

# Apollo 7 Rewards Work Since Spacecraft Fire

## Sociology Prof Hits Goals Of State Parks

An education and sociology professor here Tuesday chided lack of concern for people in state and national recreational facilities.

"So much of recreation is concerned with how many 'this' and 'that' and where roads and gates are located that we don't hear very much about people and what they need and want," said Dr. Earl Jones.

Jones acknowledged that he had a "somewhat second hand history of the Park Service" since his parents had served in that field.

He spoke Tuesday at the Second Recreation Management Institute being held here.

He shared the opening session with Dr. Billie Ingram, recreation and parks department professor, in a team teaching approach.

The Institute is co-sponsored by the National Park Service and A&M's Recreation and Parks Department. It continues through Nov. 1.

Jones said he thought "recreation is supposed to be service to man, not deer and trees and hierarchy in office."

He added that because of problems, "we lose sight of the number one — people."

He also queried participants, asking, "Is recreation doing anything for people or are we just counting heads?"

Jones challenged Institute members — representing national and state park and recreation leaders — to consider requirements of recreation.

He summed it up in one word, "create."

"Write it in capital letters," he said, "but, leave off 're' and keep out the organization."

Jones said "It's easier to long for something we don't have than to create something new!"

He urged that objectives and goals be established "that talk about the mind of man."

The all-day session included conferences on looking toward the future and problem solving. An afternoon discussion session with Jones and Miss Ingram was followed with an ecology session moderated by Lon Garrison, National Park Service regional director.

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(AP) — "Fire in the spacecraft!"

That dread cry 21 months ago shot shivers of fear through the blockhouse at Cape Kennedy's Launch Complex 34.

Stunned controllers watched helplessly on a television screen as flames raced through the cabin of the Apollo 1 spaceship, killing the three astronauts trapped inside.

The deaths of Air Force Lt. Col. Virgil I. Grissom and Edward H. White II and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee shocked a nation accustomed to uninterrupted success in the man-in-space program.

IT WAS EVEN more shocked when a board of review concluded that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and its principal spacecraft contractor, North American Aviation Corp., had been guilty of poor management, negligence, sloppy work and failure to adequately consider the safety of the astronauts.

America's march toward the moon took a long detour.

A massive effort went into

correcting the deficiencies. Management was overhauled and strengthened, the spacecraft redesigned and made practically fireproof and numerous safety procedures initiated.

THE PRICE TAG was \$410 million.

The payoff came Tuesday when Apollo 7 splashed to a near-pin-point landing, climaxing one of America's most perfect manned space flights.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Samuel Phillips, the tough Apollo program manager expressed the feeling of all when he told newsmen:

"Apollo 7 goes in my book as a perfect mission. In my experience this is the first space operation that's accomplished more than 100 per cent of its objectives. Our official count is 101 per cent. It accomplished everything we set out to do, and added a few more minor objectives as well."

PHILLIPS SAID Apollo 7 has opened the door to a possible flight around the moon in December by the three-man Apollo 8 crew. He said the decision will be made about mid-November when all the Apollo 7 data has

been evaluated. He expressed confidence a lunar landing can be made next year.

George M. Low, manager of NASA's Apollo Spacecraft Program Office, took time to praise North American Rockwell Corp., formerly North American Aviation, for "essentially rebuilding the spacecraft, and working it over, getting it delivered. Its performance, of course, speaks for itself."

Much of the credit goes to William Bergen, 53, a veteran aeronautical engineer whom North American hired as president of its space division after the fire.

"It was really a beautiful spacecraft," Bergen said. "We had a tough job to practically redesign the interior of the spacecraft, particularly in the flammability area. It was a terrific job by everybody."

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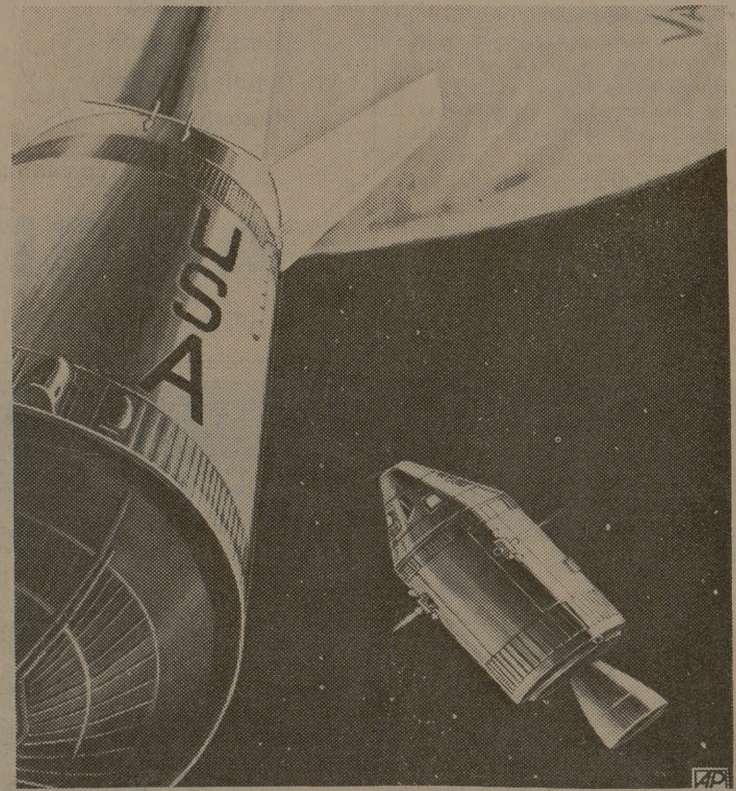
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