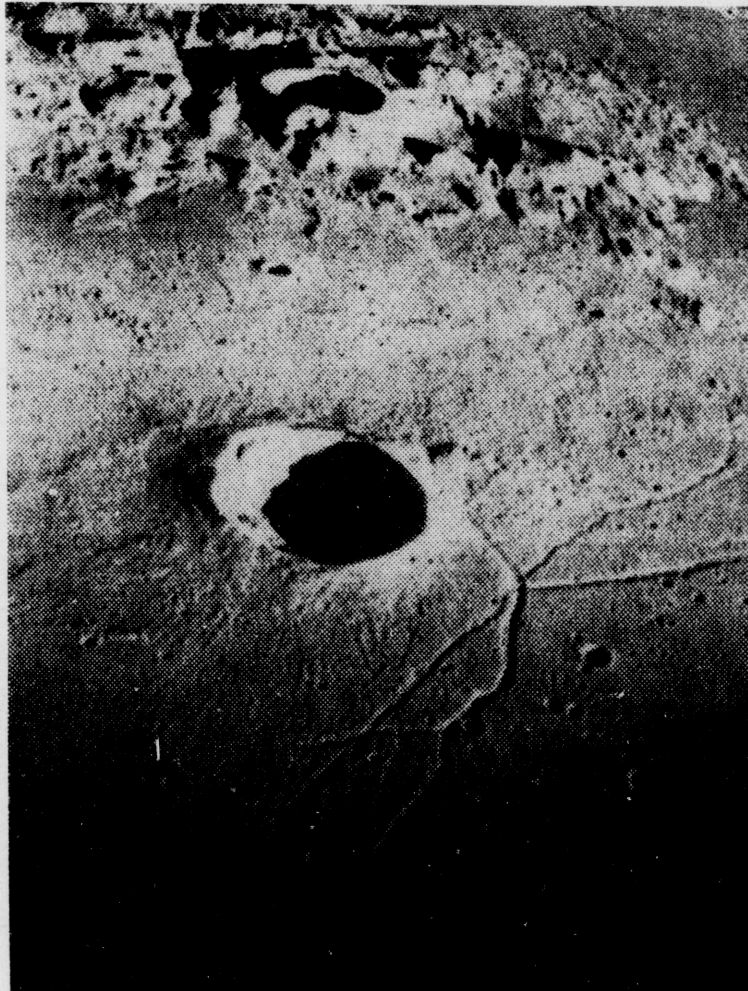
The congressmen said there was a "tragic" lack of communications between the two groups of workmen and charged the crew which was trying to "trim" the sub was "totally lacking in experience in this sort of work."

The Navy said it was conducting its own investigation of the Guittaro incident.

Copter Crash Kills Marines

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (UPI) — Two U.S. Marines died and seven were injured Wednesday in a helicopter crash on Puerto Rico's east coast.

The aircraft, attached to Alpha Company of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., developed engine trouble during a military exercise. Navy spokesmen said the helicopter crashed while attempting an emergency landing at Fajardo.



This is an Apollo 10 northwestward oblique view of Triesnecker crater. This picture, taken from the command module, shows terrain features typical of northeastern Central Bay and the highlands along the northern margin of Central Bay. Beyond the highlands, the smooth floor of the Sea of Vapors extends almost to the horizon some 375 miles from the spacecraft. Triesnecker crater, approximately 17 miles in diameter, was 85 miles northwest of Apollo 10 when the picture was taken.

—AP Wirephoto