

# Soviets Mourn Cosmonaut; Czechs In Dispute

**MOSCOW** -- The Soviet Union is in deep mourning for the first man ever to orbit the world in a space capsule. Yuri A. Gagarin, 34, was killed in a light plane crash last week. He made the trip in orbit to hold onto his flight qualifications.

Gagarin made world history on April 12, 1961 in his 89-minute flight nearly all the way around the world in the Soviet spaceship Vostok I.

Although the U.S. generally used its astronauts for ad-

Specifically, the Czech government protested an East German politburo member's speech criticizing sweeping reforms within the Czech Communist party.

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**WARSAW** -- The U.S. is miffed at the Polish government's failure for five days to explain the expulsion of an American graduate student, Edward Holmes of Pittsburgh.

The strong language of a U.S. protest reflected deteriorating relations between the two countries.

Another indication is Poland's refusal to permit the U.S. to pay benefits to 3,000 recipients living in Poland in Polish Zlotys rather than dollars as part of the U.S. gold saving program.

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**SANTIAGO, Chile** -- Thousands of public employees, including teachers and hospital workers, walked off their jobs at mid-week for two days in another of a series of strikes protesting government proposals for wage increases.

**LONDON** -- Conservative candidates humiliated the governing Labor Party by winning four parliamentary by-elections last week.

Even in ordinarily Conservative districts, the Labor vote dropped drastically.

Analysts called the vote a protest against the Wilson government's policies. These in-

clude failure to get into the Common Market, withdrawal from the outposts of the empire, devaluation of the pound and tight budgets.

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**PARIS** -- A highly placed French civil servant, Maurice Picard, has been charged by his government with communicating with foreign agents in

a way that could harm France's interests.

The foreign agents haven't been identified by nationality, but the Paris press is openly speculating they are West Germany, the U.S. and East Germany. Picard is said to have been on good personal terms with West Germany's late leader, Konrad Adenauer.

**MOSCOW** -- The Soviet Union denies attempting to restrain Czechoslovakia's wave of reform, accusing the west of "slandering concoctions" aimed at splitting the Communist bloc.

Pravda describes the end of 20 years of Czechoslovakian rule as a process of "activation."

## World Roundup

lional flights, Gagarin never made another trip into space.

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**BONN** -- West German Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger has proposed to Poland that their governments "exchange thoughts" on a possible border dispute.

Kiesinger says his government cannot permanently recognize the Oder-Neisse River line as the frontier, as Poland regards it.

The border dispute is emerging as an internal political matter in West Germany, Foreign Minister Willy Brandt, who heads a rival party in the coalition government, said his group "recognized and respected" the Oder-Neisse line.

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**LONDON** -- Fifteen-year-old Oliver Knussen will conduct the London Symphony April 7 in an age when London has been noted for producing teenage pop stars.

Young Knussen has been writing music since he was six and has produced 60 works so far.

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**PRAGUE** -- Czechoslovakia, increasingly becoming estranged from the Communist bloc, has protested that East Germany is interfering in Czech affairs.

## Griffin Fairly Liberal

Michigan's Republican Sen. Robert Griffin received a relatively liberal 46 per cent mark from a conservative political organization which examines lawmakers' votes, and Democratic Sen. Philip Hart got his usual zero.

Making the ratings was Americans for Constitutional Action (ACA), which gives good marks for votes against federal spending programs of almost any sort.

To a liberal, the zero is a good score; to a conservative, a 100 is ideal.

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**GRIFFIN**, now in his third year in the Senate, got the 46 per cent for his votes during the first session of the 90th Congress, it brought his lifetime average to 54.

Griffin's moderate rating was comparable to those of Illinois' Charles Percy (41) and Oregon's Mark Hatfield (44).

This is considerably less conservative than South Carolina's Strom Thurmond (100) or Minority Leader Everett Dirksen (68).

But Griffin is still a moderate Republican compared to Massachusetts' Edward Brooke (26), New York's Jacob Javits (17) or New Jersey's Clifford Case (11).

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**HART**, a 10-year veteran of the Senate, has consistently been in the lower reaches of the conservative ACA ratings.

Hart's record for 1967 was zero, and his lifetime ACA mark is only 1 per cent.

Presidential contenders Robert F. Kennedy of New York and Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota scored about the same as Hart.

Kennedy received a 4 and McCarthy a 5 for their 1967 Senate votes.

For the most part, Senate Democrats got lower scores on the conservative scale, with a few notable exceptions.

Ohio's Frank Lausche got an 89, Mississippi's James Eastland and John Stennis got 77 and 76 respectively, and Nevada's Alan Bible jumped to 50 after compiling a relatively liberal record in his earlier years.



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