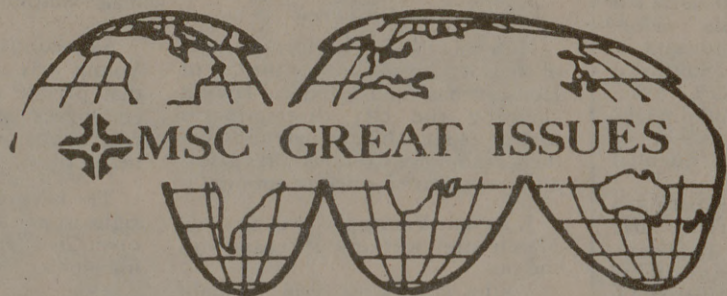


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Satellite heads to confront the Giacobini-Zinner comet

Associated Press
A drum-shaped satellite, only five feet high but carrying antennas the length of a football field, was racing at more than 46,000 miles an hour Tuesday toward the first rendezvous of a man-made object with a comet.

"We are so close to what we aimed for, it's pitiful," Jim Elliott, a spokesman for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in this Washington suburb, said in mock complaint.

When the objects cross paths midway between Earth and the sun at 7:02 a.m. EDT today, American scientists will have stolen some of the glory from their Soviet counterparts who have two spacecraft en route to probe Halley's Comet next year.

The U.S. satellite, sent into space in 1978 to study the "solar wind" — hot, charged gases that flow from the sun — was diverted in 1983 to-

ward today's encounter with the comet Giacobini-Zinner.

The sun-study satellite, renamed ICE for International Cometary Explorer, had already outlived its three-year design life and sampled the solar wind in front of Earth as well as behind it. It cost \$20 million originally, and its new job is budgeted for less than \$3 million.

"This is the third mission for this spacecraft," said Robert Farquhar, flight director for the mission. "It has already fulfilled two missions and has performed them very well. It has already been bought and paid for a couple of times now, so that justifies us taking this high risk."

The risk is that the micron-sized grains of dust in the comet tail might damage or obscure the satellite's solar cells, robbing it of power needed to get the data to Earth. The satellite has no dust shield.

Scientists at Goddard will know

within minutes whether the ICE comes through its celestial meeting intact, but results will take a long time to analyze.

ICE has traveled more than 1 billion miles since its launching. If it survives Giacobini-Zinner, it will take readings from afar on Halley's Comet next year and possibly be retrieved and brought back to Earth in the year 2012 — on Aug. 2.

The spacecraft is targeted to pass 4,900 miles behind the comet's nucleus, which is hidden by a gas cloud that grows larger as the comet gets nearer to the sun. The tail, which forms inside the cloud, is 3,000 miles wide at that point.

Originally, plans were to traverse the tail 6,000 miles behind the nucleus, but the comet's orbit has shifted slightly and Giacobini-Zinner was flying rather erratically — "bumping" gas that affected its path, one scientist said.

Two women survive 21-day ocean ordeal

Associated Press
PALO ALTO, Calif. — A motorboat ride in the Indian Ocean turned into a 21-day ordeal for two women who were reduced to "happy hour" meals of toothpaste and rainwater after their food ran out.

The women, Judith Gale Schwartz and Rickey Berkowitz, were back on more substantial diets in a private home in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Tuesday.

"They're eating hamburgers and milkshakes," said Schwartz's sister, Wendy Fein, who talked to the women by telephone from Rancho Palos Verdes Calif.

"They were supposed to be on a bland diet," said Fein, who added that beer was also part of the fare. "It doesn't sound that bland to me."

The two women had left Carita on Aug. 17 for what they thought would be a "romantic" boat ride with two guides to a camping site at Unjung Kulon on the island of Java, a trip that was to take five to 10 hours. But the boat's 25-horsepower engine broke down and the foursome was left to drift.

The women reached safety on Sunday, four days after Indonesian authorities had called off the search.

The women suffered sunburn and dehydration, but were otherwise in good shape. The guides were ill, according to Fein.

Schwartz's mother, Ruth, returned to California on Saturday, thinking that authorities had "exhausted all possibilities." The family was told that no one could survive three weeks on a boat in the Indian Ocean.

But the hearty women, who had been vacationing in the South Pacific for two months before heading to Indonesia for their sea excursion, were lucky enough to encounter calm waters after their boat became disabled, Fein said.

Judith said that every night they would have a "happy hour" with Colgate" after the food ran out, Fein said. They washed the toothpaste down with rainwater.

Schwartz, a special education teacher who lives in Palo Alto, and Berkowitz, a hospital administrator in Rancho Palos Verdes, finally reached land when the 25-foot boat broke up Sunday. They and their guides swam to a beach on the southwestern tip of the island of Sumatra and could hardly walk when they reached the shore, Fein said.

New fighting breaks out at refugee camp

Associated Press
BEIRUT — New fighting broke out at Beirut's Bourj el-Barajneh refugee camp Tuesday despite the efforts of Syrian-led teams to enforce a cease-fire at the shell-battered shantytown.

It was the sixth day of battles between the camp's Palestinian defenders and Shiite Moslem militiamen who say they are trying to gain control of the camp to drive the Palestinian Liberation Organization from Beirut.

Syria has been trying to end Lebanon's civil war but has been wary of direct involvement by Syrian troops in Beirut's street fighting.

The fighting around the camp, which started a week ago was unfinished business for both sides. The latest bout of fighting has, by police count, killed at least 53 and wounded 250.

The Syrian-backed Amal, supported by the Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade and its tanks, assaulted Bourj el-Barajneh and the nearby Sabra and Chatilla camps in May to smash Arafat's efforts to rebuild the power base he lost in Israel's 1982 invasion.

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