

GAGARIN TALKS TO JAPANESE SCIENTISTS

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(Excerpts) Tokyo, 23 May--Major Yuriy A. Gagarin said Tuesday that a Third Russian space ship would travel around the earth, but that he did not know how many men would man it. Major Gagarin made the statement in a roundtable talk with three leading Japanese space scientists. He said he did not feel any fear prior to his departure because he knew the capability of his rocket very well and was convinced of success, but admitted that he was under strain when he was shot up into the sky. Gagarin said he landed in a cabin that was held up by a parachute, whereas Major German S. Titov, the second spaceman, descended by parachute after getting out of his cabin. He said that his training for space flight was strenuous, but in the future, training would become easy and everybody would be able to fly in space.

TSUJI MAY BE PRISONER IN N. VIETNAM

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(Text) Tokyo, 21 May--Masanobu Tsuji, 59, Independent member of the House of Councilors, missing since last June while on a visit to Laos, is possibly being "informally confined" in North Vietnam. This was disclosed today by Tsuji's son Toru, who returned 16 May from a visit to southeast Asia to probe the whereabouts of his father. He was speaking to newsmen at a press conference held shortly after he submitted a report on his missing father to the Secretariat of the Upper House. He said it was confirmed in his survey that the former Japanese Army staff officer entered the northern part of Laos from Vientiane on 21 April last year, clad in the robes of a Buddhist priest. He said he found that rumors that his father was in Communist China were without foundation. He said that according to investigation circles, Tsuji went to Hanoi from northern Laos.

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CHINESE YOUTH DELEGATION--Over 100 representatives of Tokyo youth, women, workers, and other sections of the people held a meeting 17 May to welcome the Chinese youth delegation. Tomitaro Kaneda, Sohyo vice chairman, and leading members of the Democratic Youth League, the Socialist Youth League, and the Japan-China Friendship Association made welcoming speeches. The speakers unanimously pointed out that the

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root of the present tension in Asia lies in the aggressive policy of the U.S. imperialists. They pointed out that the solidarity between the youth and other peoples of Japan and China has contributed greatly to Asian peace. Wang Chao-hua, head of the Chinese delegation, hailed Japanese youth for their part in the anti-United States patriotic struggle which is also a struggle for Japan's independence and peace. He stressed that in the struggle against the common enemy, U.S. imperialism, and for the safeguarding of Asian peace, Chinese youth will always be the comrades-in-arms of Japanese youth. (Peking NCNA English Europe 1415 GMT 18 May 1962--W) The Chinese youth delegation left Tokyo by air 22 May on a trip to various cities. The delegation visited JCP headquarters 21 May and was received by Satomi Hakamada, member of the Presidium, Tomio Nishizawa, member of the Central Committee, and Minoru Maeda, alternate member of the Central Committee. The Chinese youth representatives also met leaders of Sohyo, the youth and women's sections of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions, the Japan Democratic Youth League, and of the Korean Youth League. (Peking NCNA English Asia 1400 GMT 22 May 1962--W)

CHINESE CINEMA WORKERS--The Chinese cinema workers friendship delegation visiting Japan gave a farewell party in Tokyo 22 May. Present were 300 Japanese public figures, including Kenzo Nakajima, Kiyohiko Ushihara, Hajime Mishima, Satomi Hakamada, Hisao Kuroda, Akiko Seki, and Kaoru Yasui, as well as representatives of Overseas Chinese. Head of the delegation Ssutu Hui-min expressed gratitude for the warm welcome and kind hospitality and said that no force could prevent intercourse between cinema workers of the two countries and the development of friendship between the two peoples. Kenzo Nakajima denounced imperialist aggression against Laos. He said that he firmly opposed imperialist aggression and believed that the imperialist intrigues would be defeated. A member of the Chinese delegation, Chin I, and Japanese actor Chojuro Kawarazaki and actress Yuko Mochizuki also spoke at the party, expressing the hope that cultural exchanges between the two countries would be developed and friendship between the two peoples be everlasting. (Peking NCNA English Asia 1601 GMT 22 May 1962--W)

COMMUNIST GATHERING--About 30,000 young Japanese men and women took part 20 May in a sports and cultural festival held in Tokyo sponsored by the Japan Democratic Youth League (DYL). Minoru Maeda, chairman of the DYL, called on the assemblage to strengthen the struggle for Japan's independence and peace by consolidating their unity and to work harder for the victory of the Japan Communist Party in the coming Upper House elections. Speaking as guests at the festival were Sanzo Nosaka,