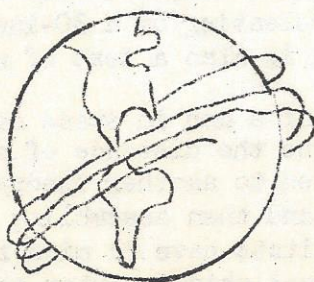


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"GREAT SCOTT! HE DID IT!"

BULLETIN: At press time, Astronaut Scott Carpenter had orbited the earth three times, re-entered the earth's atmosphere safely and was waiting for personnel in the recovery area to pick him up. The following is a story, taken from the UPI wires, of those orbits and events leading up to it.

CAPE CANAVERAL - May 24 - Carpenter had breakfast this morning with his predecessor, Col. John Glenn and the Astronaut's physician, William K. Douglas. Breakfast consisted of orange juice, eggs, toast, jelly, butter and coffee.

At 8:40 (GMT) he stepped from a hangar on the huge missile base, into a waiting van, which would transport him to the launching pad.

At the launching pad, over 400 technicians were busily engaged getting the giant rocket and capsule in "go" condition for the flight.

After a tremendous blastoff and the ultimate orbiting, Carpenter said he felt fine. His first complete orbit of the earth was completed at 9:19 am, (EST). Less articulate than Glenn, who kept up a fairly steady patter of chatter, the wiry Carpenter skimped on words.

The success of the shot gave hope to NASA officials that the next shot would be lengthened to six or seven orbits, with recovery in the Pacific. Later on Mercury flights will be stepped up to 18 orbits. These will be followed, late next year or early 1964, with two-man flights up to a week in a Gemini spacecraft.

Carpenter reported from orbit that he, too, saw the "fireflies" which John Glenn observed on his flight around the earth, Feb. 20. Carpenter spotted the myriad globs of light at sunrise on his first pass over the West Coast of the U.S., just as Glenn did.

Some scientists attribute the lights to flecks of paint popping from the capsule in the vacuum of space. Glenn and Soviet astronaut Gherman Titov, who also saw luminous objects feel the fireflies were caused by escaping gas from the jet control system.

Carpenter hoped to get pictures of whatever they were.

Two events gave Mercury control some concern during the flight. One was the excessive amount of fuel the capsule was using, for its altitude controls. The other was the temperature of Carpenter's silvery space suit. At times it shot up to over 80 degrees, but mostly was a comfortable 70.

One spectacular experiment for the flight fizzled out.

Scientists in Australia tried to ignite flares of one million candlepower as Aurora 7 passed over the island continent. But heavy clouds covered Australia and Carpenter said he was unable to see any lights.

Another experiment was the releasing of a 30-inch multicolored balloon. It is designed to test drag and is also a test of whether colors look the same in space as they do on earth.

It is also used to determine if a man in space maintains his depth perception, that is, his ability to determine the distance of an object away from him.

All this data will be connected to another theory of orbiting single objects in space, colored differently, and then assembling them in space, using a color chart. This is the idea scientists have in mind for Operation "Rendezvous", which is the assembling of a space ship in outer space and blasting off from there.

Carpenter had a light meal of compressed "bon-bons" today. Whereas Col. Glenn squeezed his food from tubes, Carpenter had a bag full of these bon-bons, which included compressed orange peel and almond, high protein cereal, a peanut cream bar, compressed milk chocolate, and even compressed rye-bread. The whole bag contained only 300 calories.

All in all, it was a busy day.

REACTIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

CAPE CANAVERAL - Mrs. Rene Carpenter watched her husband soar into orbit today from a beach near the launching pad site and friends said she was "in orbit herself...probably the happiest woman alive today."

With the pretty blonde wife of the astronaut were the four Carpenter children. No one would say where the family went to see the Aurora 7 space capsule blast off from Cape Canaveral atop its Atlas booster rocket., but Mrs. Carpenter was reported thrilled at the sight.

While Mrs. Carpenter watched spellbound as her husband rode up atop the roaring rocket, another astronaut's wife watched not far away with tears in her eyes. She was Mrs. Donald K. Slayton, whose husband was "scrubbed" from today's flight because of a slight heart condition.

But Marjorie Slayton prayed with the rest of the people along the beach for Carpenter's flight to be a success.

BOULDER, Colo. - Mrs. Florence Carpenter watched her son go into space today - and breathed a sigh of relief.

"Elated? You bet!" was the way a friend described her emotions just after her son's space capsule went into orbit. Mrs. Carpenter was watching the orbital shot on television in her trailer home here.

To keep away the crowd from Mrs. Carpenter's door, Boulder assigned its biggest patrolmen. He's 8feet 6 inches tall and weighs 260 pounds.

PALMER LAKE, Colo. - An admittedly nervous Dr. Marion Scott Carpenter stuck close to his television set today to watch his only son blasted into orbit around the earth.

The 60-year old retired chemist called the launch of U.S. Astronaut M. Scott Carpenter "fantastic."

The elder Carpenter said he didn't recognize his son's voice from the capsule as it came over television.

"It didn't sound like him at all", he said.

WASHINGTON - President Kennedy today watched the liftoff of Astronaut Scott Carpenter by television on a set in the second floor presidential quarters of the White House.

Kennedy was awake at 7am (EDT) according to members of his staff, and started watching the second orbital manned space shot shortly thereafter.

The President was alone.

TOKYO - Soviet Cosmonaut Maj. Yuri Gagarin, the world's first spaceman, went to bed last night apparently unconcerned that the United States has again rocketed a man into orbit around the earth.

Reached by telephone at the Shin-Osaka Hotel where Gagarin is staying, a Soviet official said the Russian cosmonaut would have absolutely no comment to make until he is sure the flight is a complete success.

Gagarin was sound asleep at time of liftoff.

LONDON - Hundreds of thousands of Europeans heard the proceedings of today's manned space shot over the American Forces Network.

Radio Free Europe also broadcast the flight into six eastern Communist countries.

OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ALGIERS - Violence exploded again today in Algiers. At least 10 persons were killed at Secret Army. Terrorists continued their reign of terror against the Moslem population of Algeria.

EL PASO - Texas financier Billie Sol Estes invoked the Fifth Amendment today at a Federal Court meeting with his creditors in El Paso. Estes had been asked if he had turned over all his books and accounts to receivers and about the location of his offices. He also refused to answer any questions about whether he had any assets the receivers did not know about.

A grand jury in Franklin, Tex., meanwhile ordered a subpoena for an Agriculture Department official, William Elliott. The Grand Jury is seeking a motive in the death of Henry Marshall who had been checking Estes's cotton allotments. Marshall was first reported to have committed suicide, but officials now claim it was murder.

UNIONVILLE, Iowa, - Investigators are sifting through the wreckage of a plane near here to try and find out what made it crash, causing the death of 45 people. There is no one to offer a first hand account. A special effort is being made to find the flight recorder, a device which tells the speed, altitude, and direction of the plane, as well as whether it was taking a beating from the weather.

NEW YORK - Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson will hold a press conference here later today, and his attorney claims that Patterson will have an interesting announcement about his next title defense.

Hopes in Detroit faded today for the Patterson-Liston fight to be held in the Motor City. Patterson's manager was not happy with local promoters.

BALTIMORE - Maryland State Racing officials will meet today to determine whether jockey Manny Ycaza, who rode Ridan in the Preakness, should be set down for 30 days instead of ten, for his tactics at Pimlico.

WASHINGTON - The Navy announced today that a space satellite unit to operate the Navy's navigation system has been set up at Pt. Mugu, Calif. The system will use a series of orbiting satellites which send out radio signals to be picked up by ships and planes for determining their position any time of the day or night or even in storms.

NEWS BRIEFS

Britain and Canada have followed President Kennedy's suggestion that Free World countries accept Chinese refugees pouring into Hong Kong. At present refugees fleeing Communist domination have had to be returned to Communist China.....French Foreign Legion troops are gradually moving out of troubled Algeria.....The stock market is rallying today after a month of new lows. Stocks paving the way for the recovery were blue chips and some electronics... ..An English Labor Party politician suggested that the trouble in Laos and Thailand was caused indirectly by the United States's Central Intelligence Agency.....Laotian Prince Souvanna Phouma today stated that he would never agree to any partitioning of his country.....