

The Twiggy Look Is Really Nothing

"She's not important. She's not significant. It's all a massive publicity stunt."
 "I think she's the most obnoxious thing that ever came on the horizon."
 "It's a pretty sad thing to say you're repulsed by a girl, but I am. Her legs remind me of two painted worms."
 These are but a few of the comments made about Britain's fastest rising model, Lesley Hornby (better known as "Twiggy"), by some of America's leading fashion critics.
 The 17-year-old blond with a boy's first name and a figure to match — 31-22-32 — has suddenly found herself the most sought-after model in today's fashion world.
 She has made the cover of many of the U.S.'s leading magazines and has started a new clothing trend among American and British girls that can only be described as the "have nothing" look.

"Only ten years ago," says Beatrix Miller, editor of British Vogue, "someone looking like Twiggy wouldn't have been noticed by anyone in the fashion business. She's exactly the right look at the right time."

Someone once said that "nothing succeeds like success," and the 5'6" sprig has certainly proved this by charging \$120 an hour for photographic modeling while in New York on a recent visit to the States.

Life magazine describes 91 lb. Twiggy as having "hair shorter than most boys, eyes bigger than most girls and a shape that is no shape at all" and may "set the cause of female curves back for years to come."

Today's youth now have an image to place on the opposite end of their social scale facing the long-haired, bearded "Hippies."

It will be interesting to see how much effect the "Twiggy look" will have on our society.

Who knows? Maybe men will cancel their memberships to their health clubs and be stylish as a 98 lb. weakling!



"I'm glad th' TV strike is over, but if it had lasted two more weeks, my grades would be a letter higher!"

NASA, North American Blamed For Killer Apollo Spacecraft Fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Witnesses at two separate congressional hearings blamed North American Aviation, Inc. and the national space agency Tuesday for the Apollo spacecraft fire that killed three astronauts last Jan. 27.

Top officials of North American, principal contractor for the spacecraft, acknowledged their firm was guilty of major equipment deficiencies. They told a House space agency oversight subcommittee that they had not anticipated a fire on the ground.

Astronaut Frank Borman testifying at the opening of Senate Space Committee hearings on the accident, said responsibility for the fire was "shared by the contractor and NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)."

Borman, a member of the eight-man board set up by NASA to probe the tragedy and recommend changes, urged moving ahead on the entire space program.

After several experts on the board had testified that the fire probably resulted from defects in the bundles of wiring inside the capsule, Borman said that the fault rested with North American Aviation and of NASA.

"None of us were fully aware of the hazards of when you combine pure oxygen with combustibles and then a source of ignition," Borman said. "This is the trap into which we fell."

Borman rejected a suggestion by Sen. Howard W. Cannon, D-Nev., that the U. S. program shift to a two-gas system used by the Russians for space flight.

Instead he urged that most of the combustible materials that burst into a searing fire in the

Apollo capsule be replaced in other units, that a quick system for venting pure oxygen be installed, and that the program move ahead.

Dr. John McCarthy, North American vice president, told the House subcommittee at its second day of hearings that his firm shares blame with NASA for the fire.

McCarthy said the basic error was the use of flammable materials inside the spacecraft.

A review board reported over the weekend that the probable cause of the fire was an electrical arc or short circuit.

J. L. Atwood, North American president and board chairman, said his company is not convinced that this was the most likely cause, but he said his firm cannot point to a more probable one.

The blaze, spread by the flammable material in a pure-oxygen, pressurized atmosphere, quickly claimed the lives of Air Force Lt. Col. Virgil I. Grissom and Edward H. White II and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee.

Editor:
The Battalion;
Dear Sir:

To be president of our senior class we feel a person should be industrious, experienced, and above all willing to hold class business second only to studying in his schedule of activities. In order to handle class business to the utmost efficiency, it is very important that a person have experience in class affairs and a knowledge of the behind-the-scenes problems encountered by the class officers.

Ron McLeroy, who was vice-president of our fish class, is the person who can fill the position we have described. Ron has an unusually high ability to get along with people and has been involved in every class function; therefore we feel it is now time that he share with us the education in class affairs he has gained. VOTE FOR RON McLEROY FOR SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT.

Very sincerely,

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vice-president Jr. class
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Castro Agents Bring Action

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — The positive confirmation that Castro-type guerrillas are operating in Bolivia has led to a swift but restrained U. S. response in La Paz.

Douglas Henderson, the experienced American ambassador, reported Monday to President Johnson that Communist guerrillas were in fact established in the Bolivian jungles and Tuesday five American Rangers arrived from the U. S. Latin Command in Panama.

They are to open a jungle warfare and antisubversion training school for the Bolivian army. However, American military reports here estimate that it will take six months to turn out a fully trained Bolivian battalion for jungle fighting.

Shipments to Bolivia of weapons and equipment for use against guerrillas, notably field radio sets, small arms and helicopters, are being expedited and should arrive within a few days, although Henderson has been pressing for these shipments for months.

The Americans are turning a very skeptical ear to Bolivian government requests for jet aircraft, tanks and napalm.

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Market Proposed For Latin America

PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay (AP) — The nations of Latin America agreed Tuesday, with encouragement from President Johnson, to take full responsibility for creation of a common market embracing the area's 230 million people.

The decision came when a working group approved a draft preamble for a declaration that will be issued by the American presidents after their two-day summit meeting.

The draft was described by a diplomatic source as a synthesis of Brazilian and American proposals. The preamble calls for economic integration of Latin America and says President Johnson has endorsed the idea and pledged to support it.

The United States strongly backed the creation of the huge common market and has offered to help Latin Americans ease their economies into it while they adjust to new trading patterns.

The United States hopes the market will be established by 1985.

President Johnson engaged in a series of talks with Latin American leaders Tuesday in advance of Wednesday's summit meetings.

The U. S. President visited the chalet of President Raul Leoni of Venezuela where he talked about Communist guerrilla sub-

version and oil, discussed coffee markets with President Carlos Lleras Restrepo of Colombia and heard a plea for increased sugar quotas from President Joaquin Balaguer of the Dominican Republic.

In all, Johnson met with nine presidents during a busy first day which he wound up by giving a dinner for the five Central American presidents.

When Johnson arrived in Punta del Este, he declared "we must quicken the pace" of the Alliance for Progress. Then, he immediately plunged into the man-to-man confrontations dominated by the economic problems of the region.

Latin American nations want more U. S. economic aid under the Alliance for Progress, and they want to spend these dollars anywhere in the world, not just in the United States as they now are required to do. Faced with a balance of payments problem, Washington is unwilling to do this.

Referring to this, a U. S. government source remarked that the United States is faced with a choice between "desirable policy and harsh necessity."

Johnson made his remarks on the Alliance for Progress as he set foot on South American soil for the first time at the Montevideo airport.

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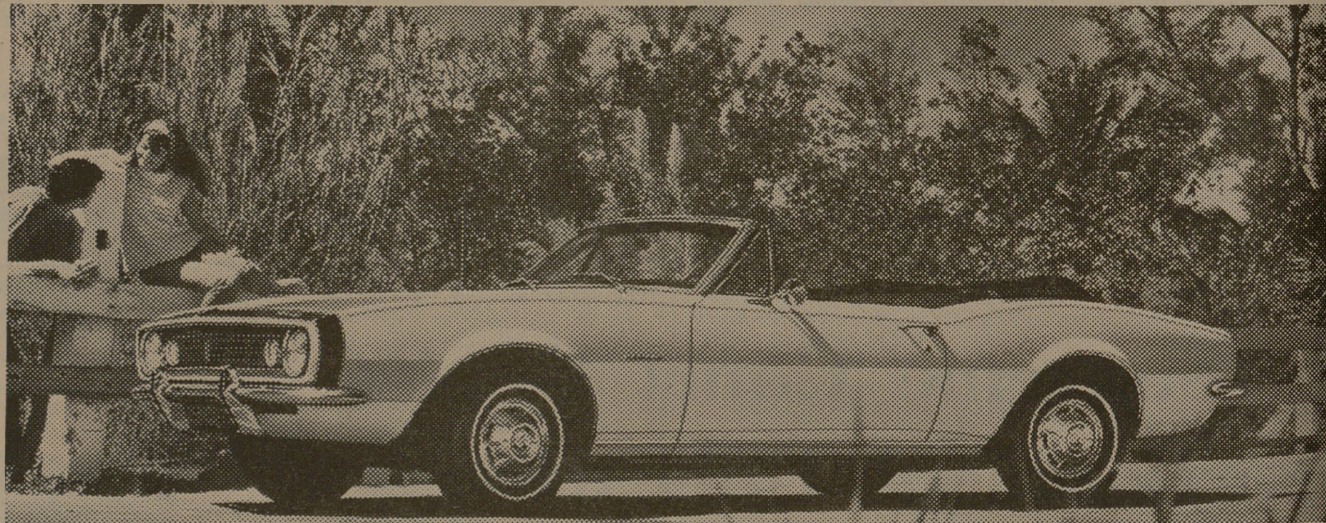
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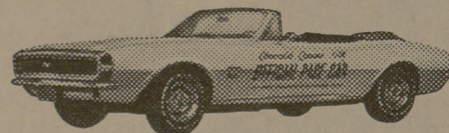
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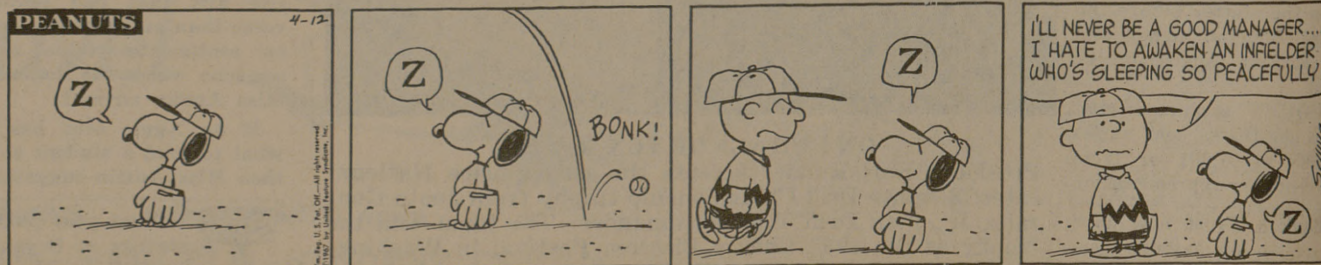
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