

WA skywatch

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This was somewhere between 4.49pm today and 7.49am tomorrow.

During this time, Skylab will make its second, third and fourth orbits over Australia.

On the second orbit—at 5.02pm—it will cross the WA coast north of Carnarvon and move in a south-easterly direction over the Great Australian Bight.

At 11.18pm, on the third of the orbits, the space station will cross the South Australian coast near Adelaide and move north-eastwards over Bunaberg on the Queensland coast.

The fourth orbit will take Skylab on a north-easterly path over Esperance at 12.46am tomorrow.

A spokesman for the Skylab communications centre in Canberra said that these were only three of 10 orbits Skylab was expected to make in that 15-hour period.

"This does not give it a very high probability rating of coming down in WA," he said.

Of the 500 pieces expected to survive Skylab's fiery dive into the atmosphere, 10 should weigh more than 450kg. Among these is a 2,290kg titanium protective shroud and a 1,755kg lead safe used to shield film from radiation.

When they hit the earth, the smaller pieces will be travelling about 50km/h and the bigger pieces at almost 400km/h.

likely to be affected had been put on standby.

A duty officer system had been set up with a "watching brief" so that SES headquarters and the police could be given an immediate rundown on any assistance needed.

The regional director of the Department of Transport, Mr Ellis Kiel, said that his department was closely monitoring the situa-

tion with the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Once a definite path was known for the last stage of Skylab's life—and if it took in WA—the department would issue notices of area.

Skylab last night was averaging one orbit every 88 minutes—sparking reactions varying between anguish in some countries and amused interest in others.

DREAMER ISSUES A WARNING

A Californian woman who dreamt last January that a satellite would hit Perth telephoned *The West Australian* yesterday.

Miss Linda Shiller (31), of Tardee street, Berkely, California, said she "sometimes has psychic experiences and occasionally dreams."

She was leafing through her diary and found an entry describing a dream she had last January in which a satellite hit a city named Perth.

"I was astonished and thought 'My God, that could be Skylab,'" she said yesterday.

"I did not know

where Perth was so looked it up in an atlas."

Miss Shiller said that she could not remember her dream, but notes in her diary indicated that the satellite would hit a tall building.

Miss Shiller, who works as a secretary for a transport company, telephoned from her home at her own expense.

She said she had had two previous dreams that had come true.

One concerned the climax of the Patricia Hearst kidnapping case and the other involving a friend at sea.

Govt threat

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The union members were not working for the Telecom system at present.

"They are taking it out on the Australian people in support of a claim that can be heard at arbitration," he said.

"The system will work when the union realises that it cannot use this kind of action without cost to itself."

make a wage offer.

The general manager of the ATEA, Mr Mansfield, described progress as slow.

"My view is that membership will be reluctant to come to settlement without money offer be made," Mr Mansfield said.

"Slow progress is being made in a direct which has been set the commissioner."