

SPACE

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— perhaps you heard him —  
At his news conference today, President Kennedy brought

a ~~general~~ round of laughter ~~from the assembled newsmen.~~ That

was when the ~~President~~ announced the launching of space chimp

Enos, and added - "He reports everything going perfectly and

working well."

We can only wonder

~~well, I don't know~~ whether Enos found his flight -

amusing. It certainly was - dramatic, And successful - even

though ~~the chimpanzee~~ <sup>he</sup> failed to orbit the earth three times.

But he did it twice - and returned in good shape.

~~It's sure you've been following the details all day~~

~~in any case,~~ The achievement is summarized - by a few facts and

figures. Enos the space chimp, riding beyond the earth's

atmosphere - in a Mercury capsule, The launching - spectacular,

The ninety-three foot Atlas rocket, roaring up from Cape

Canaveral <sup>in the now familiar</sup> ~~in~~ cloud of smoke and orange flame, Hurtling

toward space - leaving a trail of white vapor behind. The

rocket, ~~ixt~~ visible for four minutes - as it arched across the

sky. Disappearing - into space.

Shortly thereafter, Enos began sending back reports - by pushing buttons and pulling levers. No doubt you've heard about his reward when he did his task right - banana flavored pills. When he goofed - he got an electric shock.

Twice the Mercury circled the earth - in an orbit that carried it over a hundred miles beyond the earth, <sup>at</sup> ~~hitting a~~ ~~speed of~~ better than seventeen thousand miles an hour.

Then, a crisis - back at Cape Canaveral. The discovery that the capsule was becoming - over-heated. <sup>The</sup> ~~our~~ scientists, deciding - they'd better bring it down, without waiting for the third time around. So they pushed the button - that sent the Mercury <sup>capsule</sup> tumbling through the atmosphere toward the earth, <sup>with it</sup> ~~it~~ landed <sup>ing</sup> in a pre-arranged section of the Atlantic - south of Bermuda.

<sup>There</sup> ~~The capsule~~ picked up - by a destroyer. The passenger, released - apparently none the worse for his flight.

Coming out of the Mercury - chattering merrily - a blue streak. Enos the space chimp - now one of the famous animals of history. One of the famous travelers - too.

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## ASTRONAUT FOLLOW SPACE

The astronaut who will follow the space chimp around the earth - has been selected. Colonel John Glenn - of the U.S. Marines. Colonel Glenn was back-up man for both Alan Shepard and Virgil Grissom - on their rocket ride down the Atlantic range. Now, he moves up and gets first crack at - outer space.

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## KENNEDY

President Kennedy's news conference <sup>today</sup> had a few surprises - besides his announcement that space chimp Enos was orbiting the globe.

First of all - the touchy question about calling up the reserves. <sup>The</sup> President ~~Kennedy~~ took <sup>several</sup> ~~a few~~ minutes ~~of his time~~ to answer the criticism. Declaring that the reserves are an important part - of our national defense. Giving us more strength in conventional forces - to meet local Red attacks like the one on South Viet Nam. The reserves, a deterrent - for Khrushchev to think about.

Morale? President Kennedy pointed out that the attitude of the men in uniform - is a matter of patriotism. That they should understand the reasons why they are called - to the defense of their country. Their mission, in ~~President~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~Kennedy's~~ words - ~~is~~ to save us from "a choice between humiliation and holocaust."

Still, Mr. Kennedy went on to assure the reserves - that they may not have to serve a full year. Many of them,

to be on their way home sooner than that - if their response to the nation's call compels Khrushchev to adopt a moderate line.

The President said all this with more feeling - than we've ~~ever~~ seen him display. ~~Obviously because~~ he thinks this is too critical a time - for any of our men in uniform to let their country down.

Another surprise today - President Kennedy's announcement that he's going to ask Congress for a sweeping new trade program. Key issue - a more moderate <sup>(tariff)</sup> ~~tariff~~ policy. The goods of our Allies, to be allowed in - at lower customs rates.

This trade program, not startling in itself.- but in relation to the common market of Europe. The common market and the U.S.A. - will do a lot of trading. Hence the prediction - that we might join the Europeans. But President Kennedy killed that ~~prediction~~ by saying that we won't even be "associated" with the common market. At least - during his administration.

A third surprise at today's presidential news conference: the President is considering a trip abroad, next month. "This, later clarified by a White House statement that the President and First Lady are thinking about a visit to - Venezuela and Colombia."

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## DOMINICAN

The Dominican leaders <sup>now</sup> ~~who are~~ asking Washington to help put down disorder in their country - are the ones largely responsible for that disorder. The opponents of President Balaguer called out the general strike - and the street fighting that went with it. The violence - getting out of hand; ~~frightening~~ the men - who asked for it.

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## CHURCHES

The World Council of Churches is going to have two lay presidents - for the first time in its history. So decided today - by the nominations in New Delhi. Six <sup>names</sup> ~~presidents~~ chosen - and that ~~is~~ tantamount to election. ~~Among them~~ <sup>One</sup> a layman from Nigeria - and <sup>the other</sup> ~~one~~ from America. Sir Francis Ibiam, - ~~of the~~ Presbyterian ~~Church.~~ And Charles Parlan - ~~of~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ Methodist ~~Church.~~

~~The other four denominations, represented by ecclesiastics of the World Council of Churches - Anglican, Lutheran, Greek Orthodox, and the United Church of India and Pakistan.~~

# SILVER

Over in London - "the Golden Age of Silver". That's what they're saying, as a result of - President Kennedy's decision to take the American government out of the silver market. The price of the white metal - skyrocketing on the London market. The highest quotation for silver - in forty years.



## WEATHER

Calgary, Alberta - stores, houses and public buildings - going up in smoke. Several - dead or missing. Scores - injured. Hundreds, homeless tonight - out on the Canadian prairie, with winter coming on.

The first real snow storm of the season - is blowing through New England and Upper New York tonight.

Ellenberg, New York - seventeen inches. Drifts - as high as seven feet. The town - isolated. Telephone service - disrupted. Businesses - shut down. Thirty-five school buses that tried to make their morning run - couldn't even reach the first stop. They had to return to their garage - which was just as well, since the schools were closed. Even snow removal teams had to be sent home - after hours of exhausting work on the Ellenberg streets. Joe Jones of Rutland phones me they've had the same in that part of Vermont. So, it's over a wide area, Dick.

FOOTBALL

Bonfires and shouting - in Columbus, Ohio, a celebration leading up to another Ohio State football game? Cheering Bob Ferguson and the powerful Buckeyes on to victory? Ah no, this is a protest - about a game that isn't going to be played. Ohio State - turning down the Rose Bowl. By the faculty council, saying "we-we down overemphasize football at Ohio State!"

But the undergraduates, the alumni, they are clamoring for the Buckeyes to head for Pasadena, and a New Year's Day party with U.C.L.A. go to jail. The other Red leaders, to escape the dragnet - on the ground that they aren't important enough. Remaining free, to carry on with their work - in behalf of the Communist Party.