

Cooper Describes Breathtaking Flight, Says Man Can Survive Long Space Trips

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI)—Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper undergoes further medical tests and preparing for Washington Tuesday where he will receive the Distinguished Service Medal for his historic 22.9 orbit flight around earth.

The slightly built Air Force major was relaxed and smiling during Sunday's tumultuous tribute to his 575,000 mile space voyage.

Wednesday, Cooper will be honored with a ticker-tape parade in New York. Plans called for him to ride in a convertible up lower Broadway through the financial district to city hall where he will be given a reception.

Sunday, Cooper described his breathtaking flight—probably the last manned space voyage by the United States for 18 months—as firm proof man can sleep, eat and live for long periods in space.

He told of seeing vivid geographic details, sleeping soundly, eating on schedule although he was not too hungry and performing numerous experiments assigned to him.

"Really No Problem?" Cooper described his blazing "fireball" re-entry under manual control, an emergency step that was necessary after the automatic system failed in the 20th orbit and caused anxious concern around the world.

"There was really no problem," he said.

There had been speculation that still another one-man space flight in the Project Mercury series might be held later this year but a top official of the federal space agency said it seemed "quite unlikely."

The statement by Dr. Robert C. Seamans, associate director of NASA, apparently meant the next U.S. manned space flight will not come until October, 1964, at the earliest.

Seamans said a definite decision on whether there would be another Mercury flight, "must be made within the next week or so."

He described the Cooper flight as "apparently... most successful" and that "it seems quite unlikely there will be another Mercury mission."

If there are not more Mercury flights, next comes Project Gemini—a program to put up two-man teams of astronauts into orbit for periods of up to two weeks.

"Long Way to Go"

The first manned Gemini flight is due sometime during the last three months of 1964.

"Although we still have a long way to go in the exploration of space," Seamans said, "I doubt that we can find an astronaut who can improve on the performance of Gordon Cooper."

Cooper was asked what he thought the flight proved about man's role in space.

"I think we proved man is a pretty good backup system to all these automatic systems," he replied.

To other questions, Cooper said: "The horizon was always clear, both day and night" from his capsule.

"Flashing satellites" which he dropped from behind his capsule as a visual aid check "would be a good device to help on the nightside for a rendezvous in space between two orbiting capsules. He last saw the lights at a distance of about 17 or 18 miles from his position.

"An 'exercise device' in his Faith 7 took 'almost as much exercise to get at it as to use it.'"

Has Tremendous View

He said he first noticed the tremendous view as Faith 7 flashed over the Arabian Peninsula in the Middle East.

"I could see roads and rivers, and trucks on the roads. I saw a train with smoke coming out of it."

"I even saw a boat going down the river, and the wake behind it. But I couldn't see individual people."

He said he could see Dallas, Texas, and the area of the federal space agency headquarters in Houston.

"But I couldn't see my own house," he laughed. "They put up too many trees around it."

He said Red China "looked just like it looks on the map. I couldn't see anything but just a lot of country. Part of China was covered by broken clouds."

He said the "really beautiful view" however, was during three swings he made right over the snow-capped Himalaya Mountains between India and China.

Sales Tax Backers Inch Nearer To Getting Program To People

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SALEM (UPI)—Sales tax advocates may be inching closer to getting their program to the people.

While it appears unlikely it will happen now, indications are the sales tax issue could dominate the 1965 session.

An increasing number of legislators — including many strong anti-sales tax lawmakers—feel the voters should be given a chance to make the decision. It's been almost a decade since there has been a statewide vote on a sales tax.

At present, the House is strongly anti-sales tax, and the Senate is pro-sales tax.

In both 1959 and 1961 the Senate substituted a sales tax for House-approved tax measures. The House was able to vote down the maneuver on both occasions.

Nationally, 37 states now impose sales taxes.

Oregon's neighbors to the north and south, Washington and California, levy sales taxes.

Proponents argue it is a "painless" tax, and in most cases produces more revenue than anticipated.

Opponents charge a sales tax is unfair to low-income families.

Indiana was the latest state to impose a sales tax. Four other states have boosted existing rates this year to meet the need for more revenue.

Several other states are considering rate boosts. Others have closed "loopholes" and tightened up collection procedures.

Pennsylvania is considering a 5 per cent hike which would take its sales tax to 4.5 per cent, highest in the nation.

The states that do not now levy a sales tax, in addition to Oregon, are Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire,

New Jersey, New York, Vermont and Virginia.

There are collection problems, and costs.

The Tax Commission would have to employ an army of auditors to keep an eye on retailers, and more auditors to handle the additional paper work.

The need for more money is adding impact to the demand for a sales tax.

Legislators can sidestep having to make the decision by voting to let the people make their own decision.

POSTPONES VACATION

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy has postponed her summer vacation at Hyannis Port, Mass., until the first week in July.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said recently the President and Mrs. Kennedy would continue to spend most of the coming weekends at Camp David, Md.

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FARM FOREST FACTS

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Making the most of what you already have has always been sound logic. But, how many of us really do this? Perhaps we think we do, but in reality we often do not.

Recently, I visited a certain woodland in the county where the owner had cut openings in a pure hardwood stand to plant Douglas-fir seedlings. Instead of clear cutting the entire area, he had cut small elongated openings 1 to 15 feet in size, leaving 20 to 30-foot madrones between the clearings. Following the clearing operation, he had burned the brush, scalped the planting spots and planted the trees.

With the partial shade of the remaining trees and that of bracken fern which has since come in, he should achieve good results. Although lopping and scattering of these relatively small hardwoods, instead of piling and burning, would have been better for the soil and much less work, he did show good judgment in retaining some hardwood for shade. So, essentially he made the most of what he had.

In another area of his woodland, however, he had not realized the potentialities that existed. What he had missed was that in a number of places there were seedlings already planted for him by Mother Nature, under an overstory of madrone and chinquapin. All that was required here was to cut the hardwoods that were overtopping or threatening to overtop the young firs and pines.

Other stands, some already of commercial size, were in need of thinning. By cutting the slow growing and poorly formed trees, the others would develop faster.

And so it is that when we make the most of existing situations, we attain the maximum returns.

Circuit Court

Complaint

Henry E. Hall vs. Gilbert B. and Goldie Howard. Plaintiff asks general damages of \$18,500 and special damages of \$1,811 for injuries allegedly suffered by him while he was a passenger aboard a commercial vessel known as the Gee Gee and operated by the defendants as common carriers for hire on the waters of Winchester Bay, off Reedsport on July 21, 1962. Plaintiff alleges that through negligent handling of the boat he was caused to be thrown from his seat in the vessel, striking his head and neck against the deck, the side of the vessel and the passenger chair. He was 54 at the time.

Vaughan H. and Lois M. Bennett vs. John and Jane Doe Katuz. Suit to quiet title to property.

Credit Bureau Adjustment Department, Inc. vs. Bernard F. Needham, aka Ben Needham, aka B. F. Needham, and Cleola Needham. Plaintiff demands judgment for \$1610.83 plus interest and costs on an assigned account.

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