

# Grissom Swims For Life As Capsule Plummet



**GRISSOM AND HIS ROCKET** — Spaceman Virgil Grissom, wearing his silver spacesuit, nears the Redstone rocket that was to lift his capsule into space July 19. The scene was repeated today when he stepped into the rocket for America's second manned space flight.

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## Alaska Air Crash Claims Six Crewmen

**SHEMYA, Alaska (AP)** — An Alaska Airlines cargo plane going for a landing in fog hit 300 feet short of the runway Friday and piled up in flames, killing all six crew members.

There were no passengers on the military cargo flight.

Visibility was one-half mile with a 100-foot ceiling as the transport crashed at this Aleutian Island base, a major refueling stop on the Great Circle airline route.

The DC-8 plane, under contract to the Military Air Transport Service, was en route from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., to Tachikawa AFB near Tokyo.

It had been scheduled for a refueling stop at Shemya, 1,500 miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska.

An airline official here said he had no word except that the plane crashed and burned at 6:30 a.m. PDT.

The airlines identified the crew members as:

Capt. Edward Bowman, 44, Seattle.

Capt. Galvin William Sargent, 41, Danville, Calif.

Copilot John Herman Bird Jr., 29, Kent, Wash.

Flight Engineer Dwight Morton Babcock, 28, Seattle.

Flight Engineer William Everett Donovan, 26, Seattle.

Navigator Edson A. Marahrens, 41, Bellevue, Wash.

The cargo flight, with no passengers, left Travis at 1 p.m. PDT Thursday. It made a fuel stop at Anchorage before taking off for Shemya.

Officials of the airline and the Civil Aeronautics Board and federal Aviation Agency left Seattle for Shemya to investigate.

Sargent is survived by his widow, Gladys, and a son, Greg. Mrs. Sargent is in Seattle.

## State To Call Up 1,000 Young Men

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Oregon Selective Service director Sprague Carter announced Thursday that 1,000 young men will be called up for pre-draft physical examinations in the state in the next three weeks or so.

Carter said he has not received word of an increased draft quota for the state, but he wants to have a pool of men available should the quota be increased.

In the first three weeks of July, only 100 men were called for examinations.

Several other states were reporting they also were increasing their pools of available draftees.

Selective Service officials in Washington tied the increase to the already announced 8,000-man August draft call, 2,000 more than this month's call.

Indications in the capital were that the administration planned to rely primarily on trained National Guardsmen and reservists in any defense manpower build-up. Larger draft quotas would be used only as a possible long-range support measure.

White House press secretary Pierre Salinger declined comment on reports Kennedy will declare at least a partial national emergency and call up reserves and National Guardsmen. He said he would not comment in advance of Kennedy's planned report to the American people by radio and television next Tuesday evening.

Some state Selective Service directors said they were acting on orders from Washington in building up the available supply of draftees said they were acting on orders from Washington in building up the available supply of draftees.

A Selective Service official here pointed out that some increases had been expected—there were no draft calls for May and June with 14,000 men to be drafted in July and August.

"I think perhaps some state directors may have sent out calls for more men in anticipation of further increases," he said. "But there have been no increases since the call of 8,000 was announced for August."

Selective Service officials said the state calls had no connection with the Berlin crisis.

## Tunnel Blaze Claims Life Of Fireman

**SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)** — A burning railroad tunnel collapsed Thursday night, swallowing an apartment house and plunging a fireman to flaming death.

The fire broke out late Thursday midway in the 2,000-foot Northwestern Pacific freight tunnel through Puerto Suello Hill in north San Rafael, 20 miles north of San Francisco.

Police believe the timber shoring may have been deliberately set aflame by juveniles.

Thousands gathered to watch scores of firemen battle the wind-whipped blaze. Flames shot out 100 feet.

Fireman Fred Kinsler, 44, had parked his auxiliary fire truck over the tunnel 300 yards from the northern tunnel exit when heat caused Lincoln Avenue to crack and cave in. Kinsler and his truck plummeted 40 feet into the floor of the burning tunnel.

Minutes later an apartment house bordering the gaping hole was consumed by flames leaping up from the cave-in. The 12-unit building toppled into the cavern. It had been evacuated before it caught fire.

"This is a complete nightmare," said a fireman.

Traffic on adjacent U.S. Highway 101 was backed up for miles.

Police cars with loud-speakers tried to disperse spectators.

"Leave the area, leave the area, it is unsafe," the loudspeakers warned.

A water main broke and flooded a portion of the fire at the cave-in. But hydrants became useless and firemen had to pump water from nearby swimming pools.

The cave-in was about 100 feet long and 50 feet wide. Firemen, hampered by spectators and the loss of water, could do little more than guard the northern and southern entrances of the tunnel and wet down tinder dry hillsides around the blaze.

A Northwestern Pacific employee, Frank Gladwin, discovered the blaze on a routine inspection tour. He found three small fires at the south end and the large one at the opposite end. He said timbers were soaked with creosote, and rags and sticks had been used to start the blaze.

Police questioned youths helping fight the fire. The boys said three other juveniles had set the blazes.

Early estimates put the property damage in excess of \$100,000.

## Reds Want Talk On Berlin Crisis

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## JFK May Freeze Guard Divisions

**NEW YORK (AP)** — President Kennedy was reported today to ask Congress to freeze six National Guard divisions on active duty indefinitely because of the Berlin crisis.

Warren Rogers Jr., in a Washington dispatch to the New York Herald Tribune, also wrote that the President is prepared to ask Congress to increase the Army's manpower limit to 975,000, from the present 875,000.

The six National Guard divisions now on their annual two-week training are:

26th Infantry (Massachusetts), training at Camp Drum, N.Y., July 22-Aug. 5.

28th Infantry (Pennsylvania): Camp A. P. Hill, Bowling Green, Va., July 15-28.

30th Armored (Tennessee): Ft. Stewart, Ga., July 16-30.

38th Infantry (Texas): Ft. Hood, Tex., July 16-29.

35th Infantry (Kansas-Missouri): Camp Ripley, Minn., July 23-Aug. 6.

38th Infantry (Indiana): Camp Grayling, Mich., July 23-Aug. 6.

Guard division may be frozen if the President or Congress declares a national emergency or if Congress passes a joint resolution extending indefinitely all officer appointments and enlistment terms.

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## Nazi Troopers Get Road Gang

**ARLINGTON, Va. (AP)** — Two American Nazi storm troopers have been sentenced to 12 months on the state road gang for assault on a 13-year-old Jewish boy.

The troopers are members of George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi party, which has its headquarters in this Washington suburb.

Conviction Thursday of Robert Garber, 21, and Richard Braun, 26, was based on testimony by the boy, Frederick (Ricky) Farber. He said that on July 8 he was chased by one of the Nazis carrying a lead pipe, threatened and forced into the headquarters, where he said he was handcuffed.

Judge Hugh C. Cregger Jr. imposed the maximum jail sentence for a misdemeanor. Cregger said the original charges of felonious assault had not been proved.

Braun and Garber said they would appeal in October.

In separate cases involving troopers, Anthony E. Wells, 23, was fined and sentenced to 60 days in jail for assaulting a 16-year-old boy whom he caught behind a tree shortly after a rock was thrown at the headquarters Wednesday night. Two other troopers were found innocent of disorderly conduct charges arising from the same incident.

## Accused Slayer Taken To Jail

**ASTORIA (AP)** — George Holly Jr., 32, was moved Thursday from an Astoria hospital to jail to await his trial on a first degree murder charge in the recent slaying of Cannon Beach druggist Donald Newman.

He was taken to the Astoria hospital for treatment of shock and exhaustion after his capture Saturday at a summer home on the Sunset Highway near Cannon Beach Junction.

The parents of the accused murder victim living in the county, Other points will be awarded for quality of products and originality.

## Man Pleads Innocent

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The judge ordered the case set down for trial, possibly in September. The defendant is continued on bail previously set. He was indicted by the Douglas County Grand Jury March 31 and accused of presenting a worthless check for \$33 at the Curtis-For-Service, owned by Oliver Curtis, at Curtin on Jan. 28.

## Reedsport Boy Killed By Truck

**REEDSPORT (AP)** — An 11-year-old Reedsport boy was killed this morning when his bicycle was struck by a logging truck in Reedsport.

The boy—Danny Ritchie, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Ritchie—apparently rode his bike directly into the path of the northbound truck on Highway 101, according to Reedsport police. The accident happened about 10 a.m.

Driver of the truck was E. Roscoe Davis, 32, of Coquille.

The boy was Oregon's 25th traffic victim this year in the Associated Press tabulation. Twenty have perished so far this month.

The death brings Douglas County's fatality total to 28.

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## Loss Of \$2 Million Craft Not Expected To Postpone Project Mercury Program

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)** — Astronaut Virgil I. (Gus) Grissom survived a 5,280-mile-an-hour journey in space today, then made a dramatic swim for his life as his capsule plummeted to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

Loss of the \$2-million space craft and its equipment will not delay the Project Mercury program, which is aimed at placing a man in orbit a few months from now and on the moon later, an official said.

Films of Grissom and his control panel went down with the capsule, but Robert C. Gilruth, Project Mercury director, said most of the information desired was received through telemetry. Earlier, a space agency information officer had indicated to newsmen that loss of the space craft might delay the program.

Gilruth said it has not been determined whether this would be the last suborbital flight. It had been suggested that there might be two more before the attempt is made to fire a man into orbit.

The capsule sank in 2,800 fathoms (16,800 feet) of water. Officials said no effort would be made to recover it.

Grissom blew his escape hatch and left the sinking capsule in the manner all astronauts had been taught in their rigorous training.

After swimming about 70 feet, Grissom was picked up by a helicopter two minutes after his escape from the capsule. Attempts to recover the spacecraft failed as it plummeted to the bottom.

"Give me something to blow my nose. My head is full of sea water," America's No. 2 space man said when he was deposited on the deck of the aircraft carrier Randolph. Otherwise, he was reported in good condition.

Grissom rode 118 miles high on the nose of a Redstone rocket and 303 miles down the Atlantic missile range. And he looked down on a view so fascinating he forgot momentarily that he had chores to perform during the 15-minute journey.

President Kennedy watched on television with millions of other Americans as Grissom followed the space trail blazed May 5 by astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. Then he expressed "great pleasure and satisfaction" in a telephone call to Grissom on the Randolph.

The 35-year-old Air Force captain had flown higher (two miles), farther (one mile) and faster (by 180 miles) than Shepard.

His petite wife, Betty, who also sat glued to a TV screen at Newport News, Va., disclosed also that he "achieved a first."

She and their sons, Scott, 11, and Mark, 7, "talked by telephone to Gus as he lay flat on his back in the capsule before it was launched," she said.

Shepard told newsmen Grissom "sprung sort of a big leak. It was coming in through the door."

After making his escape from the doomed space ship, Grissom was not in danger of sinking. His flight suit was buoyant. But he did go under water briefly in the wake of the rescue helicopter's spinning blades.

The pickup was made at 7:51 a.m. (EST), 31 minutes after the Redstone booster rocket thundered away from Cape Canaveral.

At 8:01 a.m., the Randolph reported it had Grissom on deck. He was smiling and appeared in excellent condition, none the worse for the crushing forces he had suffered in the blastoff and re-entry and for his swim in shark-infested waters.

Another helicopter tried to get a cable on the rung of the space capsule but it disappeared in the depths.

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## Memory Theme Parade Choice

**Theme for this year's 13th annual Douglas County Timber Days Parade Aug. 12 in Sutherlin will be "Remember When."**

Civic and non-commercial organizations are invited to enter floats. A cash prize of \$75 will go to first place winner, \$50 to second place and \$25 to third place. A sweepstakes trophy will also be awarded to the best float.

All entries must be confirmed before Aug. 5, states Felix Botticchio, in charge of parade arrangements.

Activities Many

Also on tap for Timber Days celebration will be a host of evening and morning activities in addition to the regular contests and demonstrations throughout the day.

Starting Friday night the queen's ball will be held, with Wayne Wagner's band playing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Late Saturday afternoon, between the hours of 5 and 9, a barbecue chicken dinner will be served at Central Park. Following this another dance will be held from 9 to 1 a.m.

No rest periods have been scheduled, because the Lions Club of Sutherlin will start serving a log-cabin breakfast immediately following the dance Saturday night and it will last until everyone has had his fill.

Carnival Set

A carnival will be held on the Timber Days ground during all the festivities, to furnish additional entertainment.

A highlight during the logging contests Sunday afternoon will be a contest in which a \$40 barbecue set will be the prize.

This week a meeting was held of the Timber Days committee, and Jack Fox was elected co-chairman of the celebration.

Also announced at the meeting was the addition of a fourth prize to the truck rodeo event to be held Saturday, Aug. 12.

## UFO Over Wilbur Still Unidentified

**An explanation of an unidentified flying object over Wilbur Thursday is still lacking.**

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## Kennedy Signs Bill For Space Projects

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Only a few hours after this country sent its second man into space, President Kennedy today signed a bill authorizing vastly expanded space projects, including a start toward sending a man to the moon.

Kennedy took note of Capt. Virgil I. Grissom's space flight as he put his signature to the bill. It authorizes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to spend \$1,784,300,000 in the year ahead. The amount was every cent Kennedy had asked.

In a brief statement, Kennedy said it was significant that the bill was signed on the day America's second astronaut made his flight "before the eyes of the watching world and with all the hazard it entails."

"It is also significant that once again we have demonstrated the technological excellence of this country," the President said.

"As our space program continues it will continue to be this nation's policy to use space for the advancement of all mankind and to make free release of all scientific and technological results."

The bill was passed only Thursday by the House and Senate.

## Here's Comparison Of Space Flights

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)** — Facts and figures on today's second U.S. man-in-space shot (May 5 shot figures in parentheses)

Astronaut—Virgil I. (Gus) Grissom, 35, Air Force captain and hero of the Korean War. (Navy.) Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr., 37. (Spacecraft — Mercury capsule weighing 4,940 pounds and named by astronauts the "Liberty Bell 7.") (4,000 pounds, named Freedom 7.)

Time of launch—7:20 a.m. (EST). (9:34 a.m., May 5)

Altitude of flight—118 miles. (116 miles)

Distance—303 miles. (302 miles)

Time of flight—16 minutes. (15 minutes)

Top speed of spacecraft—5,310 miles an hour. (5,100 m.p.h.)

Period of weightlessness—5 minutes (Approximate). (Same)

Booster rocket—Army Redstone with 78,000 pounds of thrust. (Same)

Recovery — By helicopter from aircraft carrier, USS Randolph. (USS Champlain)

Destination of astronaut — Hospital at Grand Bahama Island for extensive examinations, then returns to Cape Canaveral in about 48 hours. (Same, except Shepard went to Washington for a hero's welcome.)

Previous space flights—orbit of the earth April 12 by Russia's Yuri Gagarin; 116-mile high flight May 5 by U.S. astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr., virtually a duplicate of today's flight.

## Dillard Man Jailed

**Harry Allen Eason, 56, Dillard, was found guilty in a Thursday trial before District Judge Gerald R. Hayes on a charge of drunken driving. He was sentenced to 30 days in the Douglas County jail and fined \$150 and \$5 costs.**

## More Fighting Erupts In Streets Of Bizerte

**TUNIS (AP)** — French and Tunisians fought in the streets of Bizerte city today, and Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba ordered seizure of the French pipeline that carries the output of France's Sahara oil field.

Bourguiba said he had ordered his troops to seize the pipeline at Skhira, in southern Tunisia. The line carries the output of France's Edjele field, 225 miles southeast of the Tunisian border.

The president also called for volunteers from all "brother nations" to help in his desperate fight against France. He said Tunisia's ambassadors in all countries had been ordered to enlist the volunteers and that Libyans and Algerians had already offered their services.

The Tunisian government radio reported that dug-in Tunisian infantrymen and civilian volunteers were battling French paratroops supported by tanks and rocket planes in the city of Bizerte astride the channel from the Mediterranean to the French naval base at Bizerte.

Radio Tunis said French forces broke out of the besieged Bizerte naval base and launched a pre-dawn attack on the Mediterranean port city three miles away.

Tunisian troops holding the city of 40,000 defied a French ultimatum to evacuate. They were ordered to fight to the death.

The Tunis broadcast said there were "numerous dead and wounded" but Tunisian infantry were holding their own in the heart of the city. Officials estimated 15,000 volunteers in and around the city were bolstering the troops. Many were wearing the red shorts and shirts of the youth section of the ruling Neo-Destour (Freedom) party.

Paris reports and the official Tunis news agency reported other clashes between Tunisian "volunteers" and French forces in the Sahara Desert.

The fighting spread as the U.N. Security Council was called into an emergency session at the request of Tunisia to deal with the mounting crisis. The Tunisians charged France with aggression and demanded the French give up the Bizerte naval base they kept after granting their former protectorate independence in 1956.

A Tunisian government spokesman said up to last midnight 110 Tunisians were killed and 500 wounded. A French report in Paris had 90 Tunisians killed, 200 captured. French casualties were listed as 5 dead, 30 wounded.

The United States showed growing concern over the clash between allied France and friend Tunisia and appealed to both to "end hostilities without delay."

Arab nations lined up behind Tunisia and denounced "French imperialism." President Gamel Abdel Nasser's United Arab Republic and the Algerian rebel government based in Tunisia offered troops to fight the French.

Tunis radio said the French laid down an artillery barrage and attacked with rocket-firing planes before paratroops stormed out of the naval base to drive on Bizerte itself.

Bursts of gunfire could be heard from within the city, 40 miles to the northwest of this capital.

Reports of casualties in the undeclared war—now in its third day—varied.

## \$1,000 Prize Waits Winner Of County Fair Competition

The winner in a new division of the Douglas County Fair will receive the top prize of \$1,000 and will have the opportunity to take the exhibit to the Oregon State Fair.

The division, Community Exhibits, may be entered by the following cities in Douglas County: Reedsport-Gardiner, Elkton, Drain, Yoncalla, Oakland, Sutherlin, Roseburg, Winston - Dillard, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, Riddle and Glendale.

The Fair Board will accept the first six exhibits since the number of booths is limited. The booths are expected to emphasize community living within the county.

In former years, the Fair Board has decided which exhibit would go to the state fair. This year, the winner in the Community Exhibits will represent the county.

Besides, Douglas, 19 counties have reserved space in the Natural Resources Building for the 1961 Oregon State Fair Sept. 1-9, according to an announcement made by Manager Howard Maple.

They are: Benton, Lincoln, Tillamook, Jefferson, Jackson, Polk, Union, Lane, Deschutes, Washington, Coos, Yamhill, Marion, Linn, Curry, Umatilla, Hood River, Malheur and Harney. Maple said that Columbia County also might participate in the exhibition.

A panel of judges will view the booths on the opening day of the fair and will award \$100 subsidies to all counties that score 70 or a possible 100 points. To qualify, booths must tell an important story of the county in marketable crops, specialty crops, industry and community living within the county. Other points will be awarded for quality of products and originality.

## The Weather

**AIRPORT RECORDS**

Fair tonight, Saturday and Sunday night. Continued warm.

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 90

Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 51

Highest temp. any July ('61) — 105

Lowest temp. any July ('55) — 40

Precip. last 24 hours — 0

Precip. from July 1 — .25

Precip. from Sept. 1 — 34.66

Excess from Sept. 1 — 4.52

Sunset tonight, 7:47 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 4:53 a.m.

## BLASTOFF No. 2:

Launching of the second manned space shot in the Project Mercury series was completed today. This 15-minute ballistic ride atop a Redstone rocket was essentially a duplicate of that made by Alan Shepard. Most important sequences in the flight are shown at right.

