

REACTION

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The world reaction to the successful flight of the Soviet cosmonauts - appears to be polarized around two contrary opinions. The first, that of Sir Bernard Lovell - of Britain's Jodrell Bank Observatory. The second, that of - Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Sir Bernard, most emphatic of the observers in the free world - ~~XXXXX~~ who believe that the Russians now have an enormous lead. This British scientist, saying flatly - that America may not catch up during this decade. ^{Also} adding - ^{at the} military consequences are dangerous, ^{with} The Soviets, ^{now} in a position - to destroy American satellites, ~~Destroy~~ - our "spies in the sky."

~~However,~~ former President Eisenhower - is of the opposite opinion. Speaking in London, our former Chief Executive ^{said today} ~~asserted~~ ^{that} "there is no space gap". He repeated what he has said so often - that the Soviets do indeed have bigger booster rockets, [,] ~~But,~~ that our space technology - is more advanced. So we can

be confident about not being left behind - over the long haul.

Today Our space scientists ^{we} agree ^{is with former Pres.} with ~~us~~ Eisenhower.

They admit that it will be two years - before we undertake

a dual-astronaut flight. But this will involve - two space

explorers in a single cabin, And could be followed ~~by~~ up

quickly - by dramatic space voyagers, to the Moon and beyond.

By contrast, the Soviets may still be working on - a system

of orbiting space-ports. ~~It~~ Which could be the point - at

which we finally catch up. That's why ~~the men of~~ our space

experts
~~program~~ are insisting tonight - that we can still win the

race ~~in~~ to the Moon. Their advice - let's stick to our time-

table, instead of reacting to what the Russians do.

EUROPE FOLLOW REACTION

Meanwhile, what about the political implications - brought back by the cosmonauts? Moscow tonight - is blaring propaganda around the world. Boasting about the superiority of the Communist system - ~~is~~ over Western democracy. A propaganda line - not entirely unexpected.

In Paris and Rome, the belief is growing - that Soviet ^{indeed} prestige, has been dangerously ^{ly} enhanced. Leading to the possibility that Khrushchev may become - an international daredevil. Taking risks that he would not have taken - before the Cosmonaut exploit.

The West Germans are maintaining - the opposite attitude. They think that Khrushchev is bedeviled by too many problems - on the ground. ^{That} The boss of the Kremlin, ^{is sure to} relieved ^{now} that he can draw the attention of the Soviet people - to events in outer space; ^{about} Keep them thinking about the Cosmonauts - ^{their} instead of, the mess in, agriculture, ~~the~~ lack of consumer goods, ~~the~~ quarrel with Red China, and so on.

The West German verdict is summed ~~in~~ up in a joke.

Question - "why did Khrushchev send two cosmonauts into space?"

Answer - "So each could prevent the other from defecting to the West."

STRIKE FOLLOW EUROPE

Incidentally, the news from Huntsville, Alabama, mentions a problem - that Soviet space scientists never have to deal with. The problem of - free labor. No Russian technicians - ever go on strike. But at our Huntsville Space complex - fifteen hundred workers are out tonight. Their grievance - the hiring of non-union employees.

Construction, at a standstill on/some forty space projects. Many of them, concerning the Saturn booster of project Apollo - the American plan to send a man to the moon.

COSMONAUTS FOLLOW STRIKE (second version)

Anyway, the two cosmonauts have shown how to become a "Merited Master of Sport." Their method - orbit the earth about fifty times. That's how Major Nikolayev and Colonel Popovich - won the Soviet sports medal. The first of many, many honors they will be accumulating. The cosmonauts, concluding their historic space flight - by landing within six minutes of one another.

The scientific data is now being processed - by Soviet scientists. Already from Moscow, a stream of predictions - about space flights to come: - on to the moon! And to the planets - for future Soviet cosmonauts.

CHURCHILL

When Winston Churchill contradicts an old comrade-in-arms! ^{OK} well, it happened often enough during World War Two.

And - it happened again today. Second party in the case- Monty of Alamein.

You may have been as surprised as I was - at what Monty said yesterday. Churchill, supposed to be in agreement with him - on the Common Market. Both, against Britain joining the continental nations - according to the hero of the desert war. Now, it so happens that Sir Winston was one of the founders of the plan for European unity, ^{and} Today he reiterated - his former opinion. Saying from his bed in Middlesex Hospital - that he's all in favor of Britain joining the Common Market. As long as - commonwealth interests are protected.

ROBBERY

That robbery of a mail truck on the highway outside Boston - was indeed the biggest in the history of American crime. No gang of thieves ever ^{before} got away with so much money: ~~before~~ ^a million, five hundred thousand dollars. ^{Even} Topping the loot- in the notorious Brink's robbery of twelve years ago.

I suppose you've heard - what happened last night. A man in a policeman's uniform - flagging down the mail truck. The rest of the gang, holding up the two guards - with machine guns. Tying them with adhesive tape - making them lie down on the floor. Then driving along the highway - and throwing sacks of money into an automobile. The operation, lasting about ninety minutes. At the end of which -the robbers drove off.

The guards - getting free - giving the alarm. ~~Get~~
^{So far} ~~tonight~~ there's no sign of the gang - or the million-and-a-half.

The scene at the Washington dock today - was like a page out of Herman Melville or Jack London. The Bosun's whistle -- piping a visiting party aboard. The crew, in the rigging - and braced along the Yard Arms. Brass and belaying pins - gleaming in the sun. Then, at a signal, the crew came swarming down - to the deck.

~~It was~~ Surely a sight to please the eye of an old sailor -
for example.
On the Jack Kennedy, Occasion - a presidential inspection of the "Eagle", the only old-fashioned square rigger now flying the American flag. ~~The President~~ Mr. Kennedy coming aboard the training ship - manned by cadets of the Coast Guard Academy.

During his remarks to the crew, ~~Mr. Kennedy~~ the President reminded them that they belong to - the "oldest sea-going service of the United States." ~~The~~ a tribute of an ex-Navy man - to the Coast Guard, Dick.

ALASKA

Oh yes, those

she been interested in Alaska, *at* *the* *moment*
Returns from Alaska, *up* there politics is still a rather

new experience, for the citizens of our Forty Ninth State.

The Primary indicates that from here on *until Nov. 2 - one big* the contest *will be*

for Governor, ~~with~~ Egan versus Stepovich. Bill Egan - the Democratic incumbent. Mike Stepovich -- the Republican who was territorial Governor just before statehood. Both far ahead in the Primary.

For the Senate - ~~xx~~ the leading candidates are in, with something to spare. The Patriarch - and Ex-Governor Ernest Gruening, running away with - the Democratic nomination. Ted Stephens - doing the same for the G O P. For Congress, The House - Alaska, has only one seat -- a newcomer to Alaska politica wins the Primary. Lowell Jr. won this one. He has been an Alaskan enthusiast for some twenty two years. In recent years making it his home. The dispatch says that he won a landslide victory in this Alaskan Primary. What about November - election day? I'll be watching that with a lot of interest.