Nine New Astronauts Selected; One May Be First American on Moon

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Houston, Tex. – (UPI) – Nine new U.S. astronauts, including veteran X15 rocket plane pilot Neil Armstrong, were introduced to the nation today. One probably will be the first American to set foot on the moon.

The second generation of spacemen includes three Navy and four Air Force officers and two civilian test pilots. The original seven astronauts all were military men.

The new astronauts were presented at Houston, site of the manned Spacecraft Center where preparations are being made for the two-man Gemini space flights and the ultimate goal – the Apollo three-man flight to the moon.

The nine:

–Neil Armstrong, 32, Wapakoneta, Ohio, a veteran civilian test pilot for the National Aeronautics and Space Agency on the X15 rocket plane program at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

–Air Force Maj. Frank Borman, 34, Gary, Ind., research pilot instructor who has 3,600 hours of jet flying time.

–Navy Lt. Charles Conrad Jr., 32, Philadelphia, a former flight squadron safety officer with 1,500 hours of jet flight time.

–Navy Lt. Cmdr. James A. Lovell, 34, Cleveland, former flight instructor and also a former flight safety officer. He has 2,300 hours of flying time, including 1,600 hours in jets.

–Air Force Capt. James A. McDivitt, 33, Chicago, an experimental flight test officer who has logged 2,500 hours of flying time including 2,000 hours in jets.

–Elliott M. See Jr., 35, Dallas, Tex., civilian experimental test pilot for General Electric Co. He has more than 3,200 hours in the air, including 2,300 hours in jets.

–Air Force Capt. Thomas P. Stafford, 32, Weatherford, Okla., a test pilot with more than 3,500 hours of flying time, including 2,500 hours in jets.

–Air Force Capt. Edward H. White II, 32, San Antonio, Tex., an experimental test pilot with 2,900 hours of flight time, including 1,700 hours in jets.

–Navy Lt. Cmdr. John W. Young, 32, San Francisco, a one-time maintenance officer who has logged 2,300 hours of flying time, 1,600 hours of it in jet craft.

The destination of these new astronauts, all 35 years of age or under, is the moon in five years or less.

To one of the nine is expected to go the most coveted role in the nation's multi-billion-dollar manned spaceflight program-commander of the nation's first manned expedition to the moon in this decade.

For the rookie astronauts, action should come fast. They will move into NASA's manned spaceflight program alongside the seven "Mercury" astronauts who have carried America's banner into space in two sub-orbital and two three-orbit flights to date.

Selection of the new team reflects a drastic shift in the human element for the forthcoming man-into-space programs called "Gemini" and "Apollo" – a heavy emphasis on youth combined with as much experience as possible.

"They will be younger so they can fly longer," said Walter J. North, chief of the crew operations division of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center here. The implication is that the days of the "original seven" Mercury astronauts as active space pilots are limited because of their age.

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Durno Optimistic On Agate Dam Bill

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Washington – Rep. Edwin R. Durno, (R-Ore.) expressed optimism Monday that a reclamation bill authorizing Agate dam in the Rogue River basin will be enacted before Congress adjourns.

The Medford Congressman said he has been assured there will be no retaliation against his bill for the fact that he opposed the Baker irrigation bill, sponsored by Rep. Al Ullman, which passed the House by a slim margin last August.

Durno arrived back in Washington last Friday in time to join Northwest lawmakers in winning favorable action on the Hanford Atomic Power project in the House. His vote helped trounce a motion designed to kill the 800,000 KW project. The vote was 186 to 171.

Express Indignation

Durno expressed indignation about a story by this correspondent last Wednesday which indicated he might miss voting on the controversial Hanford project because he had driven to Oregon the last week in August. He said he went to Oregon with Mrs. Durno to attend the wedding of his daughter.

The Congressman said he kept in touch daily with the office of Rep. Catherine May, (R-Wash.) so as to be prepared to be on hand for the Hanford vote whenever it might be called up.

Last Tuesday a Senate-House conference committee agreed to submit the Hanford matter to the House for another vote. The timing was uncertain. Next morning House leaders announced it would be brought up Thursday before debate started on the UN Bond bill. Durno that day left Medford for the Pendleton round-up.

"I bought my airline tickets to Washington two or three days before I left Medford," said Durno, explaining he had no intention of missing the vote.

Thursday House leaders put off the Hanford issue until Friday morning.

Durno was indignant because he said the newspapers made it appear he was shirking his duty. He was in Oregon nine days, he said.

Nothing About Morse

"Wayne Morse led the parade at the round-up last Friday when the Senate had to suspend business because it couldn't get a quorum," observed Durno, "and nobody said anything about that in the papers."

Asked about his future plans, the Congressman said:

"I will be here until the close of this Congress. And after I go home, I will carry on my duties until my term is up."

Durno's term expires the first week in January. He did not seek reelection to the 4th District Congressional seat but lost in a primary race for the GOP Senate nomination.

The Agate dam project is one of the very last 4th District items left on the agenda of unfinished Congressional business. The Senate passed the Agate bill sponsored by Sens. Morse and Maurine Neuberger. Agate is a $1.8 million water storage and distribution undertaking to irrigate 1810 acres of dry land and add supplemental water for 4820 acres.

Package Deal

Durno said he understood it would be brought up in a package with two other small reclamation bills, one sponsored by Rep. Ullman for the Crooked river near Prineville, the third in Washington state. Under the procedure to be used, the legislation would have to pass by unanimous consent – that is, a single objection could block it.

Durno said the only difficulty might come from Rep. John Saylor (R-Pa.), who doesn't favor the Crooked river bill and might object. He said there is no Republican objection to his bill for Agate dam. It may come up later this week.

Public Hearing on Zoning Set Tuesday

Phoenix—Residents of the Southwest hPoenix zoned area are reminded of the public hearing on the zoning ordinance Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the courthouse auditorium in Medford at 8 p.m.

County Judge Earl Miller said that the public hearing is required by Oregon law prior to an election being held on the matter.

Residents who have not received copies of the zoning ordinance in the mail should contact the Jackson county planning office in the courthouse.

United Crusade Drive Starts; Goal of $167,683

A "Decade of Success" is the aim of campaign solicitors for the United Crusade of Jackson county who met this morning for a one hour kick-off breakfast at the Medford Elks club.

"Nine previous successful campaigns have given our community a record of achievement unequalled in the entire state," declared Douglas Gordenier, president of the United Crusade.

"The United Crusade is a group of citizens voluntarily working for the betterment of our total community," Gordenier stated, "and is possible only in a free society."

Jackson County Judge Earl Miller joined with United Crusade representatives in urging county wide support of the fund raising campaign.

The goal of $167,683 for 1962-63 will support 30 member agencies for health, youth and welfare services to the county, according to Bob Heffernan, campaign chairman. Heffernan introduced division heads who will work with the 175 solicitors present at the breakfast meeting.

Jerry McGrew is serving as assistant campaign chairman with Robert Nelson, forest products division chairman; John Dubay, professional; Russ Acheson, public employees; Robert Dill, distribution; Robert Kyle, retail; Daryl Farnham, commercial; Wynne Grier, service; Lyle Sams, town and country; Bob Kagy, publicity, and Mrs. Vincent P. Nicoletti, home crusade.

Discussed Brochure

Lawrence Horton, first vice president, discussed the United Crusade brochure and pledge cards and stressed the importance of their use in explaining the benefits of one campaign for all community services.

N. H. Gladfelter, plant chapter chairman, reported that contacts made by the special plant chapter committee has resulted in pre-campaign pledges totaling $6,500.

The first report meeting for the 1962-63 campaign will be held next Monday noon at the American Red Cross building with luncheon to be served by Medford Rotary club.

MAYOR INJURED

Dallas, Ore. – (UPI) – The mayor of Dallas, A. H. Friesen, 61, was in good condition in a hospital today recovering from a traffic accident late Saturday on Highway 22.

CENTENARIAN—Mrs. Ella Piercy celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday at a party at the Jackson county farm home where she has made her home for the past five years. Four of her five relatives, other women at the home and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Canfield, representing the Crater Lake post, Veterans of Foreign Wars attended the event. The VFW post presented her a cake with 100 candles and her corsage was sent by the Medford Beauty school, whose members styled her hair for the occasion. Earlier in the day she received a note of congratulations from President John F. Kennedy. Mrs. Piercy was born in Indianapolis, Ind., and moved to the Portland area in 1867 where she lived for nearly 80 years. (Knackstedt photo)

Grants Pass Youth Flies Stolen Plane To Redding, Calif.

Grants Pass–A 15-year-old Grants Pass boy with 14 hours of flight instruction made off with a plane from a local airport early this morning, buzzed his neighborhood, led officials on a flying wild goose chase in the Illinois valley and finally landed safely at Redding, Calif.

When asked why he did it, the youth was reported to have replied, "Beats me."

The story began at 1 o'clock this morning when the Josephine county sheriff's department got a call from the boy's father, who reported that his son was not home and that he had just heard a plane buzz the house two or three times.

The boy was crazy about flying, the father added.

A sheriff's officer went with the father to the Snyder airport north of town, where it was discovered that a single-engine plane belonging to Jim Backus of Grants Pass was missing. The boy had flown that particular plane for 30 minutes Sunday afternoon, it was learned.

In Cave Junction Area

At 2:27 a.m., the sheriff's office put out an all points bulletin for the plane and the boy. Three minutes later a call was received from the Civil Air Patrol at Cave Junction, reporting that a plane had been picked up on radar in that area.

Jerry Snyder of Caveman Flying service and a sheriff's officer flew to Cave Junction and while approaching that area at 11,000 feet said they thought they saw a craft flying at 9,000 feet without lights.

On arrival at Cave Junction, however, they learned that radar contact with the missing plane had been lost, and so they returned to Grants Pass.

Nothing further was heard until 5:55 a.m. when the Redding, Calif., police department called to report that the boy had landed at Redding Municipal airport. Both the plane and its pilot were unscathed.

The boy's father and Snyder flew to Redding this morning to pick up the plane and the boy, who was being held by Redding authorities.

SPEAKER SCHEDULED

Portland – (UPI) – Resource leaders from around the nation will speak here next month at the 21st annual convention of National Reclamation association, opening Oct. 17.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Continued fair tonight and Tuesday. Hot and dry again Tuesday afternoon. Low tonight 45-50. High Tuesday 95-100.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	94
Lowest This Morning	47

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	6:18 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	5:54 a.m.
Moonrise tonight	8:57 p.m.
Last Quarter	Sept. 20

Deneb, a most luminous supergiant, is 1400 light years from the Earth. Tonight Deneb is the highest bright star in the sky at moonrise.

4-Story Office Building Collapses; 8 Known Dead

Structure Said Weakened by Excavation Work

Officials Report 17 Persons Missing

Brussels, Belgium –(UPI)– A four-story government building weakened by excavation work next door cracked and collapsed "like a house of cards" with about 50 persons inside today.

Chief Police Commissioner Albert Degryse said eight bodies had been recovered and at least one more still was lying in the debris of the brick and concrete Economics Affairs Ministry building.

Red Cross officials and police, set the number of missing at 17, including 13 office employees and four workers at the adjacent construction site. But government officials said some of these persons may have fled the scene in panic or may not have shown up for work.

Forms Destroyed

Many of the forms used in the national census last December were destroyed in the collapse, making it virtually certain that a new census would have to be held.

Officials said the collapse apparently was caused when a bulldozer working on the construction next door undermined the government structure.

Survivors said they first felt a slight tremor, and a number of them dashed into the street. Seconds later, one side of the building crumpled. The floors sagged, pitching people and office furniture into a giant mound.

The four floors, unhinged on one side, fell down like flaps on the one remaining wall. The overhanging walls hampered rescue work.

Several priests went through the wreckage administering the last rites.

King Baudouin, fresh from a Spanish vacation, hurred to the scene in the heart of his capital city.

One ministry employee said he was working at his desk when "suddenly I heard a cracking noise and saw my desk slide sideways . . . I grabbed hold of something . . . I don't know what it was. But it held . . . all the desks slid down . . . I saw one of my colleagues try to struggle up to me. I grasped his hand . . . his feet slipped and he lost hold . . . He disappeared . . . Maybe he is dead."

62 Days Spent on Underground Glacier

Nice, France–(UPI)–A young French scientist, who spent the summer underground studying a prehistoric glacier, emerged into daylight today for the first time since July 16.

"Oh, but it's good to feel the sky," said Michel Siffre, 23, and then: "My eyes . . ."

Mountain police put a canvas hood over Siffre's head. Simple daylight was too much for him, even behind a pair of almost opaque glasses.

Two friends carried him on their backs up from the 426-foot deep Scarasson Chasm in the Alps near the Franco-Italian border to a waiting helicopter that brought him here.

His stay underground, in bitter cold, almost total darkness and harrowing loneliness is the longest on record.

Siffre, who explores and studies caves and caverns in the name of geology, was extremely weak at the end of his ordeal. But a doctor who examined him on the spot said that otherwise his condition was satisfactory.

He said Siffre's extremities were "extremely cold" and noted an apppreciable drop in his blood pressure.

"It was lonely down there," Siffre told newsmen waiting at the top. "I cried. Sometimes I wept uncontrollably."

Siffre lived his 62 days on the glacier in a tent with no means of telling time and only a field telephone for company. When told last Saturday that it was Sept. 15, Siffre registered astonishment.

He thought it was Aug. 28.

Siffre discovered the glacier, now believed part of the biggest subterranean water system in the world, on an expedition into the chasm in the summer of 1961. It is hundreds of thousands of years old and is the only known prehistoric glacier underground.

He set up his camp on it July 16 in order to study it, as well as his own reactions to the darkness, cold, damp and isolation.

Congress Urged To Make Own Decisions in Cuban Situation

Washington –(UPI)– Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.), said today Congress should make its own decisions on what should be done in the Cuba crisis and "not attempt to read the mind of the President."

Keating made the statement to a joint meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees. The session was called to get the administration's views on a resolution to give congressional backing to any action Kennedy might take in regard to Cuba.

The House Foreign Affairs committee was considering a companion measure sponsored by Chairman Thomas E. Morgan, (D-Pa.), and Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Armed Services committee.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk was the top administration spokesman before the Senate group. William P. Bundy, assistant defense secretary for international security, represented his boss, Robert S. McNamara.

Before they were heard, Keating and Winston L. Prouty (R-Vt.), urged approval of stronger proposals than those offered last week by the Democratic congressional leaders.

Keating, co-sponsoring his resolution with Sen. Prescott Bush, (R-Conn.), said it was "dangerous and unrealistic" to call the present military buildup in Cuba only defensive, as Kennedy has done.

"Who is to judge whether a gun, a tank, a torpedo boat, a military plane, is intended for offensive or defensive purposes?" he asked in a prepared statement.

Prouty urged support for a resolution specifically mentioning the Monroe Doctrine and giving the President additional powers to cope with the situation.

Singer Sewing Safe Discovered in Pond

A safe taken from Singer Sewing Machine company, 318 East Main st., sometime during the Labor day week end was found early this afternoon in the Medford corporation pond, city police reported. The safe was said to have contained $75 in cash, two checks and other papers when taken.

BODY FOUND

Portland – (UPI) – The body of John C. Allen, 68, Portland, was found in the Willamette river here Sunday.

Equipment Stolen From Talent Cafe

Talent – Equipment valued at $70 was taken from the Hard Hat cafe here over the week end, Charles Roberts, Talent police officer, reported this morning. Someone entered the cafe by prying open the front door Friday night or Saturday morning.

Taken were a milk shake mixer, toaster, French fryer and a knife. The cafe, formerly operated by the Bud Giffin family, had been closed for several days.

Immunization Clinics For Rabies Scheduled

Prineville – (UPI) – Public clinics for immunizing pets against rabies have been scheduled for Bend, Redmond, Prineville and Madras for Sept. 18-26.

The action follows discovery of rabid bats in the area.

Union Roofers Strike In Willamette Valley

Salem – (UPI) – A strike by union roofers started today in the Central Willamette Valley.

The union has members at Salem, Albany, Corvallis and McMinnville.

Senate Votes Freer Hand in Felled Timber

Washington – (UPI) – The Senate today passed and sent to the President legislation to give the interior secretary a freer hand in selling fallen timber from public lands outside of national forests.

The bill would permit the secretary to dispose of timber that is "dead, down or damaged" by negotiated sale rather than advertised competitive bidding under several conditions.

No Need Visioned for Increase in Gold Price

Washington – (UPI) – Per Jacobsson, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said today that "formidable lines of defense" protect the dollar and remove any possible need for an increase in the price of gold.

Jacbsson, a highly regarded Swedish economist, lined up solidly behind the U.S. view that gold guarantees for foreign dollar holders have "no merit" and that the official U.S. gold price should remain at $35 an ounce.

It has been suggested, mostly abroad, that the price of gold should be doubled to increase the world's financial resources. Raising the gold price would be tantamount to devaluing the dollar, the major reserve currency held by other nations.

President Kennedy has said the United States will not devalue. He undoubtedly will reaffirm this stand in a speech Thursday to free world finance ministers gathered here for the annual conference of the Monetary Fund and World Bank.

NEWS BRIEFS
ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

FRENCH LIEUTENANT CONFESSES ROLE

Paris–(UPI)–A French air force lieutenant colonel who made arrangements for President Charles de Gaulle's airplane flights has confessed to being the top ringleader of the plot to assassinate him Aug. 22, police said today.

He was identified as Lt. Col. Jean-Marie Bastien Thiry, 34, of the French air force.

SUIT SEEKS TO BAR SEGREGATION

Washington–(UPI)–The federal government, in the first suit of its kind, today asked a Richmond, Va. federal court to bar segregated education for children of federally employed parents in Prince George County, Va.

SENATE DEBATES TRADE BILL

Washington–(UPI)–The Senate began debate today on the trade bill—President Kennedy's No. 1 legislative request.

BARGAIN DAYS END TONIGHT, 10 PM!