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KHRUSHCHEV CHALLENGES WEST TO CATCH UP

Russian's Flight Hurls Mankind Into New Era



MUSCOVITES TOSS HATS IN AIR AND CHEER ... when they hear about their man in orbit.

Cold War Implications Are Hinted

A Times editorial comments on "The New Epoch at Hand." Page 10-A.

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian astronaut's orbit around the world at five miles a second sent humanity across the frontier of space yesterday and left the Soviet Union challenging the West to try to catch up.

The pioneer astronaut, 27-year-old Maj. Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin, plumed the cosmos for an hour and a half, sending back messages of reassurance as he passed into the realm of weightlessness.

His feat taxed the Soviet Union's supply of superlatives and won the plaudits of scientists everywhere — including experts in the United States.

And last night Nikita S. Khrushchev, who had promised a few weeks ago that the first human flight into space was soon to be realized, declared:

"LET THE capitalist countries try to catch up..."

The Tass News Agency said Khrushchev talked with Gagarin on the phone, and told him:

"You have made yourself immortal."

"I will meet you in Moscow. You and I and all our people will solemnly celebrate this great feat in the conquering of space. Let the whole world see what our country is capable of..."

GAGARIN, said Tass, responded: "Now let the other countries try to catch up."

And Khrushchev replied: "That's right. Let the capitalist countries try to catch up with our country, which has blazed the trail into space and which has launched the world's first cosmonaut."

Soviet announcements promised to place the achievement at mankind's disposal. But the tone indicated that the feat — with its enormously important military overtones — would echo in the political cold war in a toughened Soviet attitude toward world problems.

By Soviet account the flight occurred between 9:07 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. yesterday.

Gagarin — already fondly dubbed "Gaga" — by a feverishly excited Soviet public — was in the air for one hour and 48 minutes.

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U.S. REACTION

'We Are Behind,' Says Kennedy Of Space Race

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy said yesterday Americans must recognize that Russia is now first in the race for space but he declared the United States aims to be first with achievements of greater benefit to mankind.

In probing the skies above, "it will be some time before we catch up," Kennedy told his news conference.

"No one is more tired than I am," he said, of seeing the Russians beat the United States in a spectacular space feat.

But the fact is, Kennedy said — and repeated it — that "we are behind."

The Chief Executive sent congratulations to both Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and "the man who was involved," the Russian astronaut who yesterday completed man's first round-the-globe rocket flight in space.

"A most impressive scientific achievement," Kennedy called it, and one which all humans may admire.



THIS IS THE RUSSIAN ASTRONAUT, MAJ. YURI ALEKSEYEVICH GAGARIN ... with his wife, Valentina, and daughter, Yelena. Another daughter, Galya, is not shown.

Gagarin Is Name In News

JUST WHO is this Russian who orbited the earth? See "Name in the News" on Page 11A.

FIRST U.S. effort to shoot a man through space in May may look primitive. Page 11A.

JULES VERNE predicted a space flight almost 100 years ago. Page 2-A.

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IN NINE-HOUR REBUTTAL

No Mercy, Hausner Warns Eichmann

Dr. Harold L. Sebring, Stetson School of Law dean, criticizes Israeli government's handling of the Eichmann trial. Page 2-A.

JERUSALEM (UPI) — Chief Israeli prosecutor Gideon Hausner told an impassive Adolf Eichmann yesterday there can be no atonement, no forgiveness and no forgetting the man who tried to exterminate the Jewish people.

Hausner, in a nine-hour speech, rejected a plea by Eichmann's German lawyer Robert Servatius that Israel has no right to try the one-time SS colonel because the court is biased and its operations illegal.

The trial is both moral and legal, Hausner said, adding that if Israel did not try Eichmann the greatest mass murderer in history might go scot free.

"I request that this court decide its authority to sit in judgment for these crimes," he said.

EICHMANN PEERED owlishly through his heavy horn-rimmed glasses from the bullet-proof glass prisoner's dock as Hausner unleashed his legal arguments designed to prove the Israel court's right to hear the case against a man accused of murdering 6 million Jews.

The court does not sit today. Today is the day when Israel commemorates the slaughter of those 6 million Jews by the Nazis. It is "Holocaust Day," inaugurated by a two-minute silence at 8 a.m.

The ceremonies include the reburial of ashes of Jewish concentration camp victims in Jerusalem and a mass meeting at sunset attended by President Itzhak Ben-zvi and his wife. Already Jews in Israel had brought out the yellow star of David bearing the word "Jude" — German for Jew — they were forced to wear in Nazi Germany.

When the court adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until 9 a.m. (2 a.m. EST) Friday, Hausner said he would require another hour to complete his arguments to prove Israel's right to try Eichmann.

SERVATIUS, the German lawyer who defended the Nazi war criminals at Nuernberg, said he would require about half an hour to give his answer. The court then is expected to retire to weigh a decision on Servatius' demands Eichmann be tried by an international court.

Eichmann betrayed no signs of emotion yesterday as he heard the balding, birdlike chief prosecutor renounce him as a mass murderer and warn that there can be no forgiveness and no forgetting the mass slaughter of Jews.

Wearing the same dark grey suit he had worn on the opening day Tuesday Eichmann sat most of the day slumped in his chair with head phones clamped on his ears, listening to the German translation. Most of the times his eyes were on Judge Moshe Landau, president of the court, although once or twice he let his gaze wander idly around the court.

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'Wild Duck' Top Fare In Russia

MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet Air Force Maj. Yuri Gagarin, a big grin on his face, said yesterday he felt fine and suffered no injuries on the historic orbit around the earth that made him the world's first spaceman.

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NO SUPPORT FOR ANTI-CASTRO FORCES

JFK Disavows U.S. Backing Of Plans To Invade Cuba

The President said he hopes an upturn in the economy will provide jobs for those thrown out of work by the closing of about 50 military bases. Page 2-A.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy said yesterday he would oppose any effort by anti-Castro forces to invade Cuba from U.S. territory — or any other action which might be interpreted as American intervention.

Kennedy also said there would not be any U.S. armed intervention in Cuba under any circumstances. And he said the government will do all it can to make sure American citizens are not involved in any military action against Premier Fidel Castro.

"THE BASIC ISSUE in Cuba is not one between the United States and Cuba," he told his news conference. "It is between the Cubans themselves."

"I intend to see that we adhere to that principle. As I understand it, this administration's attitude is so understood and shared by the anti-Castro exiles from Cuba in this country."

The President said he was aware that Castro received some support in the United States during the revolution which brought him to power and that "some Americans were involved in military actions with him."

But he said it was precisely this kind of thing he hoped to block in any move to overthrow Castro.

IN RESPONSE to questions, Kennedy declined to characterize Castro as an outright Communist. But he said it was obvious from his own words that the Cuban leader was hostile to democratic rule in the Western Hemisphere. He said Castro had associated himself most intimately

with the Communist Party of the United States.

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REACTION

Apportionment Action Finds House Divided

By FRANK TRIPPETT Times Bureau

TALLAHASSEE — The Senate-passed "reapportionment" plan heads toward a House of divided opinion on it.

But most House members from big counties seem ready to accept the Senate deal if they can get a fair shake in increased House membership.

A quick check of views yesterday revealed little willingness among House members from populous counties to scrap over a Senate districting plan which came over with such massive support in the upper chamber.

SOME MEMBERS did appear to object to leaving for 10 years and conceivably longer the districts of Jefferson, Nassau, Putnam and Jackson Counties (total population: 91,994) with Senate power equal to Dade, Duval, Hillsborough and Pinellas (population, 2,162,911).

"Another one of those, huh?" said Rep. George Stone of Escambia County. "Apparently they didn't learn anything in the last election."

'HANDS ACROSS FLORIDA'

45-District Proposal Clears Senate, 35-3

By JOHN B. McDERMOTT Times-Miami Herald Service

TALLAHASSEE — The bitter legislative fight in Florida history came to a speedy and dramatic end yesterday when the Senate voted 35 to 3 for a "hands across Florida" reapportionment plan.

The proposal, which should do much to extinguish the fires of sectionalism, will increase the Senate from 38 to 45 seats if the voters approve it next year.

South Florida's growing counties gain five of the seven new Senate seats.

BIG-COUNTY, little - county and medium-sized county senators joined in hailing the proposal as "the best" offered in the six years of torrid battling on the issue.

The reapportionment plan, while a major gain for the big counties, was not by any means

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Electors bill seen short-changing populous areas. Page 4-A.

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Cross-state barge canal resolution is approved. Page 4-A.

He alluded to a 44-senator plan killed by the voters in 1959. The new plan, if finally okayed by the legislature, would also have to be approved by the voters.

SOME BIG-COUNTY representatives expressed dissatisfaction with the plan but indicated an unwillingness to fight further.

Rep. Carey Matthews of Dade regarded the Senate plan as a "step forward" while judging the leaving of tiny Jefferson

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Escambia Agrees To Race Mix

PENSACOLA (AP) — The Escambia County School Board yesterday agreed to comply with a U.S. District Court order directing the integration of the public school system.

The board adopted a resolution calling on the school superintendent, Dr. W. J. Woodham, and school board attorneys to prepare a plan for gradual desegregation of the city - county schools.

The board voted after an attorney for the school system, William Fisher, told the members they have no alternative except to comply with an order issued by U.S. Dist. Judge G. Harrold Carswell at Tallahassee March 17.

AT THAT TIME, Carswell gave the board 90 days within which to file a plan of desegregation. It was the first public school integration order affecting a Florida school system. Public schools in Dade (Miami) County were integrated voluntarily two years ago.

Carswell had heard arguments on the integration case here last January and then gave opposing sides until March 1 to submit briefs to him.

After the school board adopted its resolution yesterday, Supt. Woodham asked "prayerful, sympathetic support from all citizens of Escambia County in dealing with the integration problem." He added:

"I think every single citizen of the county recognized the seriousness of the problem confronting the school board and the superintendent and, if ever there was a time we needed prayerful support, this is the time."

Woodham asked all residents who have any ideas on how to meet the problem to submit their ideas to the school board.

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JFK, Adenauer Plan Stronger Allied Ties

PRESIDENT KENNEDY and West German Chancellor Adenauer reviewed world problems at the White House. Page 3-A.

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