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NASA looks toward more moon landings

HOUSTON (AP)—A space agency scientist said today serious consideration is being given to extending lunar exploration beyond the two remaining planned Apollo moon landing missions.

Dr. Paul Gast, head of the planetary and earth sciences group at the Manned Spacecraft Center, said at least three different methods of extending the exploration are being considered but he noted that "most of these are best described as only a gleam in the eye at this time."

He said some study is being given to reactivating the canceled Apollo 18 and Apollo 19 moon landing flights.

Also being discussed are manned orbital flights of the moon which would study the lunar surface with instruments, he said.

Gast said such a mission would be flown in a polar orbit. This type of orbit is not possible for landing missions using the current hardware.

Thirdly, he said, "Some in the scientific community are pushing

for extensive unmanned exploration of the moon, such as with an orbiter or a rover with sample return capability."

Gast made the comments during a news conference and other scientists at the conference also mentioned that extended lunar exploration was being discussed.

Dr. Leon Silver of the U. S. Geological Survey, said that although unmanned exploration has been discussed most geologists would still prefer manned operations.



SINCE THE SCHOOL YEAR OPENED Wednesday, 140 youngsters disembark from three buses twice each day to cross this bridge near Chetek, Wis. Highway officials lowered the bridge's weight limit to six tons this summer.

Since that's what the unloaded bus weighs the children walk across and the buses ride across the bridge, empty. The children get back on on the other side. (AP Wirephoto)

Red China can't join U.N., ambassador tells Legion

HOUSTON (AP)—Ambassador James C. H. Shen of the Nationalist Republic of China said Wednesday the United Nations charter itself disqualifies Red China from membership.

Shen told the American Legion's 53rd national convention that rejection of the basic principles drawn 26 years ago could lead to the downfall of the international body.

"What happened to the League of Nations before World War II may happen to the United Nations before a World War III," he said.

The Legionnaires applauded when Shen said the Republic of China is in the U.N. by right and applauded again when he said, "The very idea that a founding member of the United Nations could be expelled is preposterous."

Convention delegates listened quietly Tuesday when Secretary of State William P. Rogers outlined President Nixon's plans to normalize relations with Red China and when he said the United States will do its utmost to retain a U.N. seat for the Republic of China.

Their warm response to Shen's address left little doubt the Legionnaires will reaffirm their traditional opposition to Red China's admission to the U.N. as they consider reports on foreign policy and national security at Thursday's concluding session.

In introducing Shen, national commander Alfred P. Chamie of

Los Angeles said, "The ambassador comes to us at a very untimely moment in history."

Shen said the U.N. charter states that membership is open "to all peace-loving states which accept the obligations contained in the present charter and, in the judgment of the organization, are able and willing to carry out these obligations."

"This disqualifies the Maoist regime right from the start," he said.

"The Peiping regime, it should be remembered, was branded by the United Nations as an aggressor for its intervention in the Korean War in 1950 and was also found guilty of committing genocide in Tibet in 1963. Both stand on the United Nations records themselves and have never been rescinded."

"Is the United Nations going to set aside its previous resolutions in this respect?"

He said the reason for Red China's potential membership, however, "lies in the fact that appeasement is in the air."

"If the Peiping regime should be admitted, the question will not merely be one of whether the Republic of China is going to stay but one of whether the United Nations deserves to survive once it has compromised on some of the basic principles and purposes on which and for which it was founded 26 years ago."

Shen said Taiwan is fully prepared to continue its role as a

partner of the United States "if you would let us."

"I said 'if you would let us' because it seems there are now voices in this country which work to change our basic relationship with your country," he said.

"I pray that these voices will be ignored, for should they be heeded, it would cause serious harm to our mutual long-range interests."

Shen said the Chinese Communists have launched a "smiling offensive" while calling for the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from all points west of Hawaii.

"In such a case you would abandon the western defense perimeter which has been such a vital part of the American strategy for years," he said.

Shen said the Republic of China earned its U.N. membership by immense sacrifices in World War II and members can be expelled only after persistent violation of the principles of the U.N. charter.

The Legionnaires earlier approved a resolution asking Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to permit the House Committee on Internal Security and the Senate internal subcommittee to extend and expand their activities.

The resolution stated the committees "have clearly proved their worth to the nation and its security by exposing, through their investigations, the working of the Communist conspiracy within the United States."

From Commandant Liberalization facing ROTC

Colonel Thomas R. Parsons, newly installed Corps of Cadets Commandant, says he is "not doing anything drastic" about changing the Corps.



Col. Parsons

However, he has already suggested a liberalized hair grooming policy and a new casual uniform is in the making.

The new commandant is very impressed with leadership in the Corps. He credits the quality of the Corps "products" to the student leadership in the Corps area.

"It's a different Corps from the one I knew," Parsons, a member of the class of '49, said. "They can make the chain of command work. It didn't when I was here."

The new hair policy Parsons suggested would allow longer hair as long as it is neatly trimmed on the sides. It also would allow sideburns, but no moustaches.

"These regulations are more like the services and give the Corps a more liberal policy."

A jumpsuit-type uniform is scheduled to be authorized as soon as a color and definite style can be determined.

"When I met with Dr. Williams at Fort Riley this summer," Parsons explained, "he said the complaint he heard most often from the Corps was that wearing the same uniform that they wear to class all day, to the library and around campus after class was inconvenient."

"So we're trying to devise a better system," he said.

Parsons is also trying to cut down on the number of cadets that drop the Corps due to harassment.

"We don't want them to run away from the Corps because of any physical indignities," he explained.

"We're going to try to help them rather than see how much they can take," the colonel explained.

The general unpopularity of the military services due to the Vietnam War is the main reason for the drop in the interest of ROTC, in the opinion of the Com-

mandant. "TV and the press haven't always treated the services in their true light, especially the Army," he said.

A&M began the year last year with 2,711 cadets and finished with 2,311. The first day enrollment of the Corps this year was 2,458.

"Hopefully, we have reached the bottom of this trend," Parsons speculated, "and soon we can start rolling the programs back."

The Aggie-ex doesn't feel that there is any noticeable friction between the Corps and civilian students. On the contrary, he is quite happy with the way that they get along.

"It all boils down to freedom of choice," he said. "Both groups have made their decisions as to which way to go, and they respect the others' decision. It isn't like that on other campuses. I hope it never changes."

Court finds Redistricting challenge good

AUSTIN (AP)—The Texas Supreme Court refused Wednesday to interfere with an East Texas representative's lawsuit challenging the authority of the Legislative Redistricting Board to draw new state Senate districts.

Without comment, the court overruled a motion by Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin.

Martin had asked the court to instruct Dist. Judge Herman Jones of Austin to set aside a restraining order forbidding the board to act.

Jones has scheduled a Thursday morning hearing in a suit by Rep. Fred Head of Henderson challenging the board's legal authority to act.

At Head's request, Jones issued a temporary restraining order against the five-man board Aug. 23, the day before its first meeting. Head also wants a permanent injunction prohibiting the board to act.

Head claims the board consisting of the lieutenant governor, House speaker, attorney general, comptroller and land commissioner has no right to redistrict for the legislature because, except for the speaker, all are members of the executive branch.

The Texas Constitution says the board must redistrict any house that the legislature does not reapportion in its first regu-

lar session following publication of U. S. census data. Senators failed to act on a redistricting plan during the regular session.

Head also contends that even if the board is constitutional, it should not be acting this year because census data for Texas was unavailable until about a month after the regular session convened. That means, Head says, that the first full regular session following publication of the census data is in 1973.

The Supreme Court also received that state's brief Tuesday in an appeal from Jones' Aug. 10 decision that the House redistricting bill passed by the legislature is unconstitutional.

Jones ruled in a suit by Rep. Tom Craddick, Midland Republican, that the bill unnecessarily divided several counties between two or more districts in violation of the Texas Constitution.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Pat Bailey said in the state's brief that the U. S. Supreme Court's "one man, one vote" requirement invalidated the Texas Constitution's rule against dividing counties.

The legislature did a "remarkable job" of trying to follow both the Texas Constitution and the "one man, one vote" rule, Bailey said.

Craddick and the Texas Republican party have until Sept. 27 to file their answering brief.

Ham radio club keeps busy sending free messages home

Station W5AC, sponsored by the MSC Amateur Radio Committee, sent a record 418 free ham radio-grams gathered at Freshman Open House Aug. 27.

Licensed club operators worked night and day during the weekend to get the messages out, Jan Bertholf, committee chairman, said. Most radio-grams were sent to parents living in Texas, though some went to islands in the Pa-

cific, and still others to countries in Central and South America.

Brian Derr, chief operator, organized the W5AC team in shifts to meet the numerous radio nets and special times and frequencies.

The best way of handling messages was to call amateurs in the towns closest to the destination of the message, Derr explained. From there other amateurs would

phone, deliver or mail the radio-gram to its final destination.

Station W5AC, licensed in 1913, is the oldest university amateur radio club in America. It not only provides message traffic, but free phone patches so students and faculty can talk to their loved ones between radio stations over the telephone.

The MSC Radio Station is located in the guest room on the third floor of the Memorial Student Center. The committee encourages Aggies to use the radio-gram facility in the Student Programs Office in the MSC, Bertholf said. Delivery is not guaranteed, he continued, though an estimated 95 per cent of all messages sent reach their destinations.

Students and faculty needing phone patches to South America or out of state can find request cards in the Student Programs Office.

The MSC Amateur Radio Committee is dedicated to furthering the hobby of ham radio, and teaches students the electronic theory and Morse code needed to obtain a Novice License from the Federal Communications Commission.

Room changes to be made Monday and Tuesday only

First-come, first-served will be the policy for civilian students wishing to change rooms or residence halls to fill existing dorm vacancies, according to Allan Madeley, housing manager.

Students requesting a change must report to the Housing Office between 8 a.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Tuesday.

All moves must be completed within a 24-hour period after the new assignment is made, and any additional room fees must be

paid before keys are issued. Students should bring fee slips to verify the type of room fee which has been paid.

If telephone contracts have been signed previously, the student must inform the telephone company of the change immediately. A representative of General Telephone Company will be in the Memorial Student Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sept. 8 to process long distance changes.

Students are urged to take this opportunity to move, as future moves will be permitted only under very unusual circumstances.

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Thieu only legal entry in race for South Vietnam presidency

SAIGON (AP)—The government announced Wednesday night the presidential election will be held as scheduled Oct. 3 with President Nguyen Van Thieu the only entry, dashing U.S. hopes for at least a two-man race.

The government announcement and a blast by Gen. Duong Van Minh, who dropped out of the race, at U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker appeared to plunge American influence and prestige in South Vietnam further downhill.

Anti-American street demonstrations erupted in Saigon and there were fears of more. A

defeated national assemblyman tried to burn himself to death in protest against the Thieu government, adding to the political unrest.

Bunker had met seven times with Thieu during the past two weeks in efforts to find a solution to the dilemma and to persuade him that a one-man race was not good for the image of either South Vietnam or the United States.

The government announcement from the office of Acting Premier Nguyen Luu Vien said the Supreme Court Tuesday had ruled that Vice President Nguyen

Cao Ky is in reality out of the race and that there is only one ticket, that of Thieu.

Ky asked that the Supreme Court take him off the ballot. He charged that Thieu was using the court to run a dishonest election and declared that he would not campaign.

Minh, who withdrew from the presidential race on Aug. 20 after also charging it was rigged, accused Bunker of insolence, slander, and colonialism.

Minh's attack was prompted by comments by Bunker that Minh practically wanted the United States to run the election

in return for his guarantee to stay in the race.

For a long time, Minh said, he had requested only one thing: "That the United States neutralize the colossal machine which they themselves had built up and for which they are still paying, because this machine is being used for rigging in the elections. In the present realities, only the Americans could do that."

The anti-American demonstrations broke out during a funeral procession for Pham Hanh, a 26-year-old Buddhist student who died while undergoing summer military training.