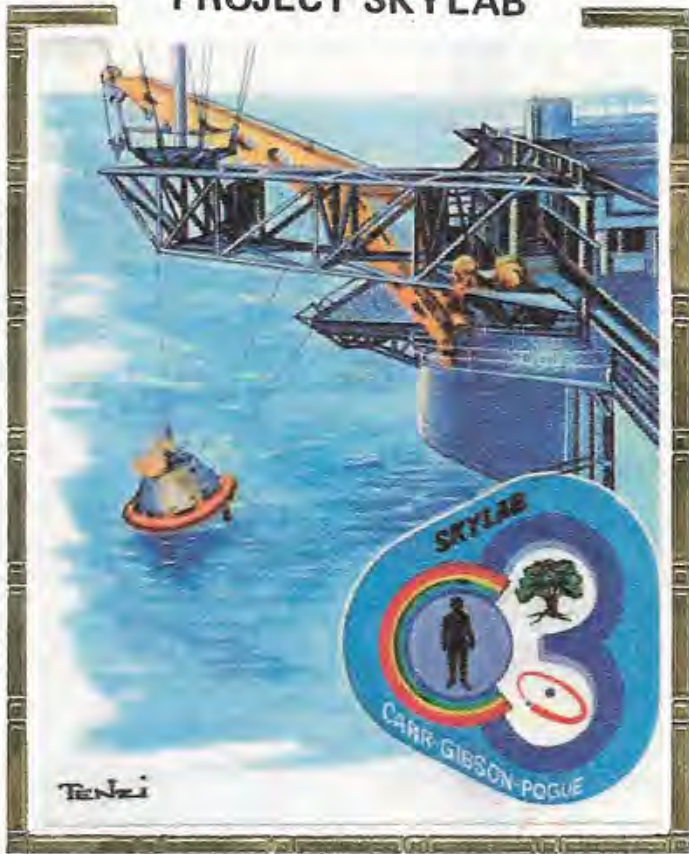


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FEBRUARY 8, 1974 — 11:17 A.M. — Less than 2 hours before splashdown one of the rocket thruster systems, designed to control the spacecraft, developed a leak. Skylab Astronauts Carr, Pogue and Gibson overcame the problem and using only one of the rocket thruster systems returned safely to earth, splashing down in the choppy Pacific Ocean 176 miles from San Diego, Calif. and 3½ miles from the prime recovery ship USS New Orleans - thus ending man's longest space voyage - 84 days, 1 hour and 16 minutes.