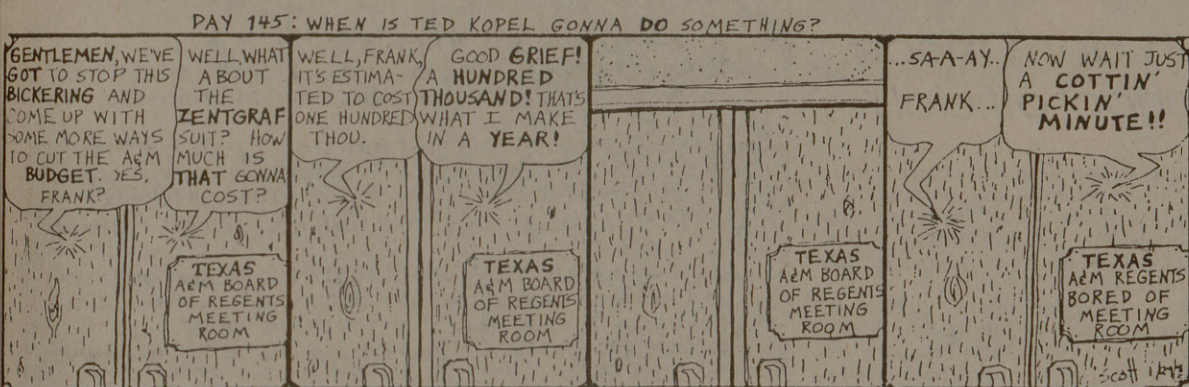


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More secrecy expected

Shuttle flights to continue

Associated Press
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The veil of secrecy drawn over America's first military manned space flight may seem like nothing compared to the curtain the Defense Department plans to lower on future missions, some of which may even blast off without advance notice.

Air Force and NASA officials said they learned much from the just-completed flight of space shuttle Discovery, during which five military officers deployed a spy satellite to monitor Soviet missile tests and eavesdrop on military and diplomatic communications in much of Europe, Asia and Africa.

One of the things they learned was that reporters were able to find out many details about the flight that were supposed to remain classified.

Among the leaks: the identity of the satellite and its purpose; the deployment of the payload on Friday; the early end of the mission, with a landing on Sunday because of an unfavorable Monday weather forecast.

And several reporters had even more information on the satellite's purpose and capability, but considered it militarily sensitive enough to withhold it.

As for the future, the officer said: "We have several months until the next Defense Department shuttle

flight. We learned a lot on this, our first such mission, and we'll learn from that experience."

Much more secrecy is expected when the Air Force begins dispatching shuttles from a base it is constructing at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. A separate military shuttle mission control center is being built in Colorado.

The Pentagon is considering opening up the first Vandenberg launch early next year for press coverage. But after that, there may be no advance public notice of a liftoff — just as there is now no advance word on unmanned military satellite launches.

GOP congressional leaders say budget cuts a priority

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Republican congressional leaders unanimously told President Reagan on Monday not to bother sending a tax-simplification plan to Capitol Hill until a package of politically painful budget cuts wins approval.

Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan, the incoming White House chief of staff, was quoted as telling the lawmakers it will be weeks, perhaps months, before the administration's tax-simplification program is ready.

Reagan met with GOP members

of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee, and conferred separately with a group of bankers and homebuilders, to prepare for release of the administration's 1986 budget plan Monday.

The president told the homebuilders and bankers his plan would propose \$51 billion in spending cuts in fiscal 1986.

While Reagan has assigned a high priority to both tax simplification and budget cuts, the lawmakers told him spending reductions must come first.

Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said "the president by and large listened, did not specifically respond one way or the other."

Describing Reagan's meeting with more than 20 lawmakers seated around a long rectangular table in the Cabinet Room, Packwood said the message was clear and firm.

"The uniform advice to the president from everybody there, as we went around the room: 'Spending cuts, spending cuts, spending cuts,' the senator recounted."

Around town

Hillel Foundation offers night classes

The Hillel Foundation is sponsoring a series of Tuesday night classes beginning Jan. 29. Introduction to Hebrew Language will be taught from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Introduction to the Fundamentals of Jewish Mysticism will be from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meet at the Hillel Building. Pay the \$10 registration fee at the first class meeting or at the Hillel office open weekdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fish camp counselor applications open

Student 'Y' Fish Camp has counselor applications available now through Feb. 28. Interested persons may pick them up on the second floor of the Pavilion. For more information, call 845-1133

Big Event looking for job requests

The Big Event is looking for job requests from residents and businesses in the Bryan-College Station community. This four hour volunteer service project sponsored by Student Government will be held March 2 with over 5000 Aggies participating. To place a job request, contact Maritza Pena at 845-3051 in the Student Government Office

Students may nominate professors

Forms for the Former Students Association Distinguished Awards for teaching may be picked up in 802 Harrington Tower. Students may nominate liberal arts professors for teaching, student relations and staff/faculty awards. Nominations are also being accepted for the 1985 "Preferred Prof Award". This award, sponsored by the Cap & Gown Senior Honor Society, is presented each year to a faculty member exhibiting outstanding qualities of service, leadership and scholarship. Nominations are due Friday by 5 p.m. in 208 Pavilion.

Law school scholarships offered to Aggies

Three tuition-free scholarships are being offered to Texas A&M students wishing to study law at Baylor University. These are the Joseph Milton Nance scholarships available for first year law students and renewable in the second and third years if the recipient maintains a C+. Only students who have done all or most of their pre-law work at Texas A&M will be eligible. At the time of applying for scholarship the student must have applied or be in the process of applying to Baylor Law School. The application deadline is Feb. 8. For forms and additional information, contact Dr. J.M. Nance at the History Dept. in Harrington Tower.

Senior honor society accepting members

Applications are now being accepted for membership into Cap & Gown Senior Honor Society. Qualifications include a 3.25 GPR, 75 hours completed by Jan. 1, 1985 and active involvement in scholarship, leadership and service activities. Information sheets available in Cap & Gown cubicle on the 2nd floor of the Pavilion, the library and at information sessions held Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Applications are due on Feb. 8 by 5 p.m. in 110 YMCA.

Mexican president visits India

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — On the last stage of his trip abroad, President Miguel de la Madrid will start Wednesday an official visit to India, where he currently is participating in a six-nation disarmament conference.

The visit to India is considered here as another effort by his two-year-old administration to increase Mexico's profile abroad and widen the current emphasis on Latin American problems.

De la Madrid started this trip — his first outside the hemisphere since taking office in December 1982 — on Jan. 22 with a stop in Spain where he met Spanish President Felipe Gonzalez and an official visit to Yugoslavia.

In India, the Mexican president will meet with new Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and other top officials in an attempt to increase commercial and cultural ties between the two countries.

Information distributed here by de la Madrid's office shows relatively little and fluctuating commercial exchange between the two countries.

The trade balance favored Mexico with \$42.4 million in 1981, but that dropped to a negative balance of \$19.8 million the following year.

There have been regular state visits since the two nations established diplomatic relations in 1950, however. Four Mexican presidents have visited India.

The first was made in 1962 by the late Adolfo Lopez Mateos, followed by Luis Echeverria in 1975, Jose Lopez Portillo in 1981 and now de la Madrid.

The late Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru visited Mexico in 1961. His daughter, assassinated Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, came to Mexico in 1981 to attend the North-South summit of 22 nations at the Caribbean resort of Cancun.

De la Madrid arrived in New Delhi on Sunday to attend the meeting about disarmament with the leaders of Sweden, Greece, Argentina, India and Tanzania. The state visit to India will last Wednesday and Thursday, to be followed by his return to Mexico.

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