

Gemini 7 Soars To New Record

Jinxed Gemini 6 Tries Again Wednesday

Faulty Plug Causes Fizzle 2 Seconds From 'Go'



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Disappointed Astronauts

Walter Schirra, left photo, walks down ramp from rocket, while Thomas Stafford, grim-faced, turns over his space helmet to a technician.

5,000 Westbrook Voters May Cast Ballots Today

By NORMAN FOUNIER Staff Reporter
WESTBROOK — The election here Monday could draw as many as 5,000 of the city's 7,000 registered voters.

court, a Democrat who held the job for four terms in the mid-50's.

THE DEMOCRATS' chances of capturing control of city government hinge on the closeness of the Clarke-Villanovus contest.
A close run, Democrats feel, would place them in position to recapture the mayor's office and greater council strength.

Wilson To Appeal To U.N. For Viet Peace Initiative



She Keeps Busy
Eighty-four-year-old Mrs. Elva Cilley of Allen Ave., displays two dolls dressed for Press Herald Clearing House Christmas Caravan boxes.

LONDON (UPI) — Prime Minister Harold Wilson said today he would make a strong personal appeal for a world-wide Viet Nam peace initiative in a scheduled address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York Thursday.
British officials said Wilson will urge the world organization and its members "as a matter of the utmost urgency" to help bring the Communists to the conference table and to end the war.

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) — The "Spirit of '76" space mission encountered both failure and triumph Sunday when the jinxed Gemini 6 failed to get off for a rendezvous attempt and Gemini 7 soared to a new manned endurance record.

Mission Control at Houston announced later in the day that they would try again on Wednesday to get Gemini 6 up.
It was heartbreak and danger at Launch Pad 34 at Cape Kennedy when a two-inch-wide, \$108 plug dropped prematurely out of the Titan 2 rocket, just as its engine fired at 8:54 a.m. EST, leaving the giant booster belching reddish-brown smoke but going powereless.

For a brief moment the security of astronauts Walter M. Schirra and Thomas P. Stafford was jeopardized, but then Mission Control pronounced them safe.
—Just as in October—they were left on the launch pad.
Schirra had a matter of seconds to decide whether to pull a ring that would have ejected himself and Stafford from the capsule with tremendous force, bringing them down by parachutes from above the cape.

The situation he faced was actually grounds for ejection," said Astronaut Elmer B. Bledsoe, the capsule communicator in Houston.

But, a spokesman said, the veteran space men made "shrewd analysis" of the events, realized that the Titan was not moving upward on half power — which could have exploded — and decided to stay where he was.

Snowstorm May Deposit Six Inches

Snow accumulations of six inches or more are forecast for southern and central Maine Monday as a swirling snowstorm — the season's first for some sections — began to sweep slowly over the state Sunday night.

Northern and Eastern Maine were expected to get two to four inches of snow and possibly sleet or freezing rain late Monday as the small's pace storm crept northward and eastward.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said in snow warnings late off to flurries statewide Tuesday.
Hazardous driving warnings were posted for southern and central Maine. The weather bureau said small craft warnings probably will be hoisted along the coast Monday.

The snowfall could become mixed with sleet, freezing rain or wet snow anywhere throughout the state, a forecaster reported. The storm system was moving at such a slow pace Sunday night that by daybreak it will have reached over possibly only about one-third of Maine, he added.

The weatherman based his accumulated forecast on the expected formation Monday of a coastal weather development off the New Jersey coast, should that fall to develop a weather system over the Great Lakes would result in mixed precipitation probably changing to rain in southern Maine. Seasonal temperatures will accompany the storm across the state. The mercury won't go above 30 degrees in southern and central Maine Monday nor above the middle to upper 20s in the more northerly and easterly areas.

towards man's greatest achievement in space: 14 days in orbit. A few hours after the failure at Cape Kennedy, they surpassed the endurance record of 119 hours and 56 minutes set by Gordon Cooper and Charles (Pete) Conrad in Gemini 5 last August.

With six days still to go, Borman and Lovell were widening by leaps and bounds America's lead over Russia in the space race.

As a reward for Sunday's record both were permitted to fly at the same time in their underwear — the most comfortable situation possible in the cramped cabin. Lovell, who has been in his space suit since Friday after spending four days out of it last week, shouted "hallelujah!"
If all had gone as planned, the two men would have spent Sunday afternoon trying to link up with Schirra and Stafford in the space race.

Both were plucked from the ocean quickly by helicopters. Damage to the ship was superficial.

The accident occurred about 2 p.m. as the carrier was 225 miles southeast of Norfolk. A muster of the crew was ordered and 40 minutes later it was announced that no hands were missing.

Several of the 37 airplanes that were to fly from the carrier to their home base at Oceania Naval Air Station had been launched when the accident occurred.

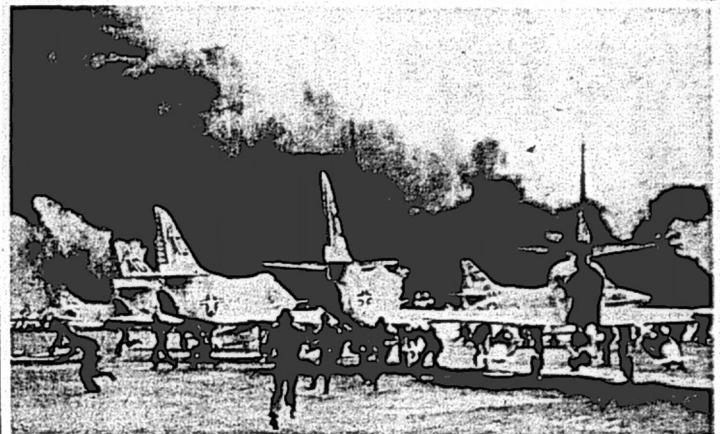
The Phantom fighter was placed on the port catapult. Its pilot was Cmdr. Robert H. Gormley of Virginia Beach, Va., commander of Fighter Squadron VP-4. Its radar intercept

between the Green Bay Packers and the Baltimore Colts and they got under way to get Gemini 6 off the pad and into the skies in mid-week.

After consulting with officials at the Cape Mission Control center, they shut down the rocket engines just before they built up enough power to start upward.

There was no fault with the booster or the spacecraft, and

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Independence Crewmen Scatter

11 Men Burned In Carrier Fire

ABOARD USS INDEPENDENCE (AP) — Eleven men were burned Sunday as spilled jet fuel triggered a spectacular fire on the flight deck of this giant Navy aircraft carrier, coming home from Viet Nam.

Four others suffered cuts and bruises in a secondary explosion. The burns of the injured were described as moderate.

The explosion occurred in a small storeroom and was caused by fuel seeping through aircraft catapult launch tracks. One officer ejected from a Phantom jet fighter which had dropped a fuel tank on the deck as it was being launched.

Member of the flight deck crew leaped overboard to escape the flames.

Both were plucked from the officer was Lt. (j.g.) W. H. Copt, 24, of Butte, Mont.

As the Phantom was jerked forward on the catapult its center drop tank ruptured, spewing 600 gallons of jet fuel on the deck. Instantly the fuel was ignited by the airplane engine exhaust.

Great tongues of red and orange flame swept skyward as the airplane lifted into the air. Gormley ordered Copt to eject. A moment later a parachute opened 1,000 feet off the ship's port bow and descended to the ocean. A helicopter sped to the spot, picked up Copt and returned him to the ship.

Gormley flew his Phantom to Oceania on one engine. The base is at Virginia Beach, Va.

Sidney Miller, aviation bo-

atstair's male second class, from Vandergrift, Pa., who had helped to launch Gormley's plane, leaped overboard to escape the flames. A helicopter picked him up and deposited him on the carrier deck in less than an minute. He suffered burns on his face and hands.

Flames from the blasting fuel were put out within a minute or so by crewmen using fire hoses. Capt. John Kennedy, skipper of the Independence, told newsmen after the accident. "We have fire drills as often as we can. You can see how they pay off in an emergency."

The Independence is due to put into the Norfolk, Va., naval base Monday. She has been on duty with the 7th Fleet off Viet Nam sending her planes against North Vietnamese targets.

B52s Slash At Commie Positions As Troops Stalk Cong Regiment

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — U.S. Air Force B52s Sunday bombed a suspected Viet Cong base just south of a valley near Da Nang in a support of U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops stalling a hard-core Communist regiment of some 2,000 men.

In the Go Cong area about 40 miles south of Saigon, a battle between government troops and guerrillas that began Saturday ended late Sunday with 181 Viet Cong killed and 19 captured, a U.S. military spokesman said Monday. He added that casualties were light among about 1,300 South Vietnamese troops engaged.

Government planes and artillery supported the Vietnamese in their blistering fight against a regiment of well-equipped Communists.
"Some of the Viet Cong were standing in the holes up to their chins," the spokesman said. "They were blown right out."
An estimated total of 100 Viet Cong were killed in a half a dozen other separate actions, South Vietnamese military headquarters in Saigon reported.

After the B52s from Guam had pounded Communist positions at the Da Nang table, Marines pushed into the area to determine the effect of the saturation bombing.

At the same time, South Vietnamese military headquarters in Saigon reported government troops killed 250 Viet Cong in a half a dozen separate actions elsewhere and suffered only light losses themselves.
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Amd the crowning, abiding benefit of my dear days O God, help me to set apart times when I can still my soul and listen. Then be with me as I carry the toilsome years and guiding light, then renewed, into every corner of my dear day. For Thou art there, abiding with me, and I would be Thy servant, Thy instrument, the hand through which Thou dost work; in Christ, the Lord, Amen.
—Edward K. Ingler, Dublin, Va., pastor, The Church of the Resurrection.