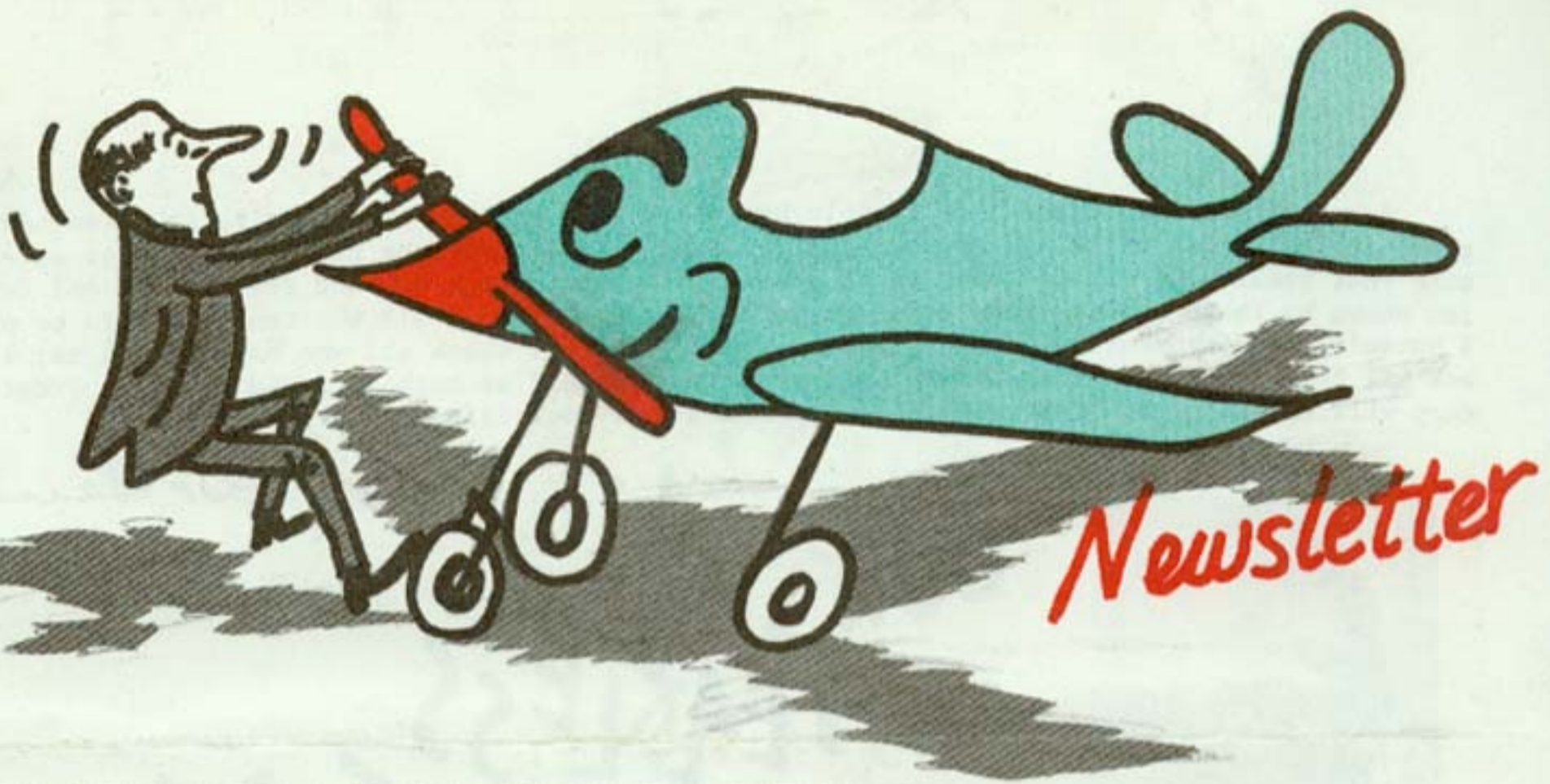


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EX-PRESIDENT WRITES

Dear Mel,

Congratulations upon your election as President of the NAPP. If you enjoy the position half as much as I did then you are going to have a most enjoyable time over the next two years. I wish you every success and pledge you my complete support in any way.

I am sure that all of us wish that things could be better--I am sure that you will make that your aim. The fact of the matter is that the NAPP is a rather unique organization and not to be identified with nor bound by the methods of operation and judgement of other groups. To begin with, we are priests, the airplane is not part of our normal equipment not a necessary means of most of our individual lives. It is an interest and a hobby, a hope and a promise. Many people find it hard to associate it with priests. Secondly, we are scattered throughout the nation and, in fact, the world; we meet nationally but once a year; in some areas never beyond that. Perhaps these factors will always be part of our organization; perhaps not. Maybe it will become enormous and hyperactive. I doubt it. But despite its limited numbers and its scattered forces, I do think that it is a most wonderful organization; that it has great potential both for those who are not part of it but can benefit from it and for ourselves. It brings those of us who have this interest together, increase our interest and I hope makes us more useful in it; with the support and interest of each other we can plan and effectuate programs and aims that will be of benefit even beyond our organization. These are the goals of our group, and I think that the passing years have enabled us to realize gradually some of our potentials and our limits and thus direct us into some specific programs. I know that you will endeavour to bring them into reality and to expand our scope and horizons as progress and time makes this possible.

I do hope that each member will realize how important he is to the organization whether he holds office or not. With each one contributing we can do a lot; each one who fails to contribute weakens us greatly. Most of us feel what we have to say is not important but that is not true. For myself, I have learned tremendously from the programs which have been sponsored at the National and Regional meetings and from my association with the individual members. I have valued their friendship and the knowledge that they have imparted to me. I wish all would do it more often: little things that actually are important; local knowledge that others don't have, e.g., R. K. Smith mentioned an airport in Marble Canyon which I overflew because I didn't think it worthwhile even though I wanted to see the canyon. Had I known it, I would have stopped there knowing what he mentioned in later conversation. I hope from time to time to mention some of things I saw and places I visited on the trip out; hoping it will help others. That is what I mean when I say little things; they may seem old hat to us but to one who doesn't know, they are valuable. Everyone should send items and news to the newsletter--let the editor sort it out. We need items and ideas from everyone.



I am getting long winded--it is only because I have enjoyed the Organization tremendously and I am most proud of it. I am sure that everyone who attends the national meetings agrees with that feeling: great fellows, great possibilities for the group and real talent and devotion shown by those who run them. San Diego was a great one and all who ran it should be proud. I haven't missed a meeting yet and I hope I never will. I thank all who have helped me; I ask all to help Mel. And again, Mel, if you enjoy it half as much as I did then the Presidency will be one of the most enjoyable experiences of your life. Good luck!

*Bob Lewis*



# OUR FEARLESS LEADER

It was hard to tell who it was dashing across the central mall on campus the other night, setting off the first fireworks display in the history of Iowa State. If it wasn't Father Mel Hemann it was one of his collaborators in "A Celebration Thing", the most colorful, if not pious, religious orientation ever for Iowa State new students.

As associate pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center in Ames, Iowa, Mel is involved in both the swinging and the true grit of campus life. That 11:00 p.m. fireworks and program, set against the background of Iowa State's famous campanille, drew hundreds of students to a lively consideration of the Christian message expressed in songs and light and photos--the most colorful commercial for Christian involvement the campus has seen in years.

Mel chairmanned the program worked out with other campus ministers, from the fundamentalists to the Lutheran neighbors, all concerned with reaching the 19,250 students now jammed on campus, 3100 of whom are Catholic. The campus pastors work together often and in sundry ways to keep the presence of the Church alive and disturbing.

At St. Thomas, Mel is spiritual director of the Cursillo movement which presently involves about 30 of the parish's 300 families. During the academic year, Mel has charge of four Antioch Weekends, the student counterpart of Cursillo. He works with each team for 6 weeks in preparation of the weekends experience in Christian community and holds a weekly reunion for all Antiochers for the rest of the year.

The local Antioch group has helped initiate Weekends at Loras College, the University of Missouri at Kansas City, the University of Northern Iowa and has helped with Antioch on the Iowa City and Drake campuses. Mel hopes to initiate a Follow-up Weekend this year for all previous participants.

The Antiochers are then active in involving their fellow students in small group celebrations of the liturgy during the year. Groups from 2 or 3 dorm floors meet each week at a small neighborhood chapel designed for a more intimate celebration of the Eucharist.

Two lay volunteers assist Mel in this work among the students, contacting and keeping in touch with the many corners of the campus.

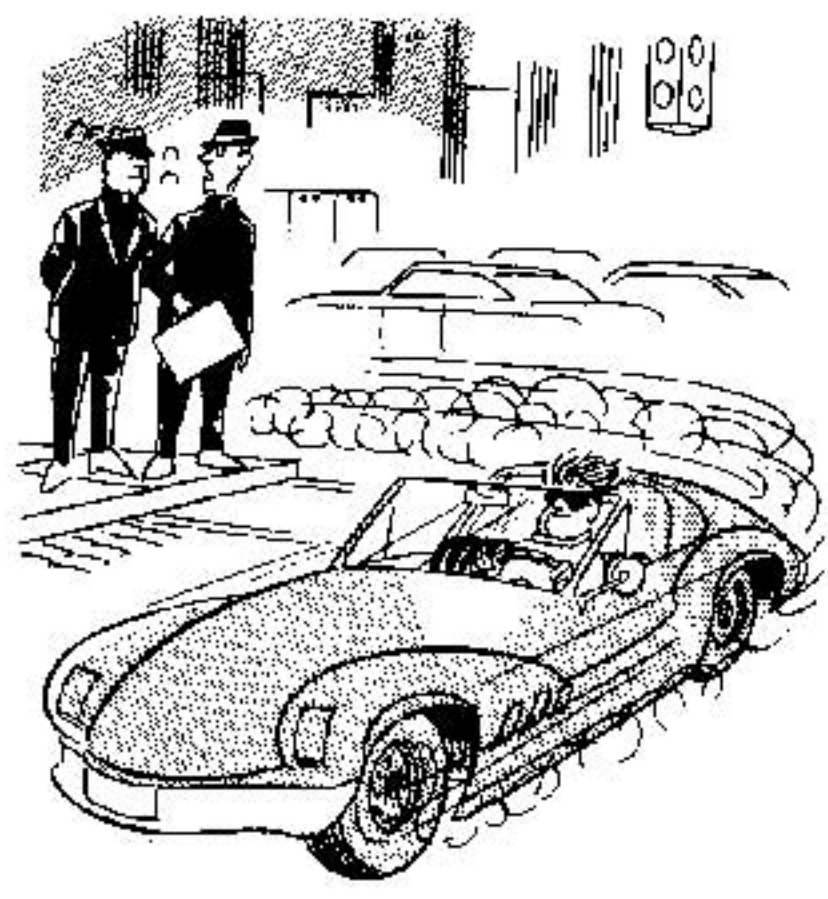
Even the Greek system has been "baptized". A unique program was designed to nourish the growth of the community already existing in the sorority and fraternity houses. The pilot groups met with encouraging results and will spread out to other houses this year.

even a Marathon on Sex at the Methodist Student Center last winter.

In between these activities he has racked up nearly 2500 hours of flying, and his flying interests are well known to many of the members. At present he holds a commercial license, instrument and instrument instructor ratings. He is chaplain for the Ames CAP Squadron and holds the rank of Captain. He co-owns a Mooney Mark 21 with several Ames pilots. His exotic vacation flights have totaled more air hours than all the other owners combined (with no complaints from them, he says.). This summer's jaunt to the Caribbean is an example. He and two Iowa friends visited Nassau, Jamaica, the Virgin Islands and San Juan, covering 7000 miles in 11 days. As one of them gratefully acknowledged, "for only \$152 per person."

The members surely know that having proposed this renewed Newsletter at the San Diego meeting in July, Mel was elected president the following day.

(Story by Gretchen Weber)



1970 Convention

Ames, Iowa

July 14-16

Sullivan

UMATT Defunct "How long has he been a Newman chaplain?"

Received word that UMATT - United Missionary Air Training and Transport - at University of Dayton has gone out of existence. No details.

1969 CONVENTION PICTURES

Anyone having pictures from San Diego and would like to exchange with others, please contact Rev. Bob Pool, Box 128, Corning, Kansas 66417.

The next time you go into Lindberg Field in San Diego you may find it a little different because of the NAPP Convention. Lindberg has asphalt the full length of the Field right up to the runways so that you can turn off anywhere. Bob Pool suggested that arrows be painted all along the runways indicating that intinerant pilots could turn off whenever feasible rather than wait for the designated taxi-way. FAA thought the suggestion so good they're going to present the idea to the appropriate powers that be.

MIDWEST REGION MEETS

Ten members of the Midwest Region of NAPP met September 7 and 8 at Lake Okoboji in Northwest Iowa. In addition to the 10 members there were 3 guests who accompanied some of the members to the meeting. The setting was excellent and the Weather Man sent the appropriate weather for the occasion. It was a relaxing day and a half but also a time when much was accomplished. The chief order of business was centered on decisions to be made regarding the 1970 Convention. Ames was chosen as the site on July 14, 15 and 16. Mass was Concelebrated by the group on 16.



## BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

Fr. Jose A. Llaguno, S.J., Sisoguichi, Chihushua, Mexico, who was at the Boston Convention two years ago with pictures of the mountains that make up his Mission Country, says things are really busy. They now have three Padres flying and hope to have a Brother coming this month who has his pilot's license and also A & P. He requests that all keep him and his flying work in our prayers.

Fr. Henry Haacke of Carrollton, Ky. tells us that the site of NAPP's original meeting will be no more. The airport has been sold to an aluminum factory. Henry airlifted 20 servers and most of his 8th grade on trips over Carrollton and Cincy as a server or graduation treat. He used a Cherokee 140 & 180. Henry has a trip planned to the Holy Land in October.

Fr. Jim Markham of the Military Ordinate has been sent to visit the AF Bases in Greenland in July. He also was one of NASA's invited guests for the moon shot July 16.

Things are changing at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. Fr. Bernard Gottner is the first priest in the Des Moines Diocese to be involved in Bishop Dingman's policy of appointing co-pastors. He and another priest will be co-pastors of Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines. The man piloting the plane in which Rocky Marciano was killed was a member of the flying club Bernie belongs to. Fr. P.J. McDonald was the other Associate Pastor at St. Ambrose Cathedral and is now attending the University of Iowa for a semester in the school of social work. Then back to Des Moines for a full year of work in the Child Guidance Center. After all this, back to school to finish his degree work.

Fr. Dave Zaunmeyer was unable to make it to the Convention this year because he was moving to Frankfort, Ky.-only 5 minutes from the airport where he keeps his Cherokee. Dave is president of their Priests' Senate. You might have noticed his picture in the last issue of PRIESTS FORUM, the NFPC publication, as he is a member of the executive board. He used his Cherokee to attend the New Orleans meeting last winter. Dave's Associate Pastor is a student pilot so the only problem they have is who goes flying when.

Fr. John Birk of Spokane had a tour through the Boeing 747 Plant in Everett, Washington. It is a fantastic plane and shortly they will be putting out 1 every 2½ days. Parts for the plane come from 49 different states and 6 foreign countries. To pull up to a gas station and say "fill 'er up" would cost \$14,000 - equivalent to 6 tank cars of fuel. The landing gear alone weighs about the same as a DC-3.

A letter dated last May from Fr. Gilman Chaloult, Sinclair, Maine tells of his proposed trip to Alaska and the Northwest Territories. Departure set for June 22 in a PA-11 seaplane. Route: Through Central part of Western Provinces to utilize seaplane bases; then Alaska highway to Fairbanks; 10 days exploring in Alaska. Then to Fort Yukon and Mackenzie River Delta. Return via Mackenzie River to James Bay and finally northern Maine. Let us know how it went, Gil!

Msgr. Don Cleary in Ithaca, New York writes his 182 is holding up well and he's working on his IFR ticket.

Fr. Barry Desmond, Kamloopa, B.C. is increasing his proficiency. Got checked out for night flying. Flew to Quesnel to visit his priest-brother who just recently got his private ticket. They spent the day visiting the restored gold rush town of Barkerville.

Fr. Dan Dolan, M.M., reports his itinerary for the next 12-18 months. 15 Countries on 4 Continents. Maryknoll is updating and standardizing their accounting and financial reporting and Dan's job is to visit Maryknoll's far flung Mission fields. Only complaint Dan has is that all this flying is commercial.

Fr. Jim Hayes, Newmarket, Ont. says flying is booming in Canada. Two more priests in the Archdiocese of Toronto recently got their licenses - Dave and Bill Harding. Both are pastors in the Toronto suburbs.

## BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

Fr. Gene MacCahay has taken over as Chaplain to the St. Alexius Hospital in Elk Grove, Ill. (West of O'Hare Airport). Gene says he's 61 and hasn't missed an NAPP Convention. Hope we'll be seeing you around for many more to come.

Fr. Nick Norosis of Denver has been selected Regional Chaplain of the CAP Rocky Mountain Region, rank of Lt. Col. He's also logged over 100 hours in a Mooney Mustang - the pressurized one. Has a ceiling of 25,000 ft.

Fr. Bob Pool of Corning, Kansas used the time that the lousy Spring weather kept most pilots grounded very profitably. He and George Seufferling built a 6" telescope so that they could look toward where the weather kept them from going.

Msgr. Alex Sigur, Lafayette, La., is continuing work on his instrument rating. Al is well known in Newman circles and was one of the official chaplains at the recent Catholic-Lutheran Conference in Boulder, Colo.

Lt. Col. Bill Travers moved up one notch in the ranks and now is full Colonel. Bill is Staff Chaplain for the 22nd A.F. at Travis AFB and does most of his flying with MAC crews in the C 141 in the Pacific to Australia, Viet Nam, Japan, Alaska, etc. He keeps himself current in the local aero club's Cherokee 140.

Fr. Jack Lawler is the new pastor of St. Mary's in Pinehurst, Mass. Only takes 26½ years in Boston to make it. Jack traded in the Bonanza that has become a familiar sight at NAPP Conventions for a 1966 Twin Comanche. He gave it a good try-out via Detroit, Louisville, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, El Paso, Dallas, New Orleans, Atlanta, Bahamas and home. He had one hairy moment IFR over the Rockies when they sent him to 15,000 with no oxygen. He began to feel it and ARTC gave him a lower altitude as soon as possible. "From now on there'll be an oxygen bottle on board over the Rockies", Jack says.

Fr. John Fredrick of New Hampton, Iowa is flying a 182 for Parachute jumpers. They jump from 3000, 7200, 10000 and 14000. Only the master jumpers qualify for the 14000 jump.

Fr. Ray Churchill is working in the Mexicali Mexico Latin American Mission Program. He is from the diocese of Honolulu. Almost all of Ray's flying has been Hawaii Island hopping. Ray is also a CAP chaplain.

Fr. John Hemann, Dubuque, Iowa, finds the plane useful in his work as Chaplain for the Iowa Army National Guard, where he holds the rank of Captain. During the past year, he logged 10½ hours flying for the Guard. A year ago when two tornado's did extensive damage to the Oelwein and Charles City areas, John was called to provide religious services for the Guard called to active duty. The same was true later on when race riots broke out in Waterloo and he had to be on hand for 3 consecutive Sundays. This past Spring he had to minister to the Guard as they helped patrol the dikes on the flooding Mississippi River.

The office of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese has also called upon his flying services a number of times during the past year.

Fr. John Dompka, Coraopolis, Pa., is located directly across from Greater Pittsburgh Airport. He went to Rome for John Cardinal Wright's elevation. Wright's two brothers were also on the jet and the joke was that the Wright brothers crossed the Atlantic on their longest trip.

John has about four hours of jet time and at last report had landed it with the Captain's hand steady on the throttle.

Allegheny Airlines gave John about \$4,000.00 worth of brand new coats, skirts, etc. worn by stewardesses. The Stews switched to minis so John gave the discarded uniforms to the St. Joseph Sisters. If you're in Pittsburgh, you'll probably meet the nuns dressed in ex-Allegheny Airlines uniforms.





NAPP'ers on Catalina



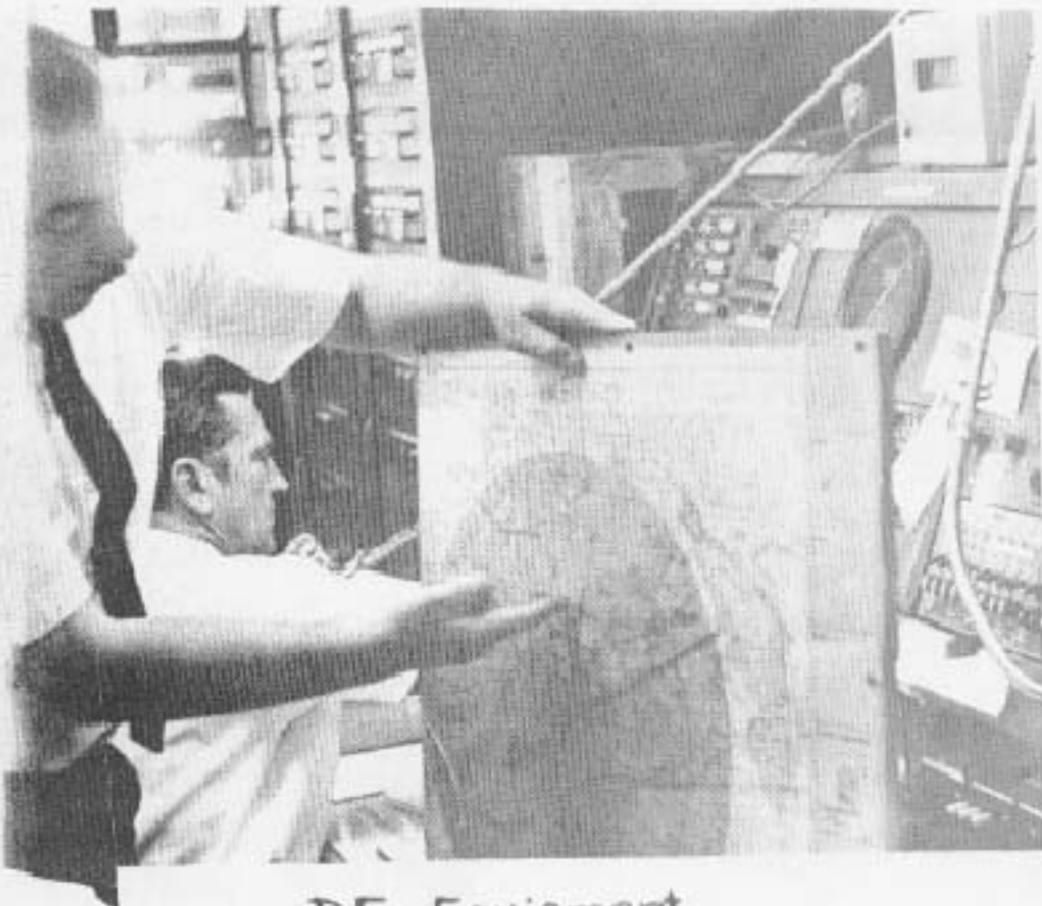
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