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SCHIRRA ATTAINS GOOD ORBIT

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Astronaut Walter M. Schirra attained successful orbit today and his tiny spacecraft started whirling toward six scheduled circuits of the globe.

With a mighty roar from its engines, an Atlas rocket blazed skyward from Cape Canaveral at 7:16 a.m. (EST) to boost Schirra on the way to the most ambitious man-in-space shot yet attempted by the United States.

As the 39-year-old Navy commander soared upward on the powerful source of the big rocket, he reported that all systems in the capsule were "in the green."

He said fuel and oxygen supply

and electrical power were excellent.

FIVE MINUTES after liftoff the Project Mercury Control Center on the Cape reported to newsmen that Schirra's "Sigma 7" spacecraft had settled into the intended orbital path more than 100 miles above the earth.

Immediately after insertion into orbit, Schirra used his fly-by-wire controls—a combination of automatic and manual—to spin his capsule 180 degrees on its yaw axis so that he was riding upright and backward through space.

He reported his craft was "flying beautifully."

At the same time, he made his

first blood pressure reading, using a special cuff attached to his arm.

THE ROCKET performed with the same precision that other Atlases did earlier this year in propelling astronauts John H. Glenn Jr. and Malcolm Scott Carpenter on three orbit journeys.

The silver-skinned projectile shoved Schirra's Sigma 7 through a "keyhole in the sky" at the proper speed and angle. If it had missed this spot 100 miles high and 500 miles slant range from Cape Canaveral, a tracking station at Bermuda would have commanded Schirra back to earth immediately.

During the five minutes of powered flight before the Atlas kicked

the spacecraft into orbit, Schirra was busy monitoring his capsule system.

HE REPORTED successful burn-out and separation of the two Atlas booster engines, jettisoning of an emergency rocket escape tower and cutoff the main sustainer engine.

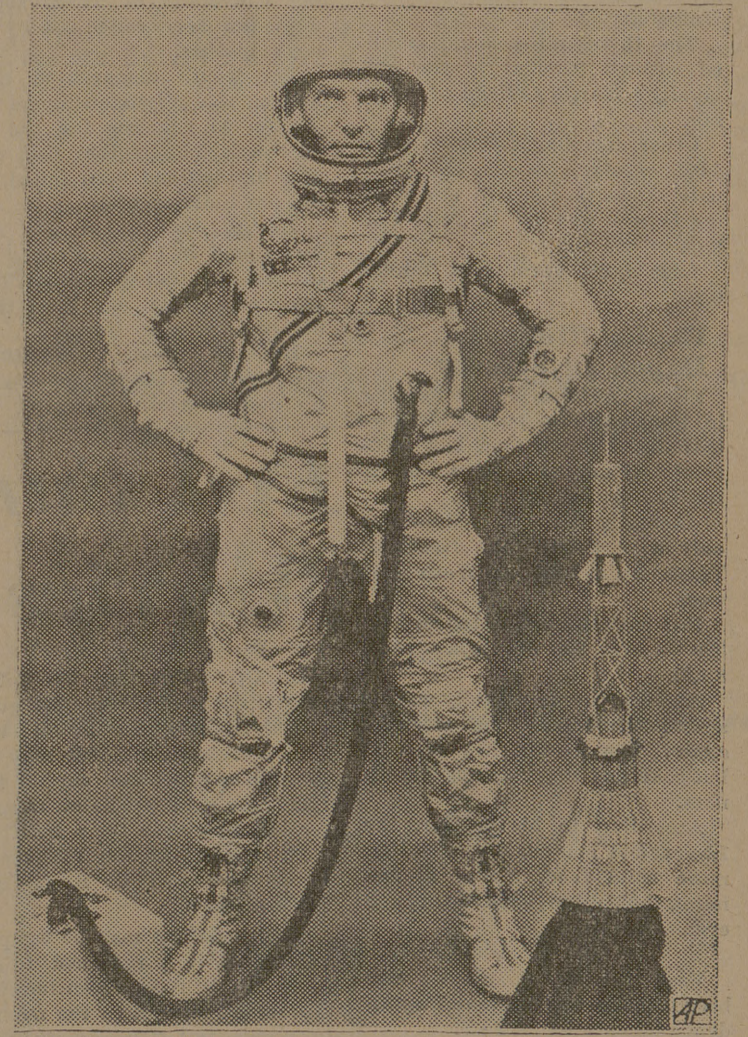
His reports were crisp and clear, the control center reported, despite the extreme stresses of rocket acceleration. Forces about eight times the pull of gravity pressed him against his contour couch.

But the pressure vanished swiftly as the capsule was injected into orbit and Schirra entered the strange world of weightlessness. He was to remain in this state

until reentry through the atmosphere at the end of his flight.

SCHIRRA REPORTED as he achieved orbit that he was in excellent condition. Mercury Control told him he was at the proper speed and angle for a seven-orbit mission. Although the capsule could go seven orbits, today's flight was planned for only six, primarily because of the setting up of recovery areas in set spots around the world.

If all went right, Schirra would land in the Pacific Ocean 275 miles northeast of Midway Island at the completion of his sixth orbit. Based on the launch time of 7:16 a.m., expected impact time would be 4:27 p.m. (EST).



WALTER M. SCHIRRA JR.
... before 'Sigma 7' orbit shot

Dances To Highlight Weekend Activities

The Dance Committee of the Memorial Student Center Directorate will feature two dances this weekend for Aggies and their dates, according to David L. Kabell, chairman of the committee.

There will be a "Stereo Dance" held in the lower level of the MSC Friday night from 8 p.m. until midnight yell practice.

"THIS IS the second dance of its type and we hope it will be as successful as last year's" Kabell

said. Admission will be 25 cents and is payable at the door.

The first All-College Dance of the school year is scheduled Saturday in the MSC Ballroom, immediately following the Texas Tech football game and lasting until midnight. Music will be furnished by the Aggieband Combo.

Admission to the All-College Dance will be \$1, "stag or drag," and will be payable at the door, added Kabell.

KABELL ALSO announced that Cafe Rue Pinale, an annual dance sponsored by the dance committee, previously scheduled for Friday, Oct. 19, may be cancelled due to a conflicting program with Town Hall. Town Hall has scheduled a program featuring the Smothers Brothers and Leon Bibb on Oct. 19. Final arrangements for this dance have not yet been decided, Kabell said.

Other dances sponsored by the MSC dance committee which are scheduled this fall include two All-College dances following the TCU football game Oct. 20 and the University of Arkansas football game Nov. 3.

Florida Bus Trip May Materialize After All

A deadline extension may yet provide for a student bus trip to Florida for the Aggie-University of Florida football game in Gainesville Oct. 13.

Head Yell Leaders Bill Brashears announced a deadline extension Tuesday for purchasing tickets. The new deadline is Oct. 9, one week from Tuesday's original deadline.

Brashears said several students had purchased tickets for the trip after an unexpected slow start. At least 37 will have to buy tickets before the trip will be made, Brashears said.

Costs per person will be \$31.10, plus individual expenses. Arrangements have been made for dates, wives and other guests at the same rate.

The group of buses is scheduled to leave Houston for Florida the morning of Oct. 12. They are due to arrive in Florida the following morning and will return immediately after the afternoon game.

A&M To Celebrate 86th Birthday

A&M officially notes its 86th birthday Thursday as the oldest state-supported institution of higher education in Texas.

The college officially opened Oct. 4, 1876.

No observance of the anniversary is planned Thursday, but the fact will be noted during the first A&M Convocation here Nov. 16.

Only 107 students enrolled for the first classes back in 1876, as compared to over 8,100 today.

Wire Review

By the Associated Press
WORLD NEWS
HONOLULU—The United States resumed nuclear testing in the Pacific on Tuesday after a two-month recess.

The task force in charge of the tests said an "intermediate device" exploded in the air above Johnston Island after it was dropped from a plane.

U.S. NEWS
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.—An Explorer satellite was rocketed aloft here Tuesday and scientists hoped it would go into a long, looping orbit for the most extensive space radiation study yet made.

The complex, 89-pound satellite was hurled into space by a towering Thor-Delta rocket at 5:11 p.m. Eastern Standard time.

If everything worked as planned, the satellite would swing 53,000 miles into space and then loop the earth at a point only 185 miles high.

WASHINGTON—In line with Kennedy administration strategy, the Senate passed the foreign aid money bill Tuesday after beating back every attempt to cut the \$792.4 million added by its Appropriations Committee over what the House voted.

The vote was 57-24.
The measure carrying \$4,422,800,000 in new economic and military assistance now goes to a Senate-House conference to work out a compromise.

'Visiting Critics' Program Set Up For Architects

Fifth-year architecture students will work this year under the direction of several nationally known practicing architects in a new "visiting critics" program.

T. R. Holleman, head of the Division of Architecture, announced Allison Peery, A.I.A., San Antonio architect, is the first of the visiting professionals.

TWO OTHER visiting critics for the fall semester will be Carroll C. Rudd, A.I.A., vice-president of Welton Beckett & Associates, Houston, and Charles Granger, A.I.A., of Fehr & Granger, Austin. Others will be appointed for the spring semester.

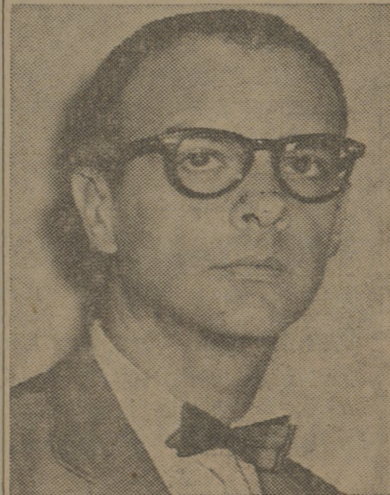
"While this kind of instruction is not new in schools of architecture, the program is the first of its kind to my knowledge to be attempted in this part of the country," Holleman said.

"By bringing in some of the top talent from the profession, we expect the program to be educational for the students and stimulating to faculty members, who will be collaborating closely with the critics," Holleman said. "Through this program, our students will be better prepared for the practice of architecture upon graduation."

A native of San Antonio, Peery has been a practicing architect since graduation from A&M in 1948. His firm's institutional proj-

ects in San Antonio and commercial projects include the Woolworth Store building, Bear Oil Co. plant and buildings and the Sand and Sea Resort Hotel in Corpus Christi.

His firm was recently cited by Architectural Forum's "New Talent for the Sixties," a ten-year survey of outstanding new firms throughout the U.S. Peery's Regency House Apartments is featured in the summer 1962 "Progressive Architecture" and his Mulberry Terrace Apartment was cited in "Architectural Forum" in August, 1961.



ALLISON PEERY

News Fronts: Crisis Remains At Ole Miss

... Oxford, Miss.
The University of Mississippi has urged students who had departed the campus to return, saying accreditation has been assured and the Army has vouched for safety on the campus.

Registrar Robert B. Ellis told The Associated Press on Tuesday that some of the thousands of students who left Ole Miss after Sunday night's rioting returned Tuesday.

He admitted attendance—normally 4,800—had dropped off Monday about 30 to 50 per cent. He said he could not estimate Tuesday's attendance.

"We believe," he said, "that the sooner the students return, the faster the university can get back to a normal operation. We have been given assurances from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools that Ole Miss accreditation shall continue. We've also been given assurances from the Army and the U.S. government that the campus is safe for students."

Elsewhere on campus there was some concern over Saturday's scheduled homecoming football game in Oxford with Houston. Some thought the game, which also is scheduled to be High School Day featuring thousands of young students and band members, might possibly be switched to a place outside Oxford.

But a university spokesman said the game would be played at Oxford as scheduled.

OXFORD, Miss.—U.S. marshals said Tuesday border patrolman Thomas B. O'Donnell of Detroit narrowly escaped severe injury in the rioting Sunday night.

O'Donnell, assigned to the U.S. border patrol at Laredo, Tex., took three or four shotgun pellets in his vest over his heart, a U.S. marshal said.

... Springfield, Mo.
Former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, a key figure in weekend battling over admission of a

Negro to the University of Mississippi, was ordered under psychiatric examination in a federal prison today.

His attorneys announced immediately they would fight the order Wednesday in U.S. District Court here. They instructed Walker to refuse to cooperate with prison physicians.

Walker was brought here from Oxford, Miss., in a Border Patrol plane Monday night after his arrest and arraignment on charges of inciting insurrection and seditious conspiracy.

U.S. Dist. Atty. F. Russell Millin of Kansas City told newsmen the psychiatric examination order was issued in Oxford Tuesday afternoon by U.S. Dist. Judge Claude Clayton. Millin said it prevents Walker from obtaining his release under a \$100,000 bond set Monday at his arraignment.

Millin said he understood the psychiatric examination would take 60 to 90 days and that during that period Walker could not be freed on bail.

Clyde J. Watts, spokesman for Walker's corps of attorneys, said they would ask U.S. Dist. Judge John W. Oliver, holding court here, for either a writ of habeas corpus freeing Walker or for an injunction against any surgical or medicinal treatment of the former general without the presence of a psychiatrist or physician approved by Walker's counsel.

Watts said he and two Springfield attorneys, George Donegan and William Wear, talked to Walker in the medical center Tuesday morning and found him "clear, lucid, undisturbed and possessing all his mental faculties."

Today's Thought

When an archer misses the mark he turns and looks for the fault within himself. Failure to hit the bull's eye is never the fault of the target. To improve your aim, improve yourself. — Forbes Magazine.



Twisting At The MSC

Doing the twist in the top picture are Nancy Whitmore and Leonard Trovero. They were among the 90 persons attending the Memorial Student Center Dance Committee's classes held Tuesday night in the MSC ballroom. In the lower picture Benny and Jeannette Killingsworth seem to be swinging right along.