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NATE OPENS OLLO PROBE FIRE CAUSE

ic Sessions Begin
day Into Astronaut
Tragedy

A CHIEFS CALLED e Agency Tells of judgment of Cap- sule Risks

ASHINGTON — (AP) Senate space committee's first public hearing into the Apollo space tragedy today in the of a space agency re- that risks of fire had unjudged

ic testimony from top officials comes exactly month after the fire that three astronauts.

Favored Open Ses- sion thought it better to have testimony in open session," said Clinton P. Anderson, D., said

National Aeronautics and Administration, which been handling the principal investigation of the disaster at Kennedy, has so far issued reports on its progress.

Today's hearing marks the time the agency's officials made themselves avail- an outside body to answer questions raised by the fire a report released Saturday.

A said that "continued as- to the possibility of fire became dulled by previous ad experience and six years successful manned mis-

e risks of uncontrollable had been judged, the by said. The report called a number of corrective

ures. USA chief James E. Webb, Director Robert C. Sen- s Jr. and George C. Muell- er of the manned space y, are expected to testify

USA said in the report it is ble the investigators will be able to pinpoint the exact e of the fire, but that elec- malfunction is regarded as "most likely source."

her causes such as chemi- reactions and spontaneous

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Weather Data

Info from U.S. Weather Bureau
U.S. Dept. of Commerce

RIDGEPORT AND VICINITY
creasing cloudiness today;
80 to 85. Tonight, cloudy
snow developing and com-
ing during the night, possi-
ly with or changing to rain
the coast before ending to-
morrow morning, low 25 to 40
today, 30 to 40; tomorrow, par-
ly and colder, high in the
30s. Precipitation proba-
today, 40 per cent; tonight,
per cent; tomorrow, 50 per
cent.

ONG ISLAND SOUND—Winds
he southwest at 15 mph
ugh tonight, shifting to north-
tomorrow morning. Sea
hilly choppy. Visibility good,
oming fair to poor in snow to
and early tomorrow.

REGIONAL FORECAST—Tem-
atures the next five days are
ected to average near the
sonal normals (for Bridge-
t) of 41 and 25 daytime highs
range from the 30s to low
and overnight lows in the
20s. Seasonable tomorrow,
der Wednesday and Thursday,
der Friday and Saturday. Pre-
cipitation may total a quarter
to half inch with rain or snow to
row and again about Sat-
urday.

TEMPERATURE

Municipal Airport Readings
Today 18
Yesterday 22
Feb 23, 1966 13
Feb 24, 1966 20
Feb 25, 1966 28
Air temperature 41
Water temperature 45
Freeze days yesterday 3
Freeze days since July 1 3,590
Precipitation day (12 hours to 8 a.m.) 0.00
7 months 2.32
7 to date 3.61
Rainfall (11 a.m. readings) 30.30
Snowfall (11 a.m. readings) 53 1/2

SUN, MOON AND STARS

Monday, Feb. 27
Eighty-eighth day of the year
n sets today at 5:41 p.m.
n tomorrow at 6:30 a.m. The
on rises at 9:35 p.m. tonight
between the star, Spica, and the
met Mars. During the rest of
the night the Moon moves near-
ars, which is now about 50 mil-
n miles from the Earth. It
as into its last quarter March 3

TIDE TIDE

Today Tomorrow
4:45 a.m. High 1:38 a.m.
1:15 p.m. High 2:00 p.m.
9:45 a.m. Low 7:54 a.m.
12:45 p.m. Low 8:12 p.m.

Palace Urged to Kill Rumor of Rift Splitting Margaret, Lord Snowdon

LONDON (UPI) — Rumors that Princess Margaret's marriage is on the rocks are pure poppycock, according to the British press.

Three mass circulation newspapers urged Bucking- ham Palace Sunday to once and for all end such rumors of a rift in the seven-year marriage of the princess and the former society photog- rapher Anthony Armstrong-Jones.

"Facts to kill the silly rumors," said the front page headline of the tabloid Sun- day Mirror. The News of the World said, "It's now nec- essary to give the lie to the gossip."

"It is high time the record was put right," the news- paper The People said. "The fact is that there has never been any rift between the princess and her husband, Lord Snowdon."

So far, the palace has re- mained silent. Sources said it was unlikely Margaret or her sister, Queen Elizabeth II, would have anything to say on the matter.

The British press reaction was touched off by recent re- ports in French, German and Italian news media linking such rumors to the fact that Lord Snowdon was abroad while his 30-year-old wife re- cently spent four days in a hospital.

Snowdon is in Japan on a photographic assignment for The Sunday Times. Although here was speculation the prin- cess was pregnant, it was later said she was in the hos- pital only for routine exam- ination.

"The Snowdon's friends are convinced that the present rumors are totally unfounded, although they admit that

there have been times when, like most young married cou- ples, the princess and her husband have had their dif- ferences of opinion," The People said.

Some court observers said a Buckingham Palace an- nouncement three days ago about plans for Margaret and her husband to vacation in the Bahamas next month was probably intended to help squelch such rumors.

Meanwhile, Margaret plan- ned to resume her official duties tonight, attending a charity production of Shake- speare's comedy on marriage and manners, "The Taming of The Shrew." Since her hus- band is abroad, she was go- ing alone.

The Snowdons were mar- ried on March 3, 1960, and have two children, Viscount Linley, 5, and 2-year-old Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones.

PEKING HURLS NEW CHARGES AT MAO FOES

Four Ousted Officials
Are Under Attack
Again

PURGE CHANGE SEEN

Party Chairman May Be
Attempting to Restrain
Red Guards

TOKYO — (AP) Support- ers of Chinese Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse- tung have renewed their at- tacks on four early targets of Mao's purge, possibly in- dicating a narrowing of the so-called cultural revolution because of setbacks.

Japanese correspondents in Peking reported ousted Peking Mayor Peng Chen, former Vice Premier Lu Ting-yi, former chief of staff Lo Jui-ching, and former party official Yang Shangkun had been officially charged with being counter-revolutionaries.

Accused in Posters
All four had been accused in earlier wall bulletins of preparing a coup d'etat against Mao a year ago.

The Peking correspondent of the newspaper Nimen Keizai said the counter-revolutionary label was contained in a notice posted Sunday by the party central committee. Such a charge- one of the strongest in the Communist armory of epithets—could indicate a tool is being prepared.

Isolation of the four as purge targets came amid more signs that Mao is trying to put a lid on Red Guard zealots and tone down the civil strife. But other reports indicated Mao's oppo- nents are active as ever.

Through Mao's reports came from Communist foes of Mao who are anxious to see him defeated.

Maosists Arrested
Moscow Radio said in a Ja- panese-language broadcast that anti-Mao armed forces had taken over the industrial city of Loyang in Honan Province and that a number of Maosists had been arrested. It added that clashes between pro- and anti-Mao groups were continuing in several provinces.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported from Peking that wall posters carried an order by Premier Chou En-lai for army units to be sent to Honan to restore order.

Chinese travelers arriving in Hong Kong reported that sabo- teurs severely damaged a rail- way bridge Saturday night about 55 miles east of South China's major city of Canton, hold- ing up their train six hours for repairs. Passengers were pre- vented from viewing the dam- age.

Reports from Canton earlier this month said that oppon- ents of Mao were stockpiling explosives and planning to blow up railway tracks and bridges in the Canton area.

Japanese dispatches over the weekend reported that Chou wanted 10 days ago that the purge was aimed at only small groups, including the four "counter-revolutionaries," Pres- ident Liu Shao-chi and party

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HANOI IS PRESSURED ANEW BY U. S. MINING OF RIVERS

Civilians Victims of Viet Cong Shelling



A terror-stricken Vietnamese mother carries the blanket-wrapped body of her dead baby in the village of An Do after a Viet Cong mortar and rocket attack today. The village is on the edge of the U.S. air base at Da Nang. Some enemy shells aimed at the air base fell short and hit the village.

THIRD ACTION IN AIM TO CUT SUPPLY LINE

Warships Shell Coas
Draw Charges From
Hanoi

BIG GUNS ACTIVE

No Harbors, Such as Ha
phong, Being Mined
Americans Say

By ROBERT TUCKMAN
SAIGON — (AP) U.S. Navy planes started sowing mines in rivers of Nor- th Vietnam today in a thir- new increase of milita- pressure on the Hanoi regime.

U.S. military headqu- ters said the step, like other two announced over the weekend, was aimed cutting the flow from North of men and supp- to South Vietnam.

headquarters announ- ced earlier that long-range ar- tillery in South Vietnam shelling North Vietn across the demilitarized z- and that warships of U.S. 7th Fleet were bar- barding military tar- from off the North Vi- namese coast.

Big Airbase Shelled
In South Vietnam, the Cong shelled the big Amer- airbase at Da Nang and an- joming Vietnamese village. mortars and rockets early 1- day, killing 11 Amer- cans and Vietnamese civilians. And 70 Vietnamese and 32 Am- cans were reported woun- and an ensuing fire burned wood and tin Vietnamese sh- in the village of An Do, on edge of the airbase.

As the U.S. command- nounced the mining of Vietnamese waterways, Vietnamese charged the U.S. shelling caused civilian cas- ties and sent a protest to control commission. Hanoi claimed that North Vietn- have captured a U.S. ship and set it afire. A communique said the dest- Renner "suffered a 1 Vietnamese shore gun s- opened up on the bomba- ships" and that "none of vessels sustained any dam- men said.

Another 32 Americans and 70 Vietnamese were injured and 11 American planes were slightly damaged. The shells also start- ed fires that burned 150 shack- in the village of An Do, on the edge of the base.

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One of the main targets ap- peared to be the military com- munications compound just across a road from the village. Two equipment vans with sec- ure electronic gear were hit, and most of the civilian and military telephone circuits were tempo- rarily knocked out. Four sol- diers and one Marine were killed in the compound.

Other shells hit at least half a dozen barracks buildings on the base. Most of the servicemen killed and wounded were in bed when the shelling started.

Air Force Col James B. Ran- del of Ardmore, Okla. said the pattern of the shooting indicated the guerrillas were aiming for the airplanes and people.

In the naval bombardment North Vietnam Sunday, at five warships pounded rail- lines, barracks areas, gar- placements and other targ- which they have been at- tacking since the war.

The destroyers Dun- can and Lamons were firing at the targets.

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Bailey Says DeSalvo Fled In Hope of Being Killed

BOSTON — (UPI) Albert H. DeSalvo, who pro- fesses to be the Boston strangler, broke out of a mental hospital hoping "he might be shot and killed" but ap- parently changed his mind once "free," his attorney said.

"Was Depressed"
"DeSalvo said that he was de- pressed and he thought by escap- ing he might be shot and killed by somebody and that would end his problems," said P. Lee Bailey of Boston, who represents DeSalvo.

"One of the principal reasons for his escape was suicide," the lawyer said Sunday night after returning from Walpole State prison where he met the 35-year- old DeSalvo.

"But he's much improved now," Bailey said.

A beak-nosed, former Army middleweight boxing champion, DeSalvo has confessed to killing 13 women and sexually molesting 1,000 more. He now is under 24-hour maximum security at Wal- pole.

DeSalvo was captured Saturday 32 hours after breaking out of antiquated Bridgewater State (mental) hospital. "I didn't know anybody and I never will," he told police and newsmen.

No Threats in Prison
Bailey said there were no threats against DeSalvo at the prison—"as far as I know." But, he said, "Albert always has been terrified" of the prison.

Bailey said he would try to get DeSalvo removed to a mental hos- pital for proper psychiatric treat- ment.

Asked how DeSalvo escaped from the hospital with two other inmates—one a convicted wife slayer and the other a drug ad- dict serving time for armed rob- bery, Bailey said simply, "Albert had a key." He said he was "not really" certain how DeSalvo got out.

"He was supposed to be help- ing a locksmith change locks re- cently at the hospital," Bailey said.

Fred E. Erickson, 40, the wife- killer from Brockton, and George W. Harrison, 32, of Westford, were freed by DeSalvo from cells on each side of him on the third floor of the hospital's ward work- ers' building.

DeSalvo's flight for freedom Friday triggered a massive in- vestigation.

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POWELL PLAN IN HOPE OF BEING KILLED

House Leaders Confident
of Enough Votes But
Dissidents Vow Fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders from both parties be- lieve they have enough votes for adoption of a resolution that Adam Clayton Powell be seated and severely disciplined — but vocal dissidents promise a fight.

An Associated Press check of key leaders shows most have little doubt the House will follow a select committee's recom- mendations to seat and publicly censure the Harlem Negro, dock- ing his pay \$40,000 at the rate of \$1,600 a month and strip him of 21 years of seniority.

The unprecedented resolution comes up Wednesday.

No Report on Powell
Two lawyers met with Powell on his Caribbean island retreat at Blinn over the weekend. But they had no immediate report on what Powell would do.

The resolution would give Powell until March 13 to be sworn in as the lowest ranking member of the House.

Powell, who had scheduled a weekend press conference and then canceled it, did tell news- men on his return from a fish- ing trip Saturday that if he were not seated, he would run again and win.

"Even if I'm dead, as long as they keep me propped up, I will be elected," he said.

In Congress, there were indi- cations that members sym- pathetic to Powell — including Negroes — probably would go along with the resolution even though some considered it unne- cessarily severe.

But others who think Powell should not be seated promised strong opposition.

Rep. Sam M. Gibbons, D-Fla., predicted defeat of the measure. "It's going to take about 218 to seat him, and I don't think there are that many people be- hind it," Gibbons said in a tele- phone interview.

Gibbons, a member of the Education and Labor Commu- tee, began a move last Septem- ber to take away Powell's pow- ers as chairman of the commit- tee. The Democrats last month replaced Powell as chairman.

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TESTS MADE ON DIRTY AIR

City Is 3rd Highest in
Pollution Level for
1-Week Period

The level of air pollution in Bridgeport was the third highest among 21 state communities re- porting to the state Health de- partment for the week of Jan. 24 to 31, according to a report is- sued today by Dr. Franklin M. Foote, state health commissioner.

The 21 communities have been cooperating with the state in op- erating high volume air samplings for a one-week period each three months for more than a year.

Dr. Foote stressed that results from one-week tests are "not necessarily representative of the general status of air pollution in the community on a year-round basis but they help in showing trends and comparisons between communities."

He said marked variations take place, depending upon the weather and air currents. Too much emphasis, he said, should not be given to individual figures.

In the latest report, Thomaston was first with 139, Naugatuck sec- ond, 112 and Bridgeport third, 133. Other major cities reporting were Hartford, 101, New Haven, 110, Stamford, 101, and Water- bury, 107.

Other communities reporting in- cluded Danbury, 81, Fairfield, 85, Greenwich, 77, Stratford, 39.

ARLIO FACING CHARGE IN ROW

Ex-Singer Metrics Union
Head Arrested in Fracas
at Plant

Anthony S. Arlio, 45, of 26 Lindsey street, Stratford, former president of Local 227, IUE, AFL-CIO, at the Singer Metrics plant today is under arrest on a charge of breach of the peace by assault in connection with an altercation with Albert Primrose, of 282 Stevenson road, Monro- vie, Feb. 15 at the Barnum avenue plant.

Mr. Arlio was taken into cus- tody last night at 11 o'clock on a Circuit court warrant issued on the complaint of Mr. Prim- rose, who is the present head of the Singer union. Mr. Arlio was released under \$500 bail, pending court arraignment March 10.

Mr. Arlio, a former Stratford councilman, is a member of the Stratford Zoning board.

Authorities said Mr. Primrose attempted to intercede in a labor dispute between Frank Chudsky, a steward captain, and Mr. Arlio and that the union president was allegedly struck by Mr. Arlio during the argument.

Both Mr. Arlio and Mr. Prim- rose were given three days with- out pay as a disciplinary ac- tion by the company and the fol- lowing day 30 members of the local demonstrated in front of the plant protesting the action.

Volunteer Corps Works With People To Get Them Into Mainstream of Life

By RUTH HUSAR

Little Mary in a green coat that should be warmer stands beneath several make- shift signs written with bright red crayon on plain white paper.

Many Messages
The signs say things such as "Time passes, how about you?" "God is Alive," "Life is what you make it and you make it by the things you do."

Maria is one of the visitors to St. Mary's store front on Pen- broke street, one of the projects participated in by the Volunteer Corps of the Social Action de- partment of the Diocese of Bridge- port.

The corps is the outgrowth of the Sister corps formed in 1963 and expanded last fall to include 150 adults and teenagers, many of whom are not Catholic and 37 sisters from the area, who also volunteer their time.

Task Is Set
Their task—to be concerned with the life of the community with the underprivileged, the poor, those discriminated against. "We are committed not just to our own, the Catholics, but to all men," according to the Rev.

Louis A. DeProfo, director of the Social Action department. Why do people become volun- teers? Well, there are some such as Kevin Doherty of Boston, a sophomore at Fairfield univer- sity, who will start off by saying something like, "Well, I don't want to sound corny," and stuff his hands in his pockets.

The work includes recreation study centers, remedial help, home visitations, food, clothing and furniture distribution, tutor- ing, English classes, adult edu- cation, hygiene, sewing, cooking, beauty culture, rent assistance, counseling, summer programs, cooperative housing, summer camp, a cultural program in which youngsters in depressed areas are introduced to the world beyond their block.

A new concept is in the making at St. Ambrose under which chil- dren of low income families will be bused from Beardsley Ter- (Continued on Page Four)

Hoffa Loses 2 Appeals, BASE SHELLED, Nears Brink of Prison

WASHINGTON — (UPI) Teamster union pres- ident James R. Hoffa lost two 11th hour appeals to the Supreme Court today, bringing him to the brink of an eight-year penitentiary sentence for jury rigging.

GOLDWATER SAYS CIA AIDS LEFTIES

Charges Agency Is Working
'To Finance Socialism
in America'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Sen. Barry Goldwater says the Central Intelligence Agency worked "to finance socialism in America."

And Michael Wood, the sum- mer National Student Association official who blew the whistle on NSA's ties with the CIA, says the agency once threatened to discredit an NSA official by forging psychiatric records.

These are the latest charges.

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BASE SHELLED, 11 YANKS DIE

Red Mortar, Rocket At-
tack on Da Nang Also
Kills 35 Civilians

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP) — A pre-dawn guerrilla mortar and rocket attack on Da Nang's sprawling American airbase and adjoining village today killed 11 Americans and 35 Vi- namese civilians, U.S. spokes- men said.

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PFC. BRIDGES DIES IN VIET ACTION

Bridgeport Soldier, 23,
Killed by Enemy Mine
Explosion Feb. 18

Pfc. Lester Bridges, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bridges of 282 Beardsley street, was killed in action in Vietnam on Feb. 18 while on combat operations.

According to Army reports, Pfc. Bridges was killed by frag- ments from an exploding hostile force mine.

Services will take place Sat- urday at 3 p.m. in the Stevenson funeral home, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Pfc. Bridges joined the Army May 17, 1966 and underwent basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. and went to Vietnam on Nov. 13. Before entering the service he at- tended public schools in West Palm Beach, Fla., and was graduated from the Roosevelt Junior college in Florida.

Survivors are a brother and a sister.

Prepare for Air Pollution Law

SNET Will Begin Testing Auto Exhaust Control Systems

The Southern New England Telephone company will begin testing exhaust control systems for its motor vehicle fleet in March.

According to Steven Carlette, staff supervisor building supplies and motor equipment for the company, the test will involve about a dozen cars and light trucks.

Under the federal government's new air pollution act all 1965 cars and light trucks up to 10,000 pounds gross weight will be re- quired to have devices to cut down on the discharge of hydro- carbons and carbon monoxide.

These devices are available now as options on 1967 vehicles. However, they will be standard equipment in 1968," Mr. Carlette said.

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