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Astronauts Visit; Will Part Company Today

From Journal Wire Reports

HOUSTON — The astronauts of Apollo and Soyuz visited each other's spacecraft twice yesterday, sharing meals and speaking of friendship and further cooperation, and then closed the hatches on the first international meeting in space.

The American and Soviet spaceflights, which united in orbit Thursday, are scheduled to separate at 8:02 a.m. EDT Saturday. They will practice one more brief docking before going their separate ways 140 miles above the earth.

The three Americans and two Russians ended 26 dramatic hours of flight as a single space team Friday with predictions that international crews would one day explore the planets.

Apollo astronauts Thomas Stafford, Vance Brand and Donald "Deke" Slayton said farewell to their "very good friends," Soyuz cosmonauts Alexei Leonov and Valeri Kubasov, above the Indian Ocean at 5 p.m. EDT.

They sealed a tunnel connecting Soyuz with Apollo, packed up mementos of their historic efforts in the name of détente and

settled down to spend their fourth night in tandem flight around the earth. The ships were to part company Saturday.

"We wish you the best of success," said Stafford, clasping Leonov's hand through the round docking tunnel hatch where their visit had started with a similar handshake 25 hours, 41 minutes earlier.

"I'm sure we have opened up a new era in the history of man. Our next meeting will be on the ground."

The five spacemen spent a busy day of work, play and diplomatic ceremony in the four rooms of their linked spacecraft. They held a televised news conference in space, dined together on shared space food and beamed down TV tours of their homelands far below for viewers around the world.

Stafford, back in Apollo, told Houston control it had been "a real long day." Houston replied with a "goodnight" message about 15 minutes early.

On earth, their wives waited with "happy anxiety."

Apollo and Soyuz were to remain linked together — a single space machine 66 feet

long — until 8:02 a.m. Saturday. Then, with a fond "dosvidaniye" (until we meet again), they were to pull apart and maneuver into separate no-collisions orbits after final experiments to test their space rescue docking system and let Apollo create an artificial solar eclipse for the Soyuz crew to photograph.

Flight controllers in Moscow and at the Johnson Space Center here reported that all systems in the two linked spacecrafts were performing normally.

"We have done everything today we expected to do," M. P. Frank, the chief

flight director for Apollo, said. "There are very few problems. Things have gone well."

The suspected leak of atmosphere into the docking module, the connecting link between the two ships, turned out last night to be no problem at all. Soyuz instruments were sensing the expansion of warming gases in the module, not a leak.

When the news conference began at 1:30 p.m. EDT, Stafford and Leonov were in the Soyuz and Kubasov had joined Brand

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Sen. Church Says So

Evidence of Butterfield Lacking?

From Journal Wire Reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee said Friday he can find no evidence to support the charge that former presidential aide Alexander Butterfield was a CIA agent or contact man.

"There is simply no scintilla of evidence that would substantiate such a charge," Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, told reporters. "In fact the evidence is directly to the contrary."

Asked about the possibility that Butterfield, who revealed the existence of the presidential tapes, might simply have performed liaison duties between the White House and CIA, Church responded, "so far, it certainly is incorrect with respect to the CIA."

On another subject, Church said it was "a very real possibility" that the CIA drew up assassination plans without the knowledge or approval of Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy. "We have to face the very real possibility that the agency may have been behaving like a bull elephant on the rampage," Church said.

His comments seemed to go further toward ruling out the possibility of presidential involvement in assassination than his earlier statements that the committee had no "hard evidence" directly linking murder plots to the two presidents or to Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The committee met in closed session to question former CIA Director Richard M. Helms and John Eisenhower, son of the late President.

Eisenhower told reporters his father was not in-

formed of alleged plots against Fidel Castro's life. "I was so close to President Eisenhower, I don't see how he could have done anything without my knowing it, and I know nothing" about assassination, he said.

Eisenhower said a search of the record could find only one 10-minute period in which the President was alone with then CIA director Allen Dulles, either himself or Gen. Andrew Goodpaster, the President's military adviser, were present on all other occasions, Eisenhower said.

Goodpaster appeared before the committee Thursday.

Eisenhower acknowledged it was possible his father may have been told about plots to kill Castro by someone other than Dulles, such as one of the members of the White House group which directed CIA covert operations. But Eisenhower quoted the head of that group, Gordon Gray, as saying he never told the President of any assassination plans.

"He knows it never went to the boss," Eisenhower said of Gray, who also has testified before the committee.

Church's comments about Butterfield marked the first denial from anyone investigating the CIA of charges raised last week by retired Air Force Col. L Fletcher Prouty that Butterfield was the CIA liaison contact officer at the White House.

"In close interrogation, Mr. Prouty is unable to substantiate his earlier statement and acknowledges this to be the case," Church said. Church also indicated that the committee's investigation included the examination of other evidence as well.

Meanwhile the head of the newly reconstituted House Intelligence Committee said he will seek to coordinate his investigation with that of the Senate, specifically concentrating on financing of intelligence activities.

Rep. Otis Pike, D-N.Y., said in a telephone interview, "I will suggest to the committee that we start with the Bureau of the Budget, and discuss with them how much goes into this activity and where the money goes."

"This is a matter of moral, legal and fiscal accountability," Pike said.

Pike said he met Friday with Sen. Church in an effort to coordinate efforts.

"Sen. Church is an easy person to get along with," Pike said.

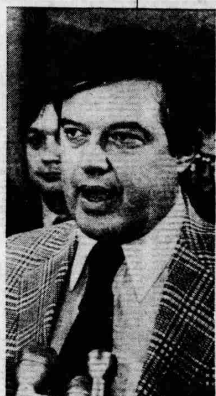
Pike also conferred separately Friday with members of the recreated committee.

The House panel was disbanded by House vote Thursday after months of paralysis caused largely by an internal feud. This conflict pitted former chairman Rep. Lucian Nedzi, D-Mich., against Rep. Michael Harrington, D-Mass. Both were dropped from the new committee.

The membership now, in addition to Pike, comprises Democratic Reps. Robert Gajmon of Connecticut, Don Edwards of California, James V. Stanton of Ohio, Ronald V. Dellums of California, Morgan Murphy of Illinois, Les Aspin of Wisconsin, Dale Milford of Texas and Philip Hayes of Indiana, and Republicans Robert McClory of Illinois, David C. Treen of Louisiana, James P. Johnson of Colorado and Robert W. Kasten Jr. of Wisconsin.



JOHN EISENHOWER
... father not informed ...



FRANK CHURCH
... no evidence ...

Senate Denies Agency Control Over Tobacco

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate voted yesterday to deny the Consumer Product Safety Commission jurisdiction over pesticides, tobacco and ammunition.

The restraints were included in legislation which would authorize \$120 million for the commission's work through Sept. 30, 1977. The bill passed by a vote of 76-8 and went to the House.

It would revise the commission's mandate specifically to eliminate tobacco and tobacco products from the "hazardous substance" provisions of its charter.

The commission itself had ruled it did not have jurisdiction but was overruled by a federal court order on a petition to ban all cigarettes which emitted more than 21 milligrams of tar. The bill in effect would strike down the court order.

The Commerce Committee, which drafted the revisions, said in its report that if the commission retained jurisdiction over tobacco, "it would exhaust its resources and it would be unable to

address other safety issues with which it must be concerned."

Ammunition would be similarly exempted. As in the case of tobacco, a federal court ordered the commission to hear a petition to ban handgun ammunition after the commission had ruled such a case was outside its jurisdiction because it would, in effect, be barring firearms.

The bill would make it clear that the commission has no authority to restrict guns and ammunition.

On a 75-11 vote, the Senate refused an amendment by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., to restore language in the bill giving the commission authority to label ammunition and check for defective ammunition. Critics attacked the proposal as a "backdoor" attempt to get gun control.

The ban on jurisdiction over pesticides was included because the Environmental Protection Agency is about to take over enforcement of pesticide-related packaging standards for the protection of children.

Nixon Tries to Save Man's Life Marine Dies Despite His Efforts

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon tried in vain for an hour to save the life of a Marine at a fatal traffic accident Thursday, a base spokesman said Friday.

Three Marines were killed in the accident.

"Mr. Nixon took charge of the accident scene," said Marine Capt. Lou Chatele.

"He directed his Secret Service men to call for a medic-vac unit and he and one of his aides tried to help one Marine who was still alive."

A spokesman at Nixon's seaside home in nearby San Clemente confirmed the incident and said the former chief executive stayed at the scene for an hour, directing the operation.

A spokesman for Camp Pendleton, a sprawling base north of San Diego, gave this account.

Nixon was returning with his son-in-law and daughter, Edward and Tricia Cox, from a Marine Corps golf course Thursday afternoon when the accident took place directly in front of his car.

A Secret Service agent driving the Nixon car stopped and Nixon asked him to radio for medical aid.

Nixon and Cox then tried to free a Marine pinned in the wreckage where two other men were dead. Cox used a crowbar, but the third man was pronounced dead at the base hospital five hours later.

In the Nixon car immediately behind the Marines' vehicle which crashed off Las Pulgas Road on the base were Col. Jack Brennan, the former President's aide, and a Navy corpsman.

Details of the accident were unclear and the incident was under investigation, a base spokesman said.

"All I know is that it was a head-on collision on Las Pulgas," said Capt. Chatele, a public information officer.

The dead Marines were identified as Sgt. Davis A. Vandal, 28, of nearby Oceanside; Cpl.

Ramiro A. Delgado Jr., 20, of San Antonio, Tex., and Sgt. Larry W. Grise, 24, of San Clemente.

Chatele said it was "fairly common" for Nixon to be on the base where the golf facilities have been made available to him.

In recent weeks, Chatele said, "He has been on the base for leisurely drives several times."

La Pulgas Road is an east-west artery at the northwest edge of Camp Pendleton some 10 miles from Nixon's Casa Pacifica estate.

Accidents resulting in deaths are routinely reported at the Marine base but Thursday's accident was not.

A rumor of it along with Nixon's involvement reached the Vietnamese refugee camp nearby about midmorning Friday.

Marine spokesmen said they could not explain immediately why the accident had not been reported in the normal way.

A spokesman at the refugee relocation center said the former President has yet to visit there

Woman Gives Birth To 4 Girls, 1 Boy

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A young Texas housewife started her family quickly Friday when she gave birth to quintuplets — four girls and a boy — while a father was stuck on a Parkland Hospital elevator expecting quadruplets at most.

The five babies and the mother were all in stable condition, a hospital spokesman said.

"It's just kind of left me in shock," said Jerry Davis, the 21-year-old father who makes about \$175 a week as a mechanic at a Dallas equipment company.

Dr. Jack Pritchard, part of a 20-member medical team that assisted in the Caesarean section delivery, said the mother, Debbie Davis, 20, had taken fertility drugs.

Hospital officials said the smallest baby, a girl, weighed 1 pound, 14 ounces. The other four ranged from 2 pounds to more than 3 pounds each. The boy was the largest at 3 pounds, 10 ounces.

and then maybe triplets," Davis said. "And about a month ago ... they told us it would be four."

"So I was kind of shocked about that," Davis continued. "And then this morning, I didn't know what to think."

Pritchard said Mrs. Davis had been in the hospital for two weeks in the high-risk unit for pregnant women. He said it was expected she would deliver quadruplets, but said the fifth baby was "a bonus."

Meanwhile, the father somehow was stuck in a hospital elevator during the delivery.

"I was wondering if I'd ever get out of there. I thought somebody was trying to play a trick on me or something," he said. Someone called Davis on the elevator telephone and he informed the caller his wife was having quadruplets.

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The Weather

Partly cloudy with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers through Sunday. Lows from the upper 50s to mid-60s in the mountains and upper 60s to low 70s elsewhere. Highs mostly in the 80s. (Weather Data on page 2.)

Bicentennial Calendar

On July 19, 1775, King George rejected another petition by the Common Council of London for peace in North America. The British monarch said: "The people in my Colonies resist my authority and I owe it to all the other law-abiding people to oppose this petition."



The Agony and the Ecstasy

A group of casual bystanders show a full array of human emotion as a youthful Frisbee tosser has a fling during the City Recreation Department's frisbee contest. Story, Page 2.

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