

MARS SHEDS SECRETS



GRIM and crater-pitted with no sign of life—that's the latest picture of Mars.

The photo above yesterday gave scientists on Earth their closest yet look at the Red Planet.

The picture covers an area of 430 miles by 560 miles and discloses an abundance of craters.

Their size, shape and arrangement show an amazing similarity to the Moon.

The most prominent crater, in the bottom right-hand

corner, is about 160 miles in diameter.

Centuries of mystery and speculation resolved into television pictures as Mariner 6 swept to within 2,000 miles of the planet's surface and relayed the scene back to Earth.

The pictures showed no evidence of water or cloud—but scientists will not know for certain until Tuesday whether any life exists on Mars.

For then the windmill-shaped Spacecraft's sister ship, Mariner 7, is due to pass over the ice-capped south polar region.