

Administration Said Concerned About New Frontier Program

Soviet Spaceman Says Orbiting Earth A Breeze; Wants To Try 'Real Flying'

Moscow - (UP) - Spaceman Yuri Gagarin said Saturday his pioneer flight in orbit was such a breeze he now wants "to do some real flying" - to the moon, Venus or Mars. He disclosed the Russians are building special space ships presumably for a manned moon flight.

Gagarin told the largest news conference ever held in Moscow that his own space ship "Vostok" (East) returned to earth intact, its instruments in tip-top order, and it could be used again for space flight.

The Soviet air force major explained for the first time how he was able to see the earth from his spaceship. He said his ship had a "porthole," and he had a clear view of the earth at all times.

Mystery Exists

But the spaceman failed to clear up the mystery of exactly how he landed back on earth following the epochal space flight he said was made at heights ranging from 110 to 188 miles.

Asked to give details on how he landed, the 27-year-old Gagarin said Russia had developed several "techniques" including use of parachutes, for landing from space flights. But he side-stepped any direct answer.

"My landing showed the correctness of all the means developed to land," Gagarin said.

Gagarin, who received a delirious 10-hour public welcome in Moscow Friday, appeared for two hours yesterday before an estimated 1,000 reporters in the Scientists' club auditorium.

Long Lines

Long lines of Muscovites waited outside the building in hopes of catching a glimpse of Gagarin, who is a small man in comparison with America's strapping astronaut trainees. Newsmen estimated his height at about 5 feet, 4 inches. His weight was given at 163 pounds.

The spaceman, calmly answering written questions, said he would be a simple thing to orient maps, during orbital flight, with the earth's surface because of the topographical details of mountains, big rivers, oceans, islands, lakes and peninsulas are "really plain."

"I was able to support such little suggestions that 'spy in the sky' satellites would be possible for military purposes," Gagarin said.

"The view was as good from his orbit as it would be from a high-flying jet. Photographing the earth from a spaceship such as his would present no problems, but there was no photographic equipment on

this trip and no pictures were taken.

"He felt fine throughout the 148-minute space journey, which included 89.1 minutes in actual orbit, and returned feeling as fit as he left. He is convinced weightlessness and other space flight effects have no harmful effects on man."

"My own experience makes me believe man can remain in orbit much longer than I did."

"His descent from orbit to Russia's secret 'cosmodome' took 30 minutes. He gave no

Moscow - (UP) - Usually calm spaceman Yuri Gagarin lost his composure for a moment Saturday at the end of a two-hour news conference here.

As soon as the conference ended, reporters and others in the hall leaped onto the stage to congratulate Gagarin or to get his autograph.

The startled Gagarin backed away and said: "No, no, go away."

He then was whisked to a waiting limousine which drove him away while platoons of soldiers kept steat crowds in order.

details on the ascent that was presumed to have taken 29 minutes - the amount of time left after subtracting the orbit and descent periods.

Enough Cosmonauts

The Soviet Union has enough cosmonauts ready to carry out its space program and additional flights, as well.

"He had become a cosmo-

Hatfield's Action Pleases Officials

Salem - (UP) - The Oregon Highway Commission said Friday it is "most heartened" by Gov. Mark Hatfield's rejection of a bill that would give heavy truckers \$1 million in weight-mile tax relief.

In a rare public statement, the three commissioners said SB33 would have "materially reduced" state construction jobs, and county and city cooperative projects.

The commission said it agreed with the premise that highway taxes should not be altered until findings of the Illinois road test project are disclosed "by mid-summer."

The test is expected to determine the degree of wear and tear that various vehicles cause on roads, and therefore which classes should pay more for use.

Leaders Worried That Congress Moving Too Slow

Washington - (UP) - Some high-ranking new frontier leaders were showing concern Saturday because Congress is not moving faster with President Kennedy's 16-point priority legislation program.

The President, they said, has not registered criticism or complaint. But the administration apparently is worried about signs that, despite Kennedy's personal popularity, lobbies and pressure groups opposed to his programs are making headway at the capitol.

Congress usually packs the bulk of its accomplishments into the last half of each session. This is particularly true in the first year of a new congress when early weeks are consumed in getting the legislative machine organized. On that basis, Democratic leaders have not been wide of the mark in claiming they have done as well or better than usual.

Cite Factors

But those now indicating concern cite these factors:

"Many key White House aides are ex-professors with limited experience in congressional relations. Too little personal attention may have been paid to senior committee chairman, for example, or to the 'realities' of committee strength."

Republicans, probing for weak spots in the administration's armor, can accomplish almost as much by delay as by a too-relaxed work schedule in house and senate may play into their hands and those of conservative Democrats.

Kennedy, who knows the senate and house as a former member of each, saw the senate finance committee give a working-over to Stanley S. Surrey, the former Harvard law professor whom he named as assistant treasury secretary. Surrey's nomination was held up for weeks until Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon assured the committee he and the President, not Surrey, would really make tax policy.

Pressure Mounting

And while Surrey's nomination was being delayed, legislative pressure was being mounted against the treasury's plan, still to be submitted, to encourage new business investment by granting a tax credit instead of giving more liberal depreciation allowances. And the President's tax message, expected at least a week ago, was put off again.

No firm date has yet been set.

Meantime, the senate for example, got almost nowhere in two days of debate this past week on Kennedy's committee-approved minimum wage bill. Opponents effectively stalled any quick action.

Democratic leaders, who originally had hoped for a final vote Friday night, put off the whole fight until Tuesday.

Another reason some Democrats are concerned about the legislative pace is that much of the Kennedy program has passed one house or the other in the past. So far the key items disposed of are the unemployment compensation extension, the emergency feed grain program, and the OECD treaty.

Depressed areas, federal judgeship and aid to dependent children are approaching final action.

FORESTER DIES

Portland - (UP) - Melvin L. Merritt, 81, well known Pacific Northwest forester, died Thursday of a heart attack.

UO Floating Bed Doesn't - Sinks

Eugene - (UP) - Eight University of Oregon students started down the Willamette River in a floating bed Friday night.

The proposed 44-hour trip lasted about five hours.

The bed struck a log and sank.

The students swam to safety, seven of them to a nearby island and the eighth to shore. He called the sheriff's office.

A deputy and the town marshal at Coburg took the students off the island by boat.

Legislature Sets Back Windup Date

Salem - (UP) - The proposed April 22 date for final adjournment of the 1961 legislature is out the window.

At least that is the considered opinion of those whose job it is to wind up the session. The consensus now is guessing May 1.

House Speaker Robert Duncan said Saturday that "if we can get out by the end of the month, I'll be very happy."

Senate President Harry Boivin declined to hazard a guess but said "we'll stay until the issues are resolved." These include timber taxation, the general tax picture, basic school support, offshore oil, Medicare and more traffic safety legislation.

Other Highlights

Timber Tax - An Eastern Oregon timber tax bill designed to encourage sustained yield won "do pass" approval of the House Tax committee, 6-1. HB1114 would substitute a five per cent severance tax for the present ad valorem tax on private timber east of the Cascades. Ad valorem means a tax figured on a year-to-year basis. Severance is figured on each tree cut.

Liquor - A bill to permit the liquor commission to set food percentage ratios for bars was defeated in the Senate 14-13. This left unresolved the validity of a 25 per cent regulation set by the commission last year. The regulation is in trouble in the courts.

Labor - The House approved an amended bill setting up a state elections procedure to let employees decide whether they want a bargaining agent. It went to the Senate for concurrence. The companion "Little Landrum-Griffin" bill is expected to die in the House labor and industries committee.

Extended Benefits Claims Total 2,604

Salem - (UP) - The first week of federal-state temporary extended unemployment compensation claims brought 2,604 applications in Oregon.

Employment Commissioner David Cameron said regular benefits in the same week totaled 35,432, amounting to \$1.2 million.

End of Portland Gas War in Sight

Portland - (UP) - A gasoline price war, which has seen prices drop to 21.9 for regular at major stations, is scheduled to end Monday.

Virgil W. Rukke, president of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers association, said the decision was made at a meeting attended by 234 members.

TOLL FINE

Salem - (UP) - Toll-dodgers on the interstate bridge would be subject to a fine up to \$20 under a bill approved by the Senate. Under present law, there is no penalty for skipping the toll.

Schrunk Requests Port Expansion

Portland - (UP) - Mayor Terry D. Schrunk has urged greater jurisdiction for the Port of Portland.

In a letter to Gov. Mark

Hatfield, Schrunk said the port should have greater territorial jurisdiction because of the mutual problems affecting the entire metropolitan area.

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Bills Approved By Legislature

Salem - (UP) - Measures approved Friday:

By the Senate

SB494 - Trailer taxes.
HB1091 - Minimum clearance from road for cars.
HB1190 - Rights of convicted felons.
HB1175 - Insurance corporations.
HB1383 - School budget notice.
HB1395 - Licensing of institutions.
HB1422 - Relating to school districts.
HB1426 - Penalties for bridge toll dodgers.
HB1439 - Relating to public utility securities.
HB1460 - Relating to school districts.

By the House

HB1469 - For State Tax Commission and executive department.
HB1352 - Reforestation lands.
HB1451 - Permits to collect food and shellfish for research.
HB1540 - Tax commission enforcement of county reappraisals.
HB1396 - Insurance.
HB1358 - Fire protection.
HB1635 - Relating to pollution.
HB1840 - Penalties definitions.
HB1740 - Relating to juries.
SB34 - Public employees retirement.
SB276 - Public assistance.
SB351 - Expanding power of board of dental examiners to regulate dentists.
SB318 - Representative relationships.
SB31 - Non-support.
SB91 - Definition of cigarettes.
SB111 - Hunting or angling license.
SB155 - Wage and hour commission per diem allowance.
SB407 - State-conducted labor elections.
SB112 - County home rule.
SB340 - Teachers' retirement.
SB352 - Wild animals.

High Mt. Sheep Dam In License Request

Seattle - (UP) - The Washington Public Power Supply system Friday authorized inclusion of the High Mountain Sheep plan for Snake River development in its present license application for the Nez Perce project.

The announcement was made by Owen W. Hurd, managing director of WPPSS. The action was taken by the system's board at a special meeting, he said.

"This action was taken to prevent costly delay in power development and to insure that an opportunity exists for public development of the remaining undeveloped and unlicensed reach of the Middle Snake River," Hurd said.

MILK PRICES DROP

Portland - (UP) - Retail milk prices in the Portland area are scheduled to drop two cents a quart effective Monday, it was reported Saturday.

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