

MOON L.T.-Olds. Fri. Jan, 26, '62.

America's Moon Rocket put on a spectacular display -- as it thundered up from its launching pad at Cape Canaveral. "Ranger Three" ten ~~thousand~~ ^{stories} high -- rising slowly at first. Like an enormous cigar - glistening in the sunlight. It gathered speed as tremendous power - built up inside its engines. The velocity accelerating -- at a fantastic rate. The missile, flashing upward -- faster and faster. All eyes at the Cape following it -- during the four minutes that it remained visible.

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The first stage put "Ranger Three" into a "parking orbit" for thirteen minutes. Then the second stage went off-- driving the rocket ~~on~~ toward its destination. The shot, a complete success so far. Tonight, Ranger Three is racing - toward the Moon.

ASTRONAUT

Let's get to the astronaut story -- by way of London. Seems rather round about -- from the British capital to Cape Canaveral. But -- it makes sense. The connecting link - Lloyds of London. The famous house of insurance underwriters -- offering to quote premiums on Colonel John Glenn. Offering to bet that the American astronaut - makes a safe return from his flight into space and around the earth. The odds - a secret. But Lloyds' is ready to do business -- with anyone who is interested.

Meanwhile, the individual most interested in a safe return - is watching the count down for his flight. Astronaut Glenn happy that the first half is already finished - with the rocket waiting to take him aloft. Every last detail - right on schedule, including - the weather. The sky over Cape Canaveral -- clear. And ^{is} ~~it's~~ expected ~~to~~ to stay that way throughout tomorrow.

Blast off is set for tomorrow morning - between seven-thirty and twelve-thirty Eastern Standard

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time. You can follow this entire historic flight
-- over CBS radio. CBS, to cover John Glenn from the
moment ~~start~~ he leaves the launching pad - until they
fish him out of the Atlantic.

GLENN FOLLOW ASTRONAUT

How does one feel when poised for a leap into the unknown? Does he worry about the danger - or try not to think of it? If his name is John Glenn - the answer is - "No", in both cases. Astronaut Glenn says he's taking a realistic view of his pioneering flight; well aware of the danger, but not frightened. In his words, "pioneers have faced risks all through history." And - he added, "pioneers have survived those risks." He's confident!

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KENNEDY

The convalescence of Joseph P. Kennedy -- can be judged by today's yachting trip. The President's father, joining the President and the First Lady - aboard the Presidential yacht - The Honey Fitz.

The Kennedy family sailing on Lake Worth, part hard at work - trying to hammer out an acceptable of The Inland Water Way. The elder Kennedy - still partially paralyzed but able to get around - with some assistance.

As for President Kennedy, he'll relax over the weekend in Palm Beach, where he will watch the launching over TV; and have a visit with King Saud, who is there recuperating from his recent operations.

CONFERENCE

The conference at Punta Del Este is being held up - by ^{the} a problem that has plagued it from the start, The conflict between a common desire to do something about Castro - and disagreement about how to do it. Tonight, the international lawyers are hard at work - trying to hammer out an acceptable ~~minimum~~ resolution. They say they'll succeed, *but* ~~But the going is so tough that~~ they've asked for an extra day.

Secretary of State Rusk is described as -- confident about the outcome. Confident - that a strong condemnation of Castro will be agreed on. Hence, our Secretary of State isn't worried about waiting a few more hours.

WEATHER

While the weather is being kind to astronaut Glenn in Florida -- it's being tough on ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~us~~ who aren't ^{not} astronauts.. ~~The winter temperatures, almost unheard of in many states.~~ For example, in Flagstaff, Arizona - where snow drifts are piled up, five feet high. The heavy snow fall - blanketing Arizona and New Mexico. ^{Also} Driving north up the Mississippi Valley, on winds of forty miles an hour, All the way to Chicago, where power lines broke under the weight of the ice.

Paradoxically, the prediction of warmer weather to come -- is being taken as a grim threat. Meaning - mountains of melted snow, ^{to go down} ~~pouring into~~ the rivers of the mid-west, ^{with} ~~causing~~ the danger of massive floods. The Missouri River is already eight feet above flood level - at Murphysboro, Illinois. The Pearl River - ten feet above - at Jackson, Mississippi.

GUNS - 2

The latest demand by the Police Federation in London, is typical of British police methods. Where else would policemen demand that guns be taken away from - payroll guards?

It all goes back to - the code of the London underworld. The unwritten law - that neither Bobbies nor criminals carry guns. Scotland Yard claims that the system prevents the shooting that mars law enforcement practically everywhere else in the world.

The problem is that some payroll guards have taken to defending themselves with pistols; preferring to shoot a robber - instead of waiting for him to pull out his blackjack. The Police Federation is afraid that in the future this will cause bandits to arm themselves for every job. Result - gun battles in the streets of London. And that would force the Bobbies to arm themselves. An idea they don't like. Guns, maybe O.K.

for Chicago, but in London - never! So the Bobbies are advising the City Fathers to make those payroll guards drop 'em.

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MOONSHINER

If you're wondering what a fall out shelter is good for, when there isn't any fall out - consider Ed Williams of Indianapolis. Ed, doing the patriotic thing -- after listening to President Kennedy, built a private shelter in his yard; and spent quite a lot of time there. His neighbors assuming - he was getting ready for a nuclear holocaust.

Suddenly, a strang aroma began to waft -- on the Indiana breeze. Or - not so strange at that. The police took one sniff, and said knowingly - sour mash! They traced it to the shelter belonging to Ed Williams. Inside they found instead of modern atomic survival, they found an old fashioned still to make something to cure make bite.

Ed Williams thought his atomic shelter wouldn't look suspicious. But, Ed, forgot to close the door, and now from W.B.R.K., Pittsfield, Massachusetts - S-L-U-Monday.