

ASTRONAUT

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The space flight of astronaut Gordon Cooper is

such a resounding success - it's hard to decide just where to begin to describe it. So, just to be different - let's begin with something that astronaut Cooper will not accomplish. He will not orbit the earth - ninety-two times. But the significant thing is that he could - if he had the necessary equipment aboard his space capsule. His flight into orbit - is that perfect. In other words, (GORDON COOPER, HAVING BROKEN THE AMERICAN MARK,) ~~the American astronaut~~ could shatter the record - of the top Soviet Cosmonaut.

But the Cooper flight is specifically tailored to - twenty-two orbits. And tonight there seems to be no doubt - that he'll make it. Everything <sup>REMAINS</sup> ~~is~~ in "a go condition" - as they say at Cape Canaveral. Or, as the astronaut put it in one of his reports from outer space - "I'm really comfortable, in fact I had a little nap."

The feeling/~~in~~<sup>on</sup> the ground is summed up in the words of one technician - "It looks like a milk run." The point being that Cooper has been using up - less fuel than expected. Giving him more than the reserve he needs - to finish his orbital flight.

Here are - some basic figures. The Faith-Seven weighs - three thousand pounds. It's traveling at a speed of - more than seventeen thousand miles an hour. Circling the earth - in just under eighty-nine minutes. Highest point of orbit - almost one hundred and sixty-six miles. Lowest - almost exactly one hundred miles.

Since the question of temperature has come up in previous space flights - these readings ought to be noted. The interior of the space capsule is - one hundred and five degrees. But the astronaut inside his air-conditioned space suit - feels a comfortable sixty degrees.

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Right now, Gordon Cooper is - a busy man.

Turning dials and flipping switches - on the instrument panel. Noting everything from the oxygen content of the space capsule - to the appearance of the earth far down below.

WHEN HE CHOOSES,

~~later on~~, he'll get - some sleep. Apart from that - he has no time on his hands. L. Gordon Cooper - traveling fast and far tonight. Also - high, wide and handsome.

## TELEVISION

The only disappointing thing about the Cooper space flight - was that Europeans didn't get to see the blast-off. Somebody on this side - pulled the wrong switch. Only a garbled picture arriving at - the ground station in Britain.

But the radio reception - was as perfect as the flight itself. Millions of people from Dublin to Warsaw - ~~but not Moscow~~ - following a second-by-second account of man's latest leap into space. MOSCOW WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE HOOKUP, BUT REFUSED.

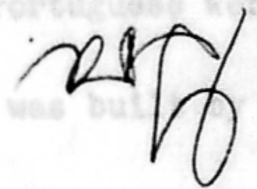
INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

The astronaut's flight makes anything else seem -- anti-climactic. Still, Lowell Thomas does have a report - from India. So - let's listen to him.

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to his birdseye landing in the Pacific.

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Hello Everybody:

I'm making a quick stop in southern India tonight.

Where am I heading for? Oh, I'll tell you about it in a few days. For a moment let's chat about India.

Have you ever wondered what happened to Goa? Or, had you forgotten all about the little country on the west coast of the Hindustan Peninsula?

After the British pulled out of India, years ago, the Indians next threw out the French who had several small colonies in that part of the world; but, the Portuguese they were still here. They had been holding their colonial empire in India for nearly five hundred years. Far longer than the British and the French. Why the Portuguese were here nearly 200 years before the Taj Mahal was built by the moguls.

You will recall that Vasco de Gama, the great navigator, sailed around Africa in 1492, sailing to the Indies. Soon after that the famous Portuguese pro-Consul, Alfonso Albuquerque came out here and became the Governor of Goa, a rich province of India then about the size of Rhode Island -- rolling country, villages with handsome Catholic churches were soon built; palm trees, beautiful beaches like the Italian Riviera. Population six hundred and fifty thousand. Portuguese missionaries, the legendary St. Francis Xavier, and others, christianized half of them. Towns and villages converted enmasse. I've just been talking to an attractive young woman named Mona Albuquerque. She's pure Hindu. But she tells me that all the people in her village in Goa were given the name Albuquerque, four hundred years ago by their Portuguese conquerors.

Long long ago I spent considerable time in Goa so naturally I've been curious to find out what has happened to



Goa since India seized it from Portugal - that was only about a year and a half ago - December 1961. What since then?

Up to that time Goa had been a consumers' paradise - no customs duties. It was one of the world's number one smuggling centers. From Goa watches, radios, refrigerators, and the finest automobiles, were smuggled over the border into India. Every taxi in Goa was a Mercedes Benz.

In 1961 Krishna Menon was India's Defense Minister, still in office, still Nehru's favorite. He was running for Parliament from Bombay, the great seaport just north of Goa. Menon needed something to make him popular at that moment. So with fire in his eye he said - "India must liberate Goa." Whereupon the Indian army moved in, and in that Bombay election Krishna Menon was elected as liberator of Goa. Since then after nearly five hundred years of prosperity under the Portuguese I am told the economic life of Goa is now a wreck.

All Goanese who had any Portuguese blood - there were thousands of them - they've all left, as have some several thousands Goanese of pure stock. Others who were prosperous under the Portuguese, but failed to save their money, they are now beggars.

Goa in a sad state, I am told. Goa, going, gone.

As for Krishna Menon, he's not doing so well either, as you know.

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FOLLOW L.T.

Well, Lowell, we all hope you do -- that the problems of Goa will be solved soon.

Duvalier is not to be so easily dislodged. He assumed the title of "Chief of the Revolution," today on the expiration of his term as Chief Executive. And expects to be inaugurated for a second term - next week. Closely guarded by two thousand troops of the Haitian Army - and all of the five tanks - Duvalier is planning to bring five hundred thousand peasants into the capital for his "re-inaugural ceremony." (Which might turn out to be interesting. Because the peasants usually carry machetes - in their belts.

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## HAITI

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CONGO

The Caribbean has been so much in the news these past weeks, that we tend to forget - another trouble spot.

Tonight violence is rearing its ugly head once more - in the Congo. Tribal rioting at the mining town of Jadotville in Katanga - finally had to be subdued by U.N. Indonesian troops.

And in Leopoldville, capital of the Congo, Congolese troops are patrolling the road to the airport - after a series of attacks on Europeans.

The new outbreaks of fury in the city - due to a mutiny of the police force. Which removed those familiar symbols of law and order - from the streets.

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SPY

~~From space - to spies.~~ There's yet another spy  
- in the news tonight. Dr. Giuseppe Martelli that  
physicist from the European Atomic Energy Commit<sup>(UN)</sup>ty,  
- indicted in a British court today - had just set up  
his spying mechanism, when he was caught.

His apparatus including - the following. Shoes  
- with hollow heels. Cigaret case - with false bottom.  
Diary containing addresses, meeting places and code  
formulas for Russian spies - in London.

[ But this time the spy was nabbed - before he  
could begin operations. So says the British prosecutor  
today. Charging the physicist with breaking the  
Official Secrets Act. The statement particularly  
appreciated by - British counter-espionage agents.  
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There's at least one Englishman who is sorry - that he ever listened to President Kennedy. To wit - the Marquis of Bath. His Lordship developed an enthusiasm for fifty-mile hikes - after hearing President Kennedy on the subject. So, the Marquis set out from Bath - in high spirits.

He covered thirteen miles - before his chauffeur found him sitting on a stone by the side of the road. The Marquis, puffing - like any ruddy commoner. Tonight, recuperating - back at the ancestral estate.

No more of President Kennedy's fifty-mile hikes - for his Lordship, the Marquis of Bath.