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 Today—Fair and cold, high in the mid 30s. Thursday—Mostly cloudy and continued cold. The probability of precipitation is 20% today and tonight. Temperature range: Today, 30-35; yesterday, 28-34. Details on page B7.

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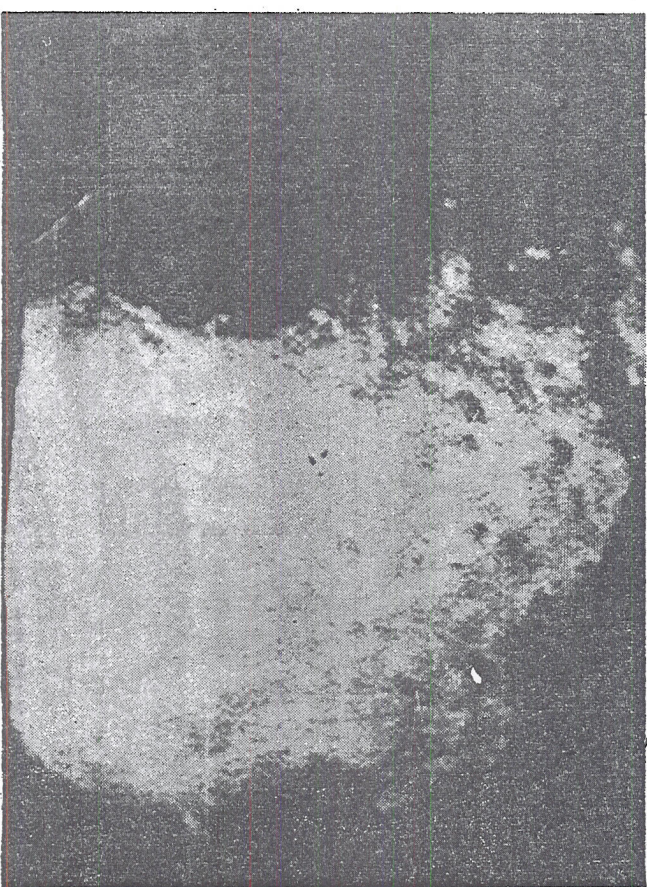
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The Pueblo's captain, Cmdr.



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By Thomas O'Toole
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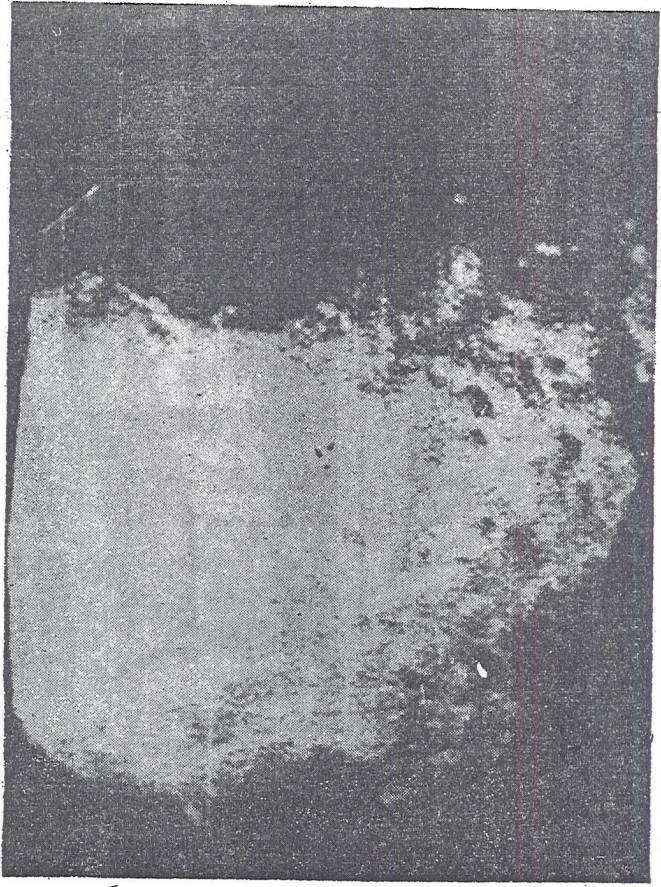
As a practical matter, however, U.S. officials saw little chance of anything coming of it. An "investigation" implies an official protest to North Korea; if there is evidence for charges.

But since the Administration sees little hope of even getting the North Koreans to meet again to discuss the return of the Navy intelligence ship, Pueblo itself, North Korea is not expected to make any apologies for its 11-month treatment of the Pueblo's captive crew.

In another aspect of the Pueblo case yesterday, it was learned that a secret Presidential fact-finding committee told Mr. Johnson earlier this year that there was "no evidence" that the Pueblo had been within North Korea's 12-mile territorial water limit when North Korea captured the ship last Jan. 23.

The committee, in its oral report to the President, also found the chances "99 to 1" against the Pueblo ever having intruded within that 12-mile limit during the two weeks it was probing off the North Korean coast prior to its capture.

The committee was headed by George W. Ball, former Under Secretary of State and



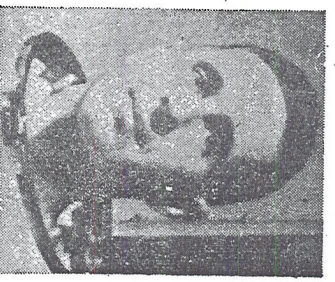
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"The vast loneliness up here ... it's awe-inspiring ..."



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If everything kept going well, the astronauts would be one-fifth of the way home by noon Wednesday, and their voyage would end with a Pacific Ocean splash-down just before sunrise the morning of Friday, Dec. 27.

The orbiting of the moon began early Tuesday morning. By the time they'd spent a few hours in lunar orbit, the three astronauts had seen sights never before them could only imagine.

"The moon is essentially gray, no color," astronaut Lovell told the earth just before 6 a.m. Tuesday, in what will live as man's first close-up description of the moon. "It looks like plaster of Paris, like dirty beach sand with lots of footprints in it."

On their ninth lunar revolution, the astronauts came on from 9:34 p.m. (EST) to 10:04 p.m. with their second telecast of the moon Tuesday, and it was easily the best show they've had so far.

They started with an oblique shot of the earth, which appeared as a bright globe over the moon's horizon. Then they pointed their onboard camera down at the moon. With the spacecraft's left-hand window serving as a silhouette, the camera clearly recorded the black lunar landscape, its bright whiteness contrasted vividly with the black sky above the moon's horizon.

"The moon is a different thing to each of us," said Borman.

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human race." This was the excited as- sessment today of Apollo 8's flight to the moon by Sir Bernard Lovell, famed Brit- ish astronomer. "When I hear Jim Lovell say, the earth is the size of

more aware "of the impact this will have on the future," he explained, and aware of the lights effort and dan- ger. "They were dismayed when Lovell, director of Britain's

and work." Navigator Lovell gave his feeling next. "It makes us realize what you have back on earth. The earth is a vast See APOLLO, A10, Col. 1

Full page of pictures on Apollo 8. Page A7.

D.C.-Bound Plane Falls In Pa. Storm

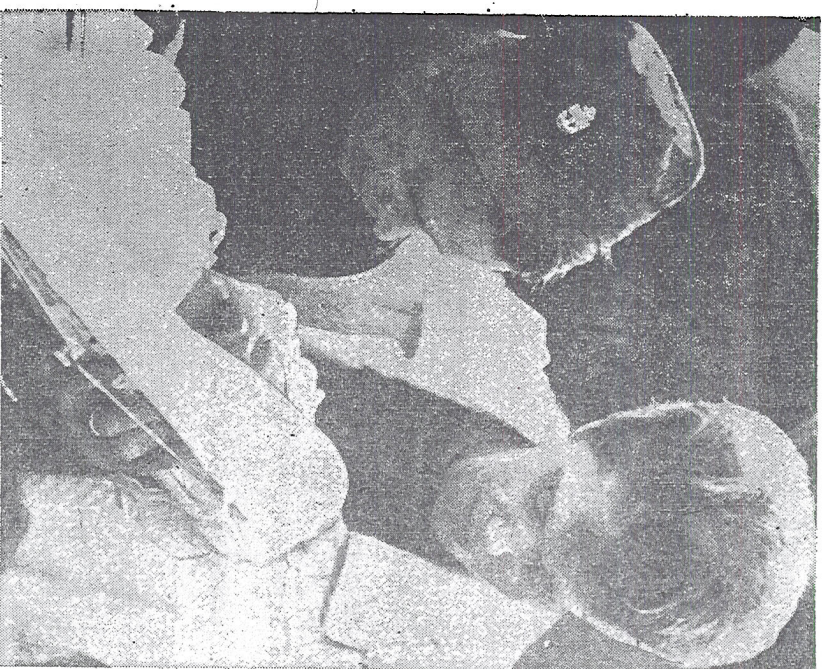
BRADFORD, Pa., Dec. 24 (UPI) — A two-engine Allegheny Airlines plane with 42 Christmas Eve travelers and three crewmen aboard crashed and burned during a snowstorm in a remote mountainous area about 20 miles west of here tonight. There were 18 known survivors.

At least 12 injured persons were taken to Bradford Hospital where a spokesman said three were in critical condition. Rescuers, who got to the snow-covered crash site by foot and snowmobile, were aiding the crash victims. It was not learned immediately if there were any fatalities.

The Conair 360 prop jet, Flight No. 736, originated in Detroit, Mich., and was en route to Washington, D.C., an airline spokesman in Pittsburgh said. The last radio contact with the plane was with the Bradford radio beacon at 8:15 p.m. Authorities said the plane crashed about three miles from its destination.

The airport is about three miles south of the New York State line in northwestern Pennsylvania. The McKean County sheriff's office said four to six inches of snow fell in the area today.

Chief Engineer Mounce Goldman gets his first look at baby daughter born during USS Pueblo. At right is Mrs. Goldman.



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CHRISTMAS: 1968

President Preoccupied With Peace Hopes
With Truce, Shorter Curfew, S. Vietnam Gets a 'Respite'

By Robert C. Maehard
Washington Post Staff Writer

As his last Christmas in peace without calling the White House approached, Lyndon Johnson's thoughts remained on peace in Vietnam. That has been the President's abiding preoccupation as his days in office slip away.

The lone statement released by Mr. Johnson yesterday was the Commander-in-Chief's final Christmas message to his troops.

He never quite got around to wishing the men a Merry Christmas; instead he shared their hope for peace.

"This will be my last Christmas message to you as your Commander-in-Chief," Mr. Johnson broadcast. "But I will remember you all the days of my life, as the patriots who manned the watchtowers in a time of peril, so that we might live as free men."

He spoke wishfully of a "world brightened with the hope of peace," and he paid tribute to the fighting men who "stood as the rock of our resolve." In ceremonies, farewells and messages such as yesterday's, Mr. Johnson alludes to the possibility, the hope, of peace. Often, too, as in the Christmas

week he said, he was misunderstood—he feels landing and bringing back moon samples is "of the very highest scientific importance" and understands that

See MOON, A11, Col. 1

Arlington Heart Recipient Home for the Holiday

By Hank Burchard
Washington Post Staff Writer

Fred Christian Everman was very tired Christmas Eve, but he told the television crewmen to come on in anyway. He never passes up a chance to put in a good word for Dr. Denton A. Cooley and the rest of the surgical team at Houston's St. Luke's Hospital that has made him America's senior surviving heart transplant patient.

Everman, 58, knew the fact that he was home for

By Peter Braastrup
Washington Post Foreign Service

SAIGON, Dec. 24.—"To most people throughout the world, Christmas is the time to rejoice and celebrate . . . but to us Vietnamese living in Vietnam, this Christmas, like several others in the past, simply offers a short respite. . . ."

So said the Saigon Daily News on Christmas Eve, as a 24-hour allied truce began at 6 p.m. The Saigon mayor shortened the evening curfew for the holiday from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. and everyone

In Saigon made the most of the short respite from war. Not since the lunar new year (Tet) holidays last January, just before the surprise Communist offensive, has there been such festive hustle-bustle in downtown Saigon. Everyone celebrated Christmas—the majority Buddhists as well as the minority Catholics, who went to Midnight Mass at the twin-spired Saigon Cathedral, hung with colored lights, on Kennedy Square.

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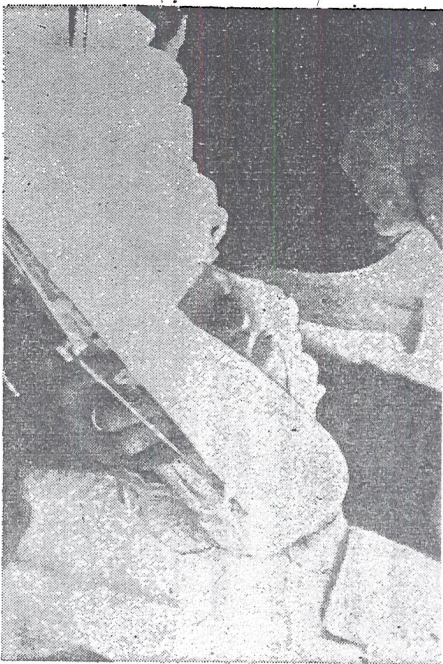
One South Vietnamese teenager, a Buddhist, said Christmas was just about the most important night of the year. "I am going to three different parties one after the other. We have fun all night long." Indeed, although Nguyen Hue and Tu Do Streets, the main downtown shopping avenues, looked very American, with their strings of See VIETNAM, A16, Col. 1

Save this little bit of history.

Put it alongside the front page reporting Lindbergh's flight over the Atlantic. Or the story of Edison inventing the

And every step we take in space, teaches us how to take greater strides on earth. For example, the Apollo Program has

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Christmas, home with his wife for the first time in seven months, home for a holiday he probably would not have lived to see but for the housewife's heart now beating in his chest, was the kind of thing that makes prime time TV and may win converts and contributors to Dr. Cooley's research program.

So he stuck it out as long as there were questions to See HEART, A4, Col. 1

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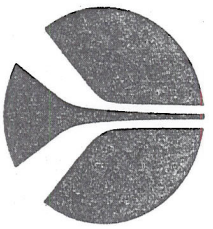
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this page to a constantly growing scrap-book of space accomplishments. And we're working with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on what will fill the next page. Our Corporate Headquarters are 2300 East Imperial Highway, El Segundo, California 90245.



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