

Will be smaller than normal

Carr predicts 'space humans'

Astronaut Gerald Carr, crew commander of the Skylab III mission, told a group at Texas A&M University Wednesday that he foresees the evolution of a new type of people — space humans.

Carr, speaking to a meeting of the American Society of Metals in Zachry Engineering Center, said that eventually some people will be born in space.

Those who are, he said, will have smaller hearts and brains and a weaker skeleton than those born on earth.

The assumption is based on tests the crew of Skylab III did. Carr said that if a man lived in space his heart would adapt to the weightless conditions. After a time the change would



Gerald Carr

be so great, he said, that the person wouldn't be able to live if he were to return to earth.

Carr said the Skylab III set out to accomplish three main jobs: study of the human body while in weightless conditions, a study of solar physics, and a study of the earth's resources.

He showed a film made from slides during their flight, which holds the world record for being in space the longest time — 84 days.

Skylab III circled the earth 15 times a day, taking only 92.5 minutes to circle the earth each time, Carr said.

Carr said that the government is spending \$4.5 billion each year for the space program, and that he hopes in the near future other coun-

tries would join to help allay the cost of the space research.

Carr also talked about outer space developments, including the planned shuttle program. The shuttle program will probably begin in 1979.

Carr, when asked how it felt to be in a space capsule that was taking off, said it was unique, and felt like riding on a train with square wheels.

Carr concluded the speech by saying, "Just like our forefathers looked to the West as the new frontier, we should be looking toward space as our new frontier."

Carr also served as capsule communicator on Apollo missions eight and ten and served as chairman of a special group evaluating the feasibility of revisiting the Skylab vehicle in 1980.

FBI says property crimes down, but violent acts reported rising

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Crime in the United States decreased 2 percent during the first half of 1978, but there was a substantial increase in reported rapes and a slight rise in other violent acts, Attorney General Griffin Bell announced Thursday.

Most of the increase in violent crime came in the West and in middle-sized cities, according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report. Rapes reported to police rose in cities of all sizes and in most parts of the country.

The report is based on a composite index of total crimes reported to police in more than 150 cities.

The total of reported crimes, according to the index, fell 2 percent during the first six months of 1978 compared with the first six months

of 1977. The overall drop, resulting mainly from fewer property crimes and thefts, continued a trend that started in the first quarter of 1977.

Bell cited the report as "evidence that progress is being made in the fight against crime."

"However," he said, "the volume of violent crimes rose by a small margin, emphasizing the need for persistence in our crime prevention efforts."

The index showed a 1 percent increase in violent crimes of all types, caused mainly by a 5 percent increase in rapes and a 3 percent rise in aggravated assaults.

Murder showed no change, while robbery offenses dropped 2 percent.

Studies have shown rape victims are often reluctant to go to police,

and it was not clear whether the increase in rapes resulted from additional reporting or a rise in the actual number of offenses.

The West, with a 2 percent increase, was the only region reporting a rise in crime overall, and the report showed it had a 7 percent increase in violent crimes.

Overall crime decreased 6 percent in the Northeast, 5 percent in north central states and 1 percent in the South.

Cities with populations of more than 50,000 reported a decrease of 2 percent in reported crime. Rural and suburban areas both recorded declines of 3 percent.

In cities outside the major metropolitan areas, reported offenses remained stable.

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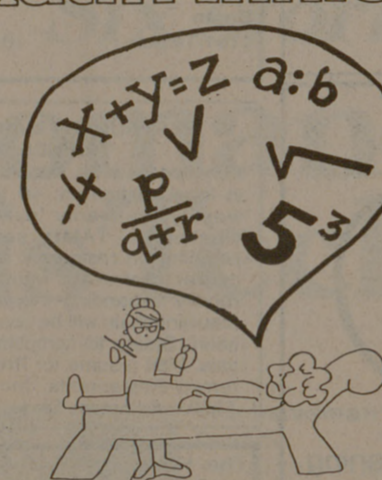
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