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Good for pleasure

Good for business

Good for all the family —the Boat Show

WEDNESDAY week —first day of the New Year—sees the opening of the 15th great International Boat Show, the fastest-growing enterprise in exhibition history.

The Boat Show is good for pleasure and good for business. As a holiday family outing which whisks you away from winter into a sunny setting of summer.

In terms of business the record also is rising British boat exports to the U.S.A. have more than tripled since 1964.

With 100 more exhibitors this year than last, and every square foot of stand space taken, Britain's boating industry—when it goes on show at Earls Court—will be as buoyant as its products.

The Boat Show, sponsored by the Daily Express, in association with the Ship and Boat Builders National Federation, is from January 1—11 (closed on Sunday). Admission 6s. Children 2s. 6d. (opening day admission 20s. with half-price for children).

And as a flourish to another great Express enterprise . .

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FLU HITS MOON MEN

140,000 MILES OUT IN SPACE . . . HALFWAY THERE

From ROSS MARK: Cape Kennedy, Sunday

BEAMING clear TV pictures and confident words back to earth — "WE'RE ALL IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE"—America's spaceship commander, Colonel Frank Borman, kept on course for the moon tonight after giving his ground control chiefs an anxious time with reports of a flu-type virus attacking himself and one of his crew.

Colonel Borman's "All O.K." message came back from 140,000 miles out in space—more than half way to the moon and with less than 40 hours to go.

His TV camera transmitted pictures of the three astronauts and a view of earth floating like a brilliant glowing globe the size of an orange.

The camera swung close to the bearded face of Captain James Lovell, the navigator, who grinned and wished happy birthday to his mother —73 today. Then he prepared a chocolate pudding for supper.

One of the highlights of the relaxed and folksy space show was when Major Bill Anders let his toothbrush float in front of him and tried to catch it in his mouth.

Three hours earlier the flu scare began when Colonel Borman came through by radio to the manned space flight centre in Houston, Texas, and said he had suffered a fever, headaches, nausea and vomiting.

He added: "I think I have had 24-hour flu—intestinal flu. The roof of my mouth went dry."

Anxiety at the flight centre increased when Colonel Borman reported on his crew: "Bill Anders says he is not feeling his best. Only Jim Lovell feels really good."

LBJ blamed

Earlier, Anders had sent back word that he was "queasy" during the night, and even Lovell had spoken of a feeling of "unease."

A spokesman at the flight centre, Mr. Paul Haney, read out Borman's symptoms and said: "These are similar to what happens when people go down with Hongkong flu."

Space officials at Cape Kennedy believe that Borman caught flu at a party with President Johnson last week. Although Mr. Johnson was sneezing and coughing he insisted that the three spacemen attend his final White House banquet

They went to the party against the advice of their personal physician, Dr. Charles Berry. Later Mr. Johnson went to hospital with Hongkong flu. He came out today—still coughing.

Tonight Dr. Berry studied details of the symptoms sent back by the spacemen. He checked also on their temperature and heartbeats.

He said: "Frank Borman may have a gastro-enteritis type of thing. It is definitely **NOT** Hongkong flu. I hate to use the term flu . . . and there is no panic.

Tiny chance

"They were immunised days before the flight began and their chances of getting flu were one in 100,000."

Dr. Berry conceded that Anders and Lovell might develop the same sort of illness that had struck Borman. He directed all three to take pills from their medical kits.

Before the flu scare, the only trouble in the bullet-shaped spaceship was that two windows developed "moderate haze" on the outside. Another was almost too clouded to see through, but the remaining windows were clear.

Direction was highly accurate and flight director Clifford Charlesworth said: "Everything is looking very good."

Colonel Borman and his crew have changed from their silvery spacesuits into light cloth overalls. The spaceship is rolling slowly as it cruises at a speed of 3,200 miles an hour.

The 'barbecue'

Mr. Charlesworth said the slow roll is designed to ensure that no part of the craft is exposed for too long to the heat of the sun. Colonel Borman referred to it as a "barbecue" manoeuvre.

If all goes well the crew will start applying their "space brakes" at 10.58 a.m. on Christmas Eve in order to go into orbit 10 times round the moon. They will go as low as 69 miles and photograph sites for a possible manned landing in the New Year.

Return to earth is scheduled for 4.51 p.m. on Friday with a splash-down in the Pacific and pick-up by warships.

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JUST FANCY THAT

THE closer America's astronauts got to the moon yesterday the closer 25-year-old David Threlfall, of Broadgate, Preston, Lancs, got to a fortune. For in 1964 he staked £10 at 1,000—1 that a man would land on the moon by 1970. Said William Hills, the bookmakers: "We took him on as a joke—now it looks as if we shall lose."

How they saw you

How you saw them



SPACEMAN'S VIEW OF EARTH—from Apollo 8



EARTH'S VIEW OF SPACEMAN — Major Bill Anders half-way to the moon, last night

PICTURE BY ITN

MP stands down after 25 years

Mr. George Rogers, Labour M.P. for North Kensington since 1945, is not to stand for re-election at the next General Election.

Mr. Rogers, aged 62, said last night: "I shall have done 25 years by then . . . I think that is enough." At the last election he polled 16,012 votes—a majority of 5,263

Equity ban over Rhodesia acts

SALISBURY, Sunday. — Four British cabaret performers have been expelled from their union, Equity, because they are working in a Rhodesian night club.

Flood alert

Several rivers in the West Country rose to danger level yesterday after nearly an inch of rain in 24 hours. One burst its banks near Colyford and flooded the main Seaton-Sidmouth road.

100 hurt in crash

BUDAPEST, Sunday. — A passenger train crashed into a goods train south-east of Budapest today killing or badly injuring 100 people.

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Bedside watch

Detectives were last night waiting at the bedside in St. Mary's Hospital, Stratford, East London, of a man recovering from an operation after being admitted with a knife wound, received in an incident in Leyton on Friday night.

FREEDOM FOR PUEBLO CREWMEN

From GARETH PARRY: Seoul, Monday

THE 82 crewmen of the U.S. spy ship Pueblo were being freed by the North Koreans this morning—11 months to the day after the ship was captured by gunboats.

The scene of the hand-over: Panmunjom, the snow-covered truce village where haggling over the men's fate has been going on for months.

Buses and ambulances with an armed Jeep escort stood by in a temperature of 15 degrees below freezing ready to whisk them to freedom.

They are likely to stop at the United Nations base camp in the south of the demilitarised zone between North and South Korea. From there, they will go —probably by helicopter—to an army hospital near Seoul for a quick medical check before continuing their homeward journey.

It is planned to get them to the United States in time for Christmas.

Film actors win TV pay fight

Actors have won their battle to be paid each time their old films are shown on television. Equity, the actors' union, has reached agreement with film producers but talks are continuing on how big the fee will be.

The agreement will only cover films made from next year—not those now being screened on TV.

Cautious

WASHINGTON: The official announcement of the men's release was given by the U.S. State Department. Officials were cautious in case of any last-minute snags.

But during the three hours before the announcement, the navy called the families of the crewmen to break the news—and the unanimous reaction was: "This is a tremendous Christmas present."

It was thought that America has found a way to apologise for the Pueblo's presence off the North Korean coast without admitting she had actually violated territorial waters.

The ship is not expected to be returned.

Bid to save deal

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

ADMIRAL SIR HORACE LAW, Controller of the Navy, has flown to Buenos Aires in a last-ditch attempt to induce the Argentine Government to change its mind and buy British warships.

He is to have meetings with Admiral Pedro Gnavi, Commander-in-Chief of the Argentine Navy, who has already announced that his Government is to order submarines from Germany and aircraft from Italy instead of from Britain as expected.

Admiral Law will avoid mentioning the political dispute between Britain and the Argentine over the Falkland Islands. This dispute is believed to be partly responsible for the rejection of a package deal with Vickers, which could have brought orders worth £200 million to British shipyards, aircraft factories, and electronic firms.

The intervention by such a senior officer in a commercial deal is a new departure for Whitehall and underlines the Government's great desire to secure the order.

Admiral Law's mission has the full backing of Mr. Denis Healey, the Defence Minister.

The sale of frigates, submarines, and equipment would help the Navy by reducing the development costs of similar ships in the British fleet.

It would also make a major contribution to the Government's drive to reduce the balance of payments gap.

Britain is still in the running to sell a frigate which the Argentinians want, so that they can build several copies of it in their own shipyards.

But Admiral Law's main task is to convince the Argentine that it will be cheaper, safer, and quicker to let Britain make most of their warships instead of trying to build up their own shipyards and factories. Failing this, he will try to induce the Argentine Navy to specify British steel and other parts for its new ships.

Lord Mountbatten, the former Supremo, promoted British defence equipment during his tours of South American countries. But he did not involve himself in specific deals.

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GAMBLING CLUB MEN ACCUSED

Two men from Colony Sporting Club in London's West End will appear at Bow Street today charged with managing unlawful gaming after police visited club last night.

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