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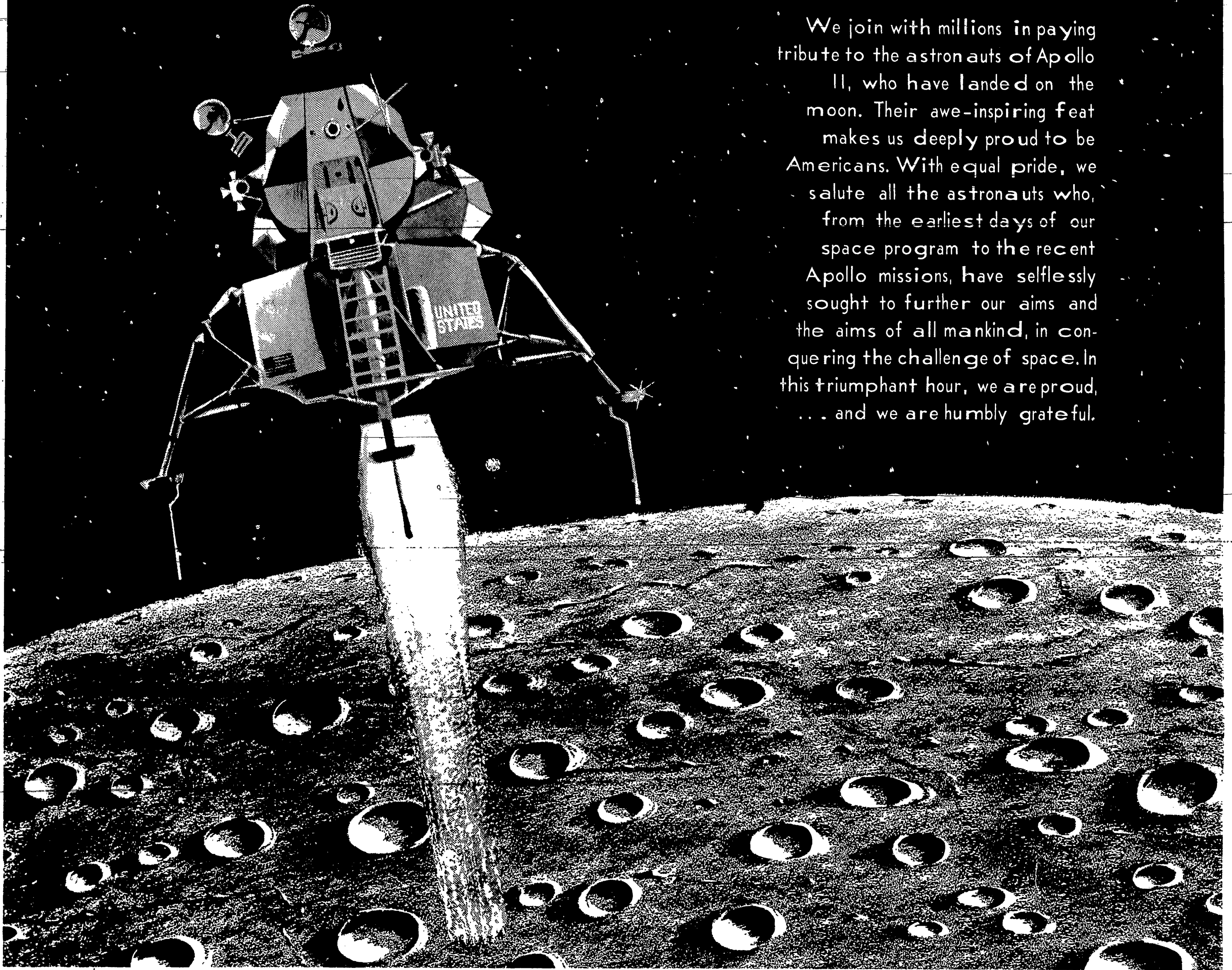
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We join with millions in paying tribute to the astronauts of Apollo 11, who have landed on the moon. Their awe-inspiring feat makes us deeply proud to be Americans. With equal pride, we salute all the astronauts who, from the earliest days of our space program to the recent Apollo missions, have selflessly sought to further our aims and the aims of all mankind, in conquering the challenge of space. In this triumphant hour, we are proud, . . . and we are humbly grateful.

## 'Moon Conquerors' Hailed by Pontiff

Castel Gandolfo — Pope Paul VI hailed the landing of the U.S. astronauts on the moon with a special message in which he described them as "conquerors of the moon."

On the day of the lunar landing, at his noon appearance on the balcony overlooking the courtyard of his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, the Pope devoted almost all of his talk to the moon trip.

Later that evening, at the observatory that is on the grounds of the papal villa the Pope looked through its powerful telescopes to view the surface of the moon, and particularly the designated landing spot in the Sea of Tranquility. He also watched television coverage of the moon-landing about 10:18 p.m. Rome time.

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At his Sunday noon talk the Pope spoke at length of the moon flight and of its meaning for mankind. He lauded the historic voyage for its audacity and for man's accomplishment in asserting his domination over space.

But he added: "We must not forget the need and duty that man has to dominate himself," and pointed to the wars in Vietnam, Africa and the Middle East as well as to the disturbances between El Salvador and Honduras.

But said the Pope, man's fascination with instruments and technological advances may engulf him even to the edge of madness.

"Here is the danger. It is from this possible idolatry of instruments that we must guard ourselves. It is true that instruments multiply man's efficiency beyond every limit. But is this efficiency always to his advantage? Does it make him better? More human?"

"Or cannot the instrument imprison man who produces it and make him the servant of a system of life which

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## Nixon Urges Birth Control Expansion

(NC News Service) Washington — An expanded program on birth control and family planning to be available within five years to American women of child bearing age in low income categories was recommended to Congress in a special message by President Nixon.

"Clearly, in no circumstances will the activities associated with our pursuit of this goal be allowed to infringe upon the religious convictions or personal wishes and freedom of any individual," the President stated (July 18).

He recommended that Congress establish a "Commission on Population Growth and the American Future" which would be directed to make recommendations in three areas — probable trends of U.S. population growth and internal migration between now and the year 2000; resources required to deal with anticipated population growth, and ways in which the population growth may affect activities of federal, state and local governments.

Father James T. McHugh, director of the Family Life Division, USCC, said the President had taken a useful initiative in placing population questions in a broader perspective than birth control alone.

In his message to Congress (July 18) the President called for a substantial increase in government support of family planning programs in this country and abroad.

He also proposed establishment of a Commission on Population Growth and the American Future to consider the implications of demographic trends in the U.S. and to make recommendations.

Father McHugh said creation of such a commission "can lead to new analysis of population problems

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## Overflow Crowds Greeting Bishop Sheen in Ireland

(Special to the Courier-Journal)

Dublin — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has spoken to continuing overflow audiences in the 3,000-seat Carmelite Church here since opening his three-sermons-a-day series at the annual novena in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Eamon de Valera, President of the Republic of Ireland, was among 6,000 people who attended the opening service of the novena on Wednesday, July 16. Those unable to be seated in the church proper saw and heard the preacher through closed circuit television in the corridors and halls attached to the Whitefriars Priory and in the street outside.

Since then the daily attendance has been averaging 12,000, according to Father Linus Ryan, O.Carm., of the Priory staff. "Loud, spontaneous hand-clapping follows every sermon," Father Ryan said.

The Bishop speaks at novena devotions at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. and preaches at the 5:45 p.m. Mass which he celebrates.

His morning and evening sermons have been the same, he told a reporter here, adding "only the gestures are different."

Addressing the entire nation on a television hookup last Saturday, during morning High Mass at the Carmelite Church, Bishop Sheen vigorously praised and defended Pope Paul VI who has been so "attacked," he said, for publication of the anti-birth control ruling, *Humanae Vitae*.

"Pope Paul simply said in that encyclical that there is to be an unbroken transmission of love and life, that they are not to be violently separated one from the other."

Stating that the Holy Father had studied and prayed over this moral question for a long time, "he waited

for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit before he spoke," the Bishop said.

"But there are many mini-popes, tiny infallible pontiffs, who decided this grave question on their own. When they finally came to a conclusion in keeping with the world, it was found to be contrary to that of the Pope when he finally spoke."

"Not humble enough to say 'I'm wrong', or to say 'I will obey', in their pride they began to criticize him."

Revealing an intimate acquaintance with the Holy Father, Bishop Sheen said that Pope Paul once told him: "My heart is sad as I open my mail. Each letter is a thorn and at night when I lay my head on my pillow, my head is crowned with thorns."

"But I fill up, like St. Paul, in my own flesh the sufferings that are wanting to the body of Christ which is the Church."

The opening conference of the novena was on the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Sheen likened a young man's mental picture of "a perfect girl" to God's ideal of feminine perfection, the immaculately conceived Mary of Nazareth.

The Dublin Evening Press reported: "If the Beatles had been singing in Dublin last night, they would probably have sung to an empty theater. It seemed that all Dublin was out to hear the words of a 74-year-old man with a grandfatherly from Killarney: The Illinois-born preacher with the bushy eyebrows and magnanimous smile, next to the Pope, has probably communicated with more people than any other member of the Church."

A reporter for the Cork Examiner, covering the Bishop's arrival at Dublin airport, asked him what awaited him when he got back to Rochester. His article went on:

"Troubles" the Bishop said wryly. How did he cope with them? "I absorb troubles like a sponge. This is the only way for a Bishop — he is not an authority today, just a sponge. But by absorbing trouble you diminish evil."

## Safeguard? No, Says Bishop

Fargo, N.D. — (NC) — Bishop Leo F. Dworschak of Fargo has publicly protested the erection of the Safeguard anti-ballistic missile system "right on our doorstep in North Dakota."

Pleading that Congress and the administration should not execute the plan hastily, the Bishop asked whether the ABM is needed and whether it will work.

Deploring as "frightening" what he called "haste in efforts to" force through Congress "the fateful question of the anti-ballistic missile system," Bishop Dworschak noted that

"when the Senate membership was polled in recent weeks it was found that the votes were almost evenly divided."

The bishop declared that there are related moral problems involved in the ABM issue, "badly complicated moral problems which theologians must study and debate before the final verdict can be pronounced." He referred to social and political questions "relating to such fundamental considerations as a meal for the hungry, and education for the underprivileged and justice for minorities."

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