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Apollo Commander Cancels Astronauts' Space Walk

Space officials earlier an-

nounced that Schweickart had

vomited once before starting a

transfer from the command mod-

ule to the lunar module and once

The extravehicular activity

plans called for Schweickart to

open the hatch of the lunar mod-

ule and leep out into space,

wearing the space suit Americans

will wear when they land on the

He was then to go hand-over-hand down handrails to command

module and stand up in an open

hatch of the mother-ship. This

was to demonstrate the astro-

naut's ability to transfer from

the lunar module to the command

module should the tunnel con-

necting the two become blocked.

art was able to move from the

command module to the linked-up

lunar module, becoming the first

American astronaut to transfer

Despite his sickness, Schweick-

after he was inside.

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SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) been nauseated since two sieges - A space walk planned for of vomiting struck him in the Thursday was canceled after morning. Apollo 9 astronaut Russell L. Schweickart said he was "not feeling up to par" as the result of two seiges of vomiting earlier. Public Affairs officer Paul Haney said the Apollo 9 commander, Air Force Col. James A. McDivitt, made the decision that the "exterior portion" of the planned extravehicular activity would be taken out of the flight plan.

Haney said McDivitt did plan, however, to depressurize the lunar module and the command module and open the hatches of both crafts. Schweickart also will don the portable life support system he was to have worn during his space walk.

Haney said the change in plans would not affect the scheduled television transmission from space.

The public affairs officer said during the private conversation, which was withheld from newsmen, Schweickart said he had not



another.

McDivitt followed the space rookie into the lunar module 30 minutes later and the pair gave the moon machine its first manned space workout.

Schweickart and McDivitt spent seven hours aboard the lunar module before they floated back through the three-foot-long tunnel back into the command module

Air Force Col. David A. Scott, the third crewman, remained at his station aboard the command module, acting as gatekeeper by removing the hardware that blocked the tunnel as his crewmates made their transfers.

Three hours after Schweickart and McDivitt returned to the command module, Scott fired up the rocket engine on the command and service engine, attempting to circularize Apollo 9's orbit. The burn, however, left the spacecraft in an orbit of 148 by 142 miles.

McDivitt earlier burned the descent engine on the lunar module.

While McDivitt and Schweickart were in the lunar module they turned on a television camera, giving earth its first inflight look at the cramped cabin Americans will fly to the lunar surface this summer. The television transmission lasted only seven minutes and voice communications went bad during that time.

During the descent engine burn, both Scott and McDivitt reported seeing pieces of the outer skin of the lunar module peel away into space.

Scott later said the pieces were only inches in size and officials said they were apparently part of the craft's thermal blanket and the loss posed no problems to the crew or the mission.

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259 Grad Finishes Research School

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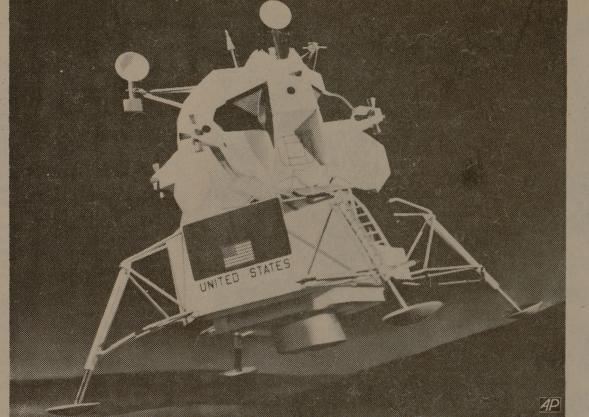
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The Apollo 9 astronauts are testing a lifesize version of the lunar module shown above, nicknamed "the Spider". In a later mission, the module will carry two astronauts to the moon's surface. The lower portion of the module will remain there and the upper stage will carry the astronauts back to their orbiting command module. (AP Wirephoto)

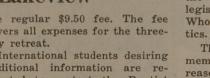
BSU To Hold Annual Meeting At Camp Lakeview

Union's International Student Conference will be held during spring recess April 4-6 at Camp Lakeview near Palestine.

BSU Director Bob Burch said several hundred international students across the state attend the yearly event. He added 28 A&M international students have already registered.

Burch said the retreat gives international students "a place to go during the holidays and an opportunity to meet other international students attending various state colleges and univer-

sities." "WE'RE NOT out to convert anyone to being a Baptist, rather we use this time to help intermessage is," said Burch. "It's an day retreat. emphasis on hearing so they can A fee of \$1.50 per person will



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