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N. Viet Rescue a 'Beautiful Show'

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SAIGON—The North Vietnamese patrol boat was within an arm's length.

Communist troops were right over him, and hunting dogs yelped along the banks of the muddy river.

Fifty yards away, antiaircraft

guns lay in wait for any would-be rescuers.

But 20 hours and 30 minutes after he landed in the North Vietnamese river, Marine Maj. Curtis Lawson, 37, was safe in the belly of a Jolly Green Giant, heading south out of the jaws of a Red trap that didn't work.

"It was the most beautiful air

show I've ever seen," Lawson said back at Da Nang AB.

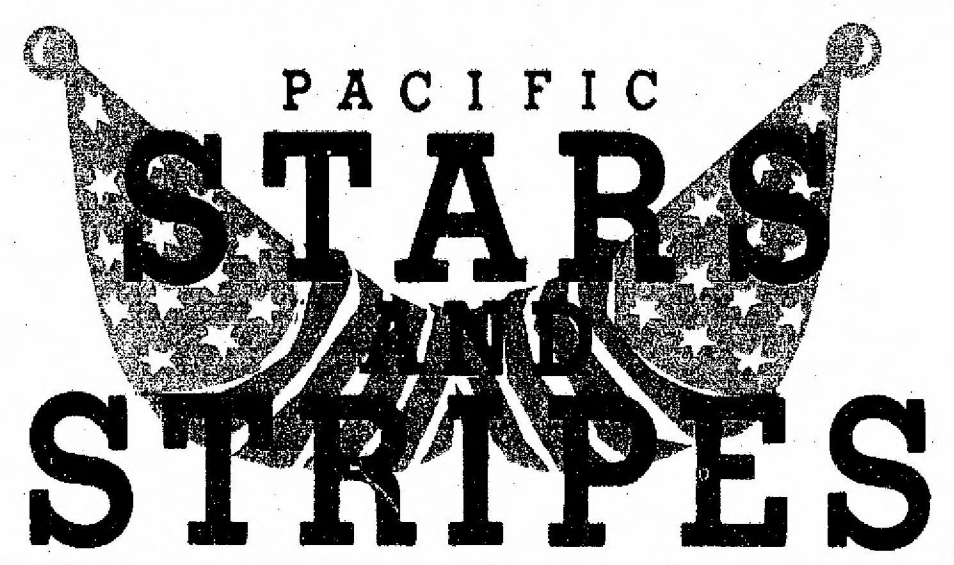
"I never thought we were going to get out of there," said Air Force Maj. Charles E. Wicker, 34, the man who brought Lawson home. "We just decided to go in firing and take a lot of them with us."

It all started Thursday evening. Lawson and his bombardier-navi-

gator were flying an A6 Intruder from Air Group 12 of the 1st Marine Air Wing at Chu Lai on a mission over the Communist pan-handle.

"I was chasing trucks down the road and bombing them," the pilot said. "I broke to the left and they nailed me. I am pretty sure it was

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Czech Pledge

We Stand Firm, Dubcek Declares

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Talks Fail To Reach Steel Pact

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—The chief negotiators for 11 major steel companies and the United Steelworkers of America (USW) Saturday said they had been unable to reach a "basis for settlement" of their wage contract dispute covering 400,000 steelworkers in the United States and Canada.

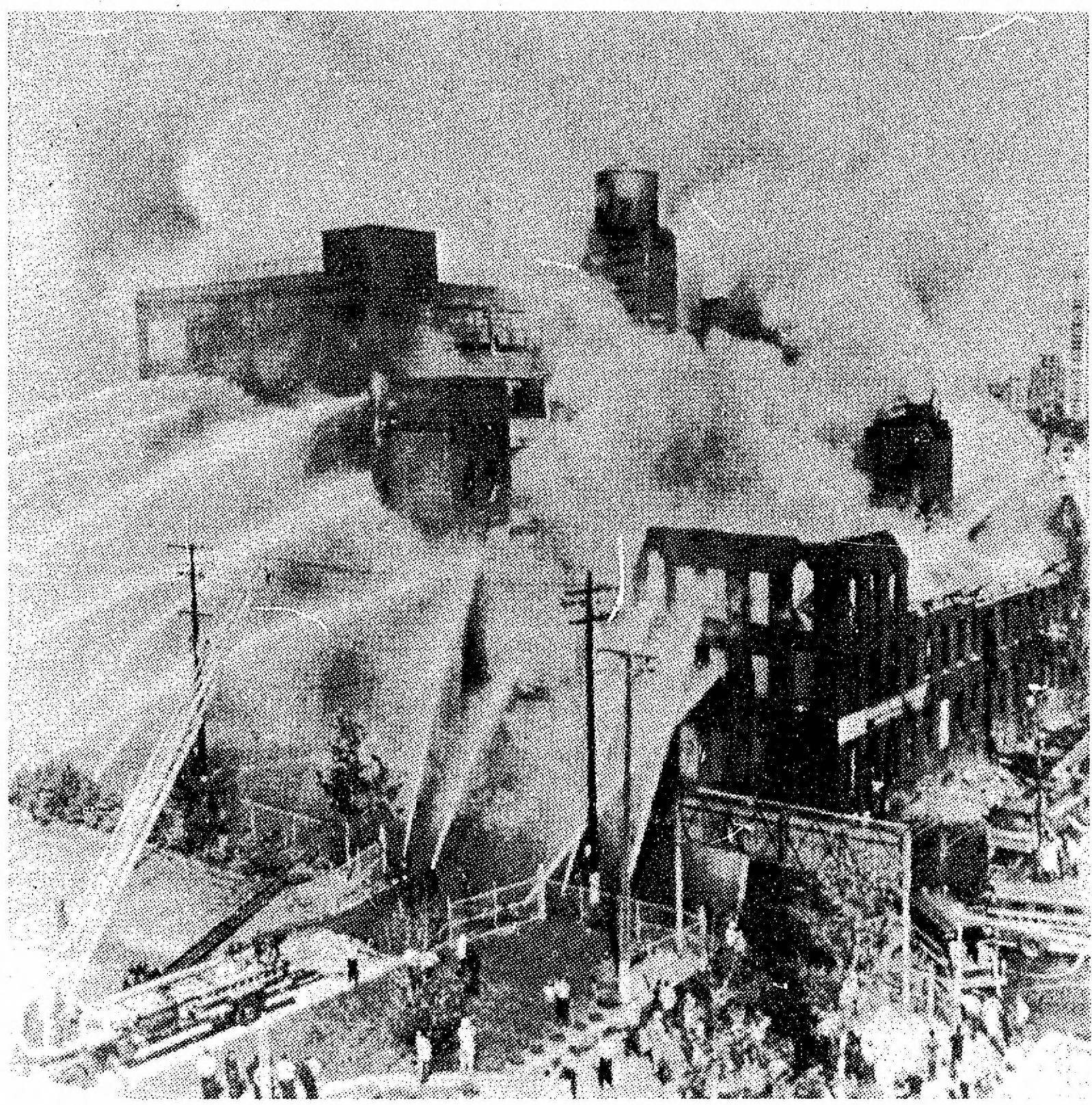
However, it was learned from other industry and union sources both sides were hopeful they could come up with a settlement proposal during the weekend.

Although their failure to date increased the threat of a strike by the steelworkers at midnight Wednesday, when a current three-year contract expires, there was no immediate threat to the economy of the two countries.

Steel users, notably the automobile industry, had huge stockpiles which they had been building up since February and were able to ride out a strike for several weeks at least. The automakers had enough steel on hand to last until late November.

I. W. Abel, USW president, and R. Conrad Cooper, vice president of the U.S. Steel

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Fire Chars Detroit Warehouse

Fire sweeps through the six-story Industrial Public Warehouse on the Detroit River waterfront, as Coast Guardsmen join Detroit firemen in fighting the blaze.

(AP Radiophoto)

PRAGUE (UPI) — Communist party First Secretary Alexander Dubcek told the Czechoslovak nation Saturday night he will permit no one and nothing to drag him from the democratic path he has chosen.

Dubcek, speaking on nationwide television, pledged anew his loyalty to Czechoslovakia's political, economic and military alliances with the Soviet Union.

But he said that within that framework, the Czechoslovakian people "want to decide their own fates in a sovereign way."

About an hour before his speech, Dubcek disowned a general officer who had criticized Russian domination of the Warsaw Treaty defense organization, and alleged the Prague government did not know how many Soviet troops were in the country.

The Czech news agency CTK said it had been asked to state that Col. Gen. Vaclav Prchlik's remarks were untrue and unauthorized.

Dubcek's TV appearance and the cresting of a wave of public expressions of support indicated that the summit meeting between the Czech Communist party Presidium and the Soviet Politburo is about to start, perhaps as early as Monday.

Tens of thousands of persons signed an open letter to Dubcek and his Presidium, calling on them to "defend the path we have entered and which we do not intend to leave alive."

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Apollo 'Flight' Success; Oct. Orbit Seen

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI)—The Apollo 7 moonship passed its most critical ground test Friday and if a repeat is as successful next week, command pilot Walter Schirra expects to head a three-man team on an 11-day earth-orbital flight in October.

Schirra and his two crewmen, Donn Eisele and Walter Cunningham, spent nine and a half hours in their ship Friday, putting it through a make-believe flight in an airless test chamber.

The spacecraft went through the demanding exercise without a hitch and its completion marked a significant step toward the flight of Apollo 7.

Although the first of the new breed of spaceships remained motionless in the chamber, its systems were exercised electronically as if the craft were actually flying in space.

It was the first hazardous Apollo 7 operation involving the astronauts here and it was the first time astronauts were exposed to a pure oxygen atmosphere inside a spacecraft

since the deaths of the three Apollo 1 pilots exactly 18 months ago.

Backup pilots Thomas Stafford, Eugene Cernan and John Young are scheduled to participate in a similar run early next week. Successful completion of that test will clear the

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Loses Time And Money

BOSTON (UPI)—Lester Davis wrote Judge Elijah Adlow, who sentenced him to serve a year in jail, saying he had bet fellow inmates that he could persuade the judge to reduce his sentence to six months.

Adlow replied: "I expect to inform you that you have lost your bet."

Panhandle Pilot Rescue a 'Beautiful Show'

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a 37mm gun.
"The aircraft caught fire and we lost all control-stick steering. We lost the radio and my bombardier-navigator punched out I followed shortly thereafter."

The bombardier is listed as missing in action.
Lawson plopped into the river. He struggled out of his parachute harness and tried to submerge it.

"I started swimming," he said. "The enemy—about 30 feet away — started shouting and making a lot of noise."

"I went to the other side of the river and got into a little overhang, and hollowed out a gully for myself under some brush."

The water was deep and the bank slippery. Lawson had to claw to keep from slipping underwater or out of his tiny shield of cover.

He squared away his flight suit and survival gear and crawled up the bank, ready to make a break if he had to. But by this time it was dark and he decided to hide along the bank—not that he had much choice.

"After a while I decided to run, but I couldn't get out of the damn place," he said. "The enemy was firing one and two-gun barrages, like they always do, and there were dogs searching the area. In 30 to 45 minutes I decided to return to the river because there were people all over the place."

He could hear the enemy searching through the night. Once a boat floated within reaching distance. Lawson froze in the reeds. The boat passed.

The Marine major stayed in his muddy hideout until dawn. At first light, he spotted an F100 Supersabre overhead—the first sign of hope he'd seen in his nine hours on the ground.

"It was about 6:30 in the morning," he said. "The aircraft assessed the situation, got my position (Lawson still had his survival pack radio), and left the area after a real good job of observation."

"I believe the enemy was trying to set up a trap for the Jolly Greens (HH34 rescue helicopters), and they would have

if the Jollies had come in then."

For the next 11 hours, air strikes were flown against the enemy guns.

"Everybody was really laying it there, and I was helping them, directing them to the target area," Lawson said.

"I didn't know how long my radio would last, but I was talking to the fighters above and they were laying it in on me."

"Matter of fact, I called in a Spad on a 37mm gun site that was right above me, close to the river's edge. Some of the debris from his ordnance fell in the water beside me."

them off. More air strikes were called in.

Meanwhile, all wasn't going well with the air strikers. Air Force Maj. Alan Hale, 32, had to give up the fight when enemy bullets riddled his Skyraider while he was in radio contact with the downed pilot. Hale later counted 15 holes in his prop-driven craft.

All the while the Jolly Green Giants were floating patiently just out of enemy range. In all, the big choppers had to make six refueling runs to Quang Tri, but at least one was always on hand, ready to swoop down for Lawson whenever the chance came.

Then Wicker started down in his rescue copter. He told his crew to start shooting when they hit the 1,000-foot mark.

"Our whole strategy was to keep firing, going in and coming out," the chopper pilot said. The pararescue man and the flight engineer opened up with the copter's M60 machine gun. The Skyraiders followed the Jolly Green down as far as they could. Then it was up to Wicker, his crew and Lawson.

"I told the pilot to pop some smoke," Wicker said, "but it came too late and we overshot him by about 25 yards. I spun in the other direction and I was just a few feet above the water."

"We set down on the water and I saw the pilot swimming the 15 or 20 yards from the river bank. Booth (Maj. Robert E. Booth, 35, the HH34 copilot) opened up with an M16 out of the cockpit."

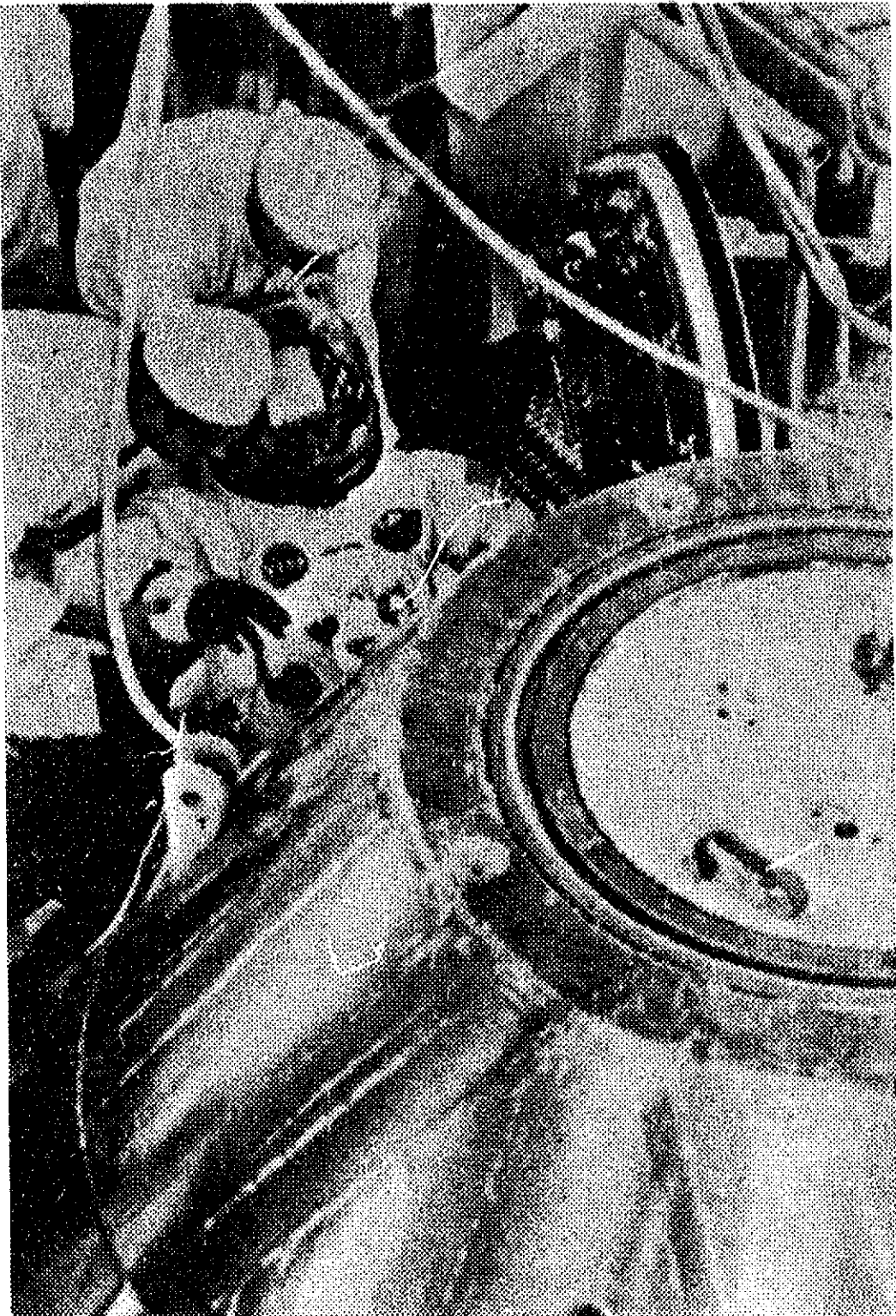
Booth, Sgt. Steve M. Northern, 21, the pararescue man, and S. Sgt. John Enriques, the flight engineer, poured bullets at the North Vietnamese soldiers, dug into a ditch about 30 yards away.

Lawson stroked his way to the chopper and was hauled aboard. Wicker guided the copter up-river.

"We went about 100 yards, until I could pick up enough speed to get out of there fast," he said. "A 37mm was firing behind us, but the rounds were falling short. We just poured in our own firepower."

With the final burst of fire, the Jolly Green was off and running for home. When the copter got to Da Nang, Lawson was treated for minor injuries.

"Lawson was a number one cool head," Booth said. "He was great. That place was pretty well dug in. It was because of everyone's fire that we were able to get out of there without any hits. With so much coming in, the North Vietnamese were just afraid to stick up their heads."



Astronaut Walter Cunningham, a member of the first three-man Apollo space flight team, is helped through the hatch of the Apollo 7 spacecraft in an altitude chamber at Cape Kennedy, Fla. for a successful ground test. (AP Radiophoto)

Apollo Passes Test

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spacecraft for the move to the launch pad.

Schirra told spacecraft workers two months ago that when his crew and the backup pilots pass the mock flight tests, "Then we'll be ready to say, 'Let's go fly it.'"

When Schirra, Eisele and Cunningham climbed into their cabin Friday, it was pressurized at slightly above sea level

pressure with a mixture of 60 per cent oxygen and 40 per cent nitrogen.

Three hours later, the air-like mixture was expelled from the cabin, leaving the astronauts spacesuited only by their spacesuits. Early in the evening, the astronauts began filling the cabin with pure oxygen at five pounds per square inch (PSI)—about one-third that of sea level.

Be Combat Ready, Russ Tells Troops

MOSCOW (AP)—In an implied reference to Czechoslovakia, Marshal Andrei A. Grechko, the Soviet defense minister, said Saturday Soviet forces must "increase further their combat readiness" because of threats to "the Socialist (Communist) system."

A summary of Grechko's statement by the official Soviet news agency Tass did not mention Czechoslovakia by name. But it used the same wording as the current Soviet press campaign against Prague liberals.

Czech—

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Dubcek promised that he would be unyielding.

Reading from a prepared text, glancing up at the camera only occasionally, employing his usual unexcited tone of voice, Dubcek said:

"We are going firmly our own way."

"Leaning on the international Communist movement, we welcome the aid of those who understand and advise us, and we patiently explain our stand to those who have not yet understood us."

"But we shall never allow ourselves to be dragged from this path by anything and especially not by those who would like to see us in conflict and disagreement with our nearest friends, whatever their motives."

"I should like to assure you that we are aware of the seriousness of the mandate which we are receiving from our nation at this moment."

Deputy Premier Ota Sik, economic brain of Prague's "liberalization" campaign, accused Stalinists still inside the Czech Communist party of trying to foment "misunderstanding" with the Kremlin that would force the Soviet Union to crush the reformers.

Some Stalinists "still sit among us in more or less important positions in the state political and economic apparatus," Sik wrote in the Communist party daily Rude Pravo. "They are hoping an eventual misunderstanding could boost their dirty plans."

"But they represent no one," he declared.

In an order of the day for Soviet Navy Day, Grechko said: "The present-day world situation is marked by an aggravation of international tension and increased class—political and ideological — struggle between Capitalism and Socialism."

"The greatest danger to the cause of peace comes from the continued U.S. criminal war in Vietnam, activation of militarism and revanchism in West Germany, the aggressive designs of the Israeli extremists in the Middle East and the attempt by international imperialism to make a breach in the Socialist system and change the power balance in their favor."

The phrase, "change the power balance in their favor," has been used repeatedly during the Czechoslovak crisis to describe alleged attempts by Western "imperialists" to subvert Czechoslovakia and lure it away from the Warsaw Pact military alliance.

Steel—

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Corp. and chief negotiator for the 11 companies, said in a joint statement they had been unable to reach a common ground for settlement.

They branded "completely false" a report the companies had made an offer for a wage-fringe benefits package totaling 90 cents an hour over a three-year period.

However, the statement did not deny specifically some sort of an offer was made by the companies.

Radar Sees 'Pimples' Under Venus' Veil

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Two radar astronomers reported evidence Saturday that the face of Venus may be disfigured by mountain chains, pitted by craters, or pimples by boulder fields.

Because of its dense cover of clouds or smog, Venus appears

to telescope viewers to be a perfectly smooth globe.

But radar pulses, dispatched from a 210-foot antenna at Goldstone, Calif., have penetrated the planet's shining veil and revealed three areas of rugged terrain in a region covering 160,000 square miles of Venus' northwest face.

The discovery was reported by Drs. Richard M. Goldstein

and Shalhav Zohar of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena, Calif.

The astronomers made a radar map of a triangular region in the planet's northern hemisphere. The area is as large as New York and Pennsylvania and all of the New England states combined.

The map is the result of 17

radar probes of Venus from Aug. 12 to Sept. 11, 1967.

Radar signals bounce back more strongly from rough country than they do from smooth. Astronomers have been using radar to study Venus every 18 months when the planet makes its closest approach, 26 million miles, to Earth. The rugged places have shown up every time.

World Weather

By United Press International
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	H	L		H	L
Bangkok	90	79	Naha	84	80
Chitose	77	61	Saigon	90	79
Guam	86	78	Seoul	91	73
Honolulu	81	79	Taipei	82	72
Manila	89	78	Tokyo	86	79
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Albany	83	54	Memphis	93	77
Albuquerque	83	62	Miami	87	82
Anchorage	93	66	Milwaukee	80	56
Atlanta	—	60	Moscow	72	59
Birmingham	91	72	N. Orleans	—	72
Bismarck	92	70	NYC	85	68
Boise	80	60	N. Platte	89	62
Boston	99	60	Okla. City	94	71
Chicago	88	67	Omaha	85	68
Cincinnati	78	69	Paris	73	50
Cleveland	84	70	Phila.	88	72
Denver	78	56	Phoenix	99	74
Des Moines	89	62	Pittsburgh	83	62
Detroit	85	69	Portland, O.	86	56
Duluth	81	67	Rapid City	83	59
Fairbanks	78	50	Reno	86	49
Fort Worth	80	71	Richmond	82	74
Hong Kong	91	81	Singapore	86	76
Honolulu	85	73	St. Louis	85	70
Houston	89	75	St. Paul	82	67
Indianapolis	86	71	Salt Lake	94	66
Jackville	92	72	S. Antonio	94	72
Jakarta	93	73	San Diego	78	69
Kansas City	89	71	San Fran.	59	51
K. Lumpur	88	75	S. S. Marie	88	49
Las Vegas	101	75	Seattle	82	55
Little Rock	93	72	Shreveport	72	89
London	84	55	Sydney	65	45
L.A.	84	66	Tucson	94	72
Melbourne	86	56	Wash.	87	75