

# May try a manned-linkup

Moscow (AP) — American and Soviet scientists plan to sign an agreement on a joint manned space flight within the next two months, a U.S. Embassy official disclosed today.

The agreement was discussed between Soviet and American scientists during the past few days in Moscow. It was the third session between specialists of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Jack Tech, a science attaché at the U.S. Embassy, said the scientists released the following statement at the close of their conference:

"The main purpose of this third working session was to discuss the technical details of space hardware compatibility and to discuss a joint American-Soviet space mission. It is intended to sign a final agreement within two months. Details will not be given out until then."

In Washington, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration had no immediate comment.

Tech would not elaborate on the statement but when queried about whether the agreement called for manned flight, he said:

Dr. Robert Gilruth, director of the U.S. Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, arrived in Moscow Nov. 27 for talks with the Russian scientists. They met from Nov. 29 through today.

Tech said the agreement apparently would provide for separate launchings of Soviet and American spacecraft, which would then link up in outer space.

"The fact that they were discussing the technical compatibility of the hardware — the actual parts of the spacecraft that would have to fit — would mean a linkup," Tech said.

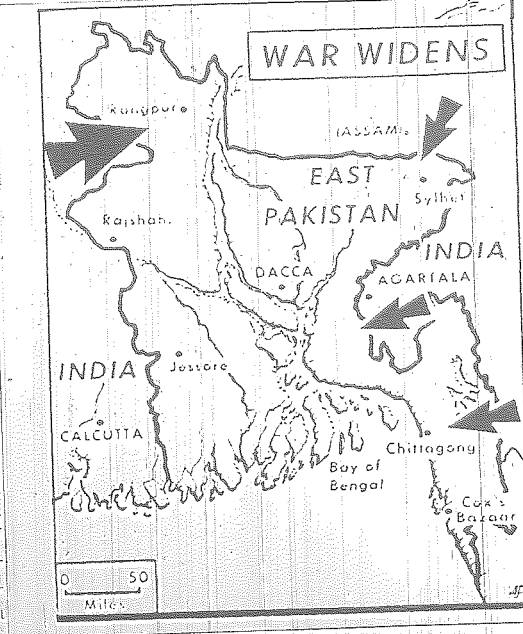
Gilruth came to Moscow with a party of 20, mostly spacecraft engineers. They plan to stay in the Soviet Union until next Tuesday.

Plans for a Soviet-American space flight apparently were first discussed in detail during the second conference of Russian and American space officials in Houston last June.

A statement issued at the close of that session said that a study on how to test compatible docking systems "would be based on the premise that the first such experiment might be the docking of an Apollo spacecraft with a manned scientific station of the Salyut type."



VISIONS OF...? Clutching his mom's hand in the familiar one-finger style this little kid seems taken by someone taller and perhaps rounder than he. Hint: It's stores. See page 8. (Photo by Steve Mann.)



# India declares state of national emergency

**BULLETIN**  
By the Associated Press

The Indian government declared a national emergency today following Pakistani air raids on four northwestern Indian airports.

A Pakistani broadcast said jets of Pakistan's air force struck in retaliation for Indian ground attacks. India denied it had staged any attacks in the northwest, 1,000 miles or more from East Pakistan where hostilities broke out last month.

Air raid sirens wailed in New Delhi and the Indian capital was blacked out. But there was no sign of an attack.

International airlines in London said they had banned flying jetliners to West Pakistan and Calcutta and New Delhi in India.

By the Associated Press  
Pakistani warplanes attacked three airfields in western India today, an Indian spokesman

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reported. The Indian capital, New Delhi, went dark in an unexpected air raid warning but there was no sign of an attack.

The Indian spokesman said one Pakistani air attack was against Srinagar, capital of Kashmir, a territory long in dispute between India and Pakistan.

The other air attacks were carried out against Amritsar in western Punjab and at Pathankot, also in Punjab, He added that the attacks were under way as he spoke and had no details of them.

Sirens sounded in New Delhi and air raid wardens ran from house to house warning residents to take cover.

"This is no practice drill, ladies and gentlemen," the spokesman told reporters.

Earlier in the day, the Indians reported Pakistani air strafing of the airport at Agartala in

northeast India for the second straight day. Informants said Indian troops had crossed into East-Pakistan near Agartala on Thursday and that the new Pakistani air attack was an attempt to blunt the Indian advance.

The three cities the Indians claimed had come under air attack are 1,000 miles or more away from East Pakistan, the center point of the conflict up to now.

An Indian spokesman in Agartala said four Pakistani jets were seen approaching the city apparently for another strike this afternoon but were driven off. He said three were reported damaged.

Agartala, the capital of India's Tripura state, is 60 miles due east of Dacca, the East Pakistani capital. The airport, only 200 yards from the border, is the main supply depot for the Indian armed forces in Tripura.

Following the alleged Pakistani attack Thursday, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi

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Wakout averted; CEA raps action by Berner and board

Centennial teachers protest as students escape expulsion

By Dianne Rowland Of The Courier

The Champaign school board's decision not to expel the Centennial High School pupils who were charged with striking and kicking two assistant principals almost resulted in a teacher walkout Thursday.

A staff meeting was called quickly Thursday and the staff agreed to settle concerns by meeting with the board at 2 p.m. today.

The Champaign Education Association (CEA) today "condemned" the board and superintendent Marshall Berner's action.

At the same time, Richard "Dickie" Davis, representing the black community, called the hearings "fair and just."

The board ended hearings at 4:30 a.m. Thursday of 10 students recommended for expulsion on charges of assaulting other students and staff during disturbances the week of Nov. 8. The board returned eight of the students to school, one on suspended expulsion, and expelled two.

Two female students were expelled, one for the remainder of the semester and one for the rest of the year.

Answering complaints that the board's decisions were not equal and fair, board president Richard Folely today explained the Illinois School Code provides for expulsion only in cases where students are found guilty of "gross misconduct or disobedience."

"The hearing should be as complete a due process situation as possible," Folely said, "and the information presented to us should certainly prove that such gross misconduct or disobedience is the case. That this board is in two bases, but not in the other eight!"

In a news release, the CEA took issue with the statute in that "as long as the superintendent and board of education refuse to ammerate, in writing, what constitutes gross misconduct or disobedience, teachers question what their role is to be in maintaining order and discipline in the schools."

The CEA further denounced Berner and the board for failing to support the professional staff at Centennial, and said this could "further aggravate an unwholesome situation and may very well serve to precipitate similar incidents at other schools."

The teachers apparently are concerned that the four male students charged with assaulting administrators were returned to school. After hearings Wednesday the board said they could not be entirely sure of incidents, though they said they were convinced administrators had seen what they testified they had seen.

Davis said today the black parents committee is considering further action, possibly a court appeal, in the case of the girl suspended for the rest of the year. They feel, he said, that she "should have been given a second chance."

Davis added the black parents are "quite happy" with the way the board conducted the hearings and felt the administration had presented rather "weak cases."

He also expressed dismay over the CEA statement. "It's as much time were spent by the teachers on improving the educational program and working to solve the problems out there as is spent on worrying about discipline and making the school a reformatory, many of that school's problems would be solved," he said.

Black parents aren't condoning acts of violence and are to hold a rap session with students to talk about their behavior next week, but we are skeptical of how either black or white kids can be educated by teachers with such attitudes.

## 'Old Fitz' to get freedom at last

Folsom, Calif. (AP) — For 45 years, home for "Old Fitz" has been a 7-by-9½-foot cell at Folsom State Prison.

But that will soon change, 85-year-old Charles Fitzgerald hopes. After 59 years behind bars he will be a free man once he goes through a program for his re-entry into civilian life.

"All I want to do is get out of here and live my own life in peace," says Fitzgerald, who served two terms for murder to win parole.

Fitzgerald was 22 when he first went to prison for burglary in 1908. Released three years later, he was convicted of killing a deputy sheriff in Montana and served 11 years of a 100-year sentence at Montana State Prison before he was paroled.

In 1926 he was sentenced to life term in Folsom after being convicted of slaying a police officer in San Gabriel, Calif.

"Old Fitz" says his only rela-

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