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Astronaut Cooper Given Big Welcome in Capital

Three-Minute Ovation Given By Congressmen

Kennedy Presents Medal for Flight

Washington - (UPI) - Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper, 36, beaming with joy and drawing out thanks, received a tumultuous hero's welcome in the nation's capital today.

In a day of great personal triumph for the Oklahoman, who was the youngest and last of the original astronauts to fly, Cooper was honored by the chief executive, Congress and the people for his spectacular 22.9-orbit trip around earth.

"Thank you very much," he drawled to Kennedy after being presented with a space medal in the White House rose garden.

"You can't imagine what an honor it is to be here," he told senators and representatives who jammed like sardines into the House chamber to hear him speak and then gave him a three-minute ovation.

Cooper's Day of Glory

It was a day of glory that he shared with his wife and two daughters, his mother and six of the astronauts who blazed America's path into space. The seventh, John H. Glenn Jr., was in Japan, but Kennedy said he is "with us in spirit."

Cooper, in his address to Congress, also told something of the faith that helped sustain him during his lonely flight in space.

He said he named his space craft Faith 7 because of his belief in God, his loyalty to his organization and his confidence in the entire space team.

He went on to say that he was "not much of a preacher" but that he took time over the Indian Ocean during his 7th orbit to tape record a prayer in which he thanked God "for letting me be in this position" and "seeing these stars you have created."

He said he also asked God to help Americans work with one another to make his and future space flights a success and "to be with all our families."

Speciators Line Route

Starting just before noon and going on into the afternoon, the major was honored and feted by the great and the small. Police estimated that 250,000 persons lined Pennsylvania ave. to watch him parade to Capitol Hill.

Kennedy, at the White House, paid tribute to Cooper and the original seven astronauts as "a very distinguished group of Americans."

He said that "in this rather settled society, they demonstrated that there are great frontiers still to be crossed, and in flying through space have carried with them the wishes, the prayers, the hopes and the pride of 180 million of their fellow countrymen."

BODY FOUND

Longview, Wash. - (UPI) - The body of Rickey Krugle, 3, was found in the Columbia river near here Monday afternoon.

ISRAEL ELECTS THIRD PRESIDENT

Jerusalem, Israel - (UPI) - Russian-born Zalman Shazar, 73, one of Israel's pioneering settlers, was elected the nation's third president today.

ANDERSON NAMED ENVOY TO PORTUGAL

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy today named Adm. George W. Anderson Jr., retiring chief of naval operations, a U.S. ambassador to Portugal.

FOUR INDICTED FOR JUROR TAMPERING

Nashville, Tenn. - (UPI) - Four more persons were indicted by a federal grand jury today for allegedly tampering with the jury which tried International Teamster President James R. Hoffa's \$1 million conspiracy case here last year.

WHEAT FARMERS VOTE REFERENDUM TODAY

Washington - (UPI) - The nation's wheat farmers vote today in a referendum that could signal a turning point in the concept of federal aid to all farm programs.



RECEIVES MEDAL—President Kennedy is shown as he pinned the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Distinguished Service Medal on astronaut L. Gordon Cooper in a ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House today. Cooper was given a hero's welcome in Washington in recognition of his 22 orbits of the earth last week. (UPI)

U. S. Shrugs Off Russian Bid for Removal of Subs

NATO Conference Opens Wednesday

Ottawa - (UPI) - The United States today shrugged off Russia's proposal for removing American Polaris submarines from the Mediterranean as Secretary of State Dean Rusk pushed for even stronger nuclear defense plans under NATO.

Rusk's aides said he was certain the Soviet note, obviously timed for impact on the opening NATO session Wednesday, would have no effect on plans to ratify closer coordination of nuclear power under the alliance. Three nuclear-armed U.S. submarines in the Mediterranean are key elements in this plan.

Strategy Discussion

Rusk meanwhile met with Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson for a far-ranging strategy discussion which underlined a new era in Canadian-American defense cooperation.

Rusk's meeting with Pearson highlighted a round of consultations undertaken by the secretary in preparation for the NATO Council opening.

'Clumsy' Maneuver

American officials described the Russian maneuver as a "clumsy" and "blatantly propagandistic" effort to try to sabotage the new NATO nuclear coordination arrangement, which includes the three U.S. submarines and their nuclear weapons.

A Soviet blast of some sort had been expected, U.S. officials said, since the Kremlin customarily unloads some propagandist gimmick on the eve of NATO Council meetings.



COL. JOHN POWERS Officials Not Surprised

Powers Expected To Quit Post at Mercury Control

Houston - (UPI) - Col. John A. (Shorty) Powers, reported to be on the way out of the Project Mercury team, was expected to arrive in Houston today instead of going to Washington with space hero L. Gordon Cooper.

Powers would not confirm or deny a story in a Houston newspaper Monday that he intends to resign. He said he might make an announcement by Friday.

Powers said from Cape Canaveral Monday that he does not intend to go to Washington or to take part in any of the festivities arranged for Cooper. Instead, he said, he will arrive in Houston sometime this evening.

Announcement Due

The newspaper story from Cape Canaveral quoted high officials as saying that Powers intends to announce his resignation soon.

In Houston, officials of the Manned Spacecraft Center were not surprised when asked about the report. One spokesman said he had heard the rumors, but nothing official.

Powers, an Air Force officer, has been on the Project Mercury assignment for about four years. A spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the normal tour of duty is three years. Powers will be eligible for retirement in 1964.

Powers, 41, was heard by millions of radio and television listeners as the "voice of Mercury control." He is public affairs director for the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston.

Statement Brings Mail To Hatfield

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield said Monday a statement he made opposing left-wing or right-wing extremists has resulted in heavy mail, most of it unfriendly.

The governor made the remarks at the recent Western Governors' Conference in Phoenix. Among them, he said, "I have no time for the extremists or fanatics of either wing."

Hatfield said today most of the criticism has come from around the country, especially from California, from members of the right wing. He said the tone of some of the letters has been "very harsh."

Hatfield also commented on national GOP politics at his weekly news conference. He called New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Pennsylvania Gov. William Scranton, Michigan Gov. George Romney and Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) all "serious contenders" for the presidency.

Milk Amendments Approved by House

Salem - (UPI) - The House voted 42-16 today to approve Senate amendments to the milk price control bill, and sent the measure to the governor for signature.

The bill was approved 21-8 in the Senate Monday after several minor amendments had been added.

Agreement on Senate amendments was asked by Rep. Kessler Cannon (R-Bend), sponsor of the bill. Rep. Shirley Field (R-Portland) opposed agreement, but was unable to get the bill sent back to committee. She said the bill would add to the milk surplus.

The measure controls milk prices at the producer level through a pool quota system.

'Yturri Plan' Under Attack By Senators

Salem - (UPI) - A minority block of senators fought a "constitution for Oregon's future" today because they said its legislative apportionment section would take the state backward more than a century.

Debate opened on the Senate floor on a move headed by Sens. Don Willner (D-Portland) and Glen Stadler (D-Eugene) to delete the "Yturri plan" now in the document and substitute a plan similar to Oregon's present one.

Willner said the plan of Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) would be less fair per voter than the plan the present constitution started out with 108 years ago.

The constitution since has been amended. Its present plan was approved a decade ago.

Flexibility Sought

The Willner plan would keep the present plan except for making sizes of the House and Senate flexible.

The debate centered on varying interpretations of the Yturri plan. Willner called it ambiguous, and said it contained a mandate to give preference to the least populous counties.

He said its population formula was such that there would be "more and more disproportion and malproportion as the decades go by."

Yturri replied there has been "a great deal of misunderstanding and misrepresentation" about his plan.

He said it "bears no resemblance to the plan defeated by voters last November that would have taken land area into account."

Other Move Considered  
If the Willner-Stadler move to substitute their plan failed, they planned to try to defeat the document in order to get it sent back to committee. It would take a two-thirds vote of the Senate—20 of its 30 members—to pass. Then it would have to go back to the House.

Help Is Sought To Move Docks

The Jackson county parks and recreation commission last night agreed to advise the county court that it should apply for federal assistance in moving boat docks at Howard Prairie to a storm-protected location.

This request will be made when representatives of the parks commission and county court meet with federal agency representatives Wednesday in Portland. Recreational operation of Howard, Hyatt and Emigrant lakes is governed by the bureau of reclamation, national park service and the bureau of land management where BLM land may surround any of the federal reservoirs in the county.

The commission last night approved a letter prepared by Parks Director Neil Ledward to the federal agencies pointing out that the present docks location is costly for maintenance and hazardous at Howard Prairie.

The commission also directed Ledward to make an agreement with Herbert Herzog, former Medford restaurant supply operator, on a concession at Emigrant lake. Herzog proposes to use a large concession truck for selling refreshments.

Further details on granting Ashland organizations permission to hold a water show at Emigrant lake June 22 and 23 will have to be worked out, the commission said. Permission must first be received from the state marine board.

Overhulse said he would poll the Senate on the 3-cent proposal, although he was not enthusiastic.

Eymann suggested a minimum tax formula based on a \$5 filing fee, or 1 per cent of income. He said it would be a base-broadening feature.

Overhulse replied "We will consider that. If we make that concession what will we get in return? Will you drop the cigarette tax?"

Big Concession  
Eymann replied "We've given up the net receipts feature, that was a big concession."

It was at this point that Atiyeh said he was not yet willing to give up the cigarette tax or the net receipts feature.

Elfstrom said he wanted figures on a 5 per cent standard deduction, coupled with a capital gains feature. He also suggested a change in the tax credit to \$25 for a personal exemption, and \$17.50 for each dependent.

Eymann commented "You are going to have a tough time selling capital gains in the House."

Pope Cancels All Private Audiences For Nine Days

Vatican City - (UPI) - Pope John XXIII, fatigued by a heavy round of public appearances, is cancelling private audiences for a nine-day period of "spiritual retirement," a high Vatican source said today.

The source said the Pope, 81, planned to go ahead with Wednesday's weekly general audience in St. Peter's as scheduled.

Reliable sources inside the Vatican said the Pope has suffered another "weak spell" in the last 48 hours and there is preoccupation about his condition.

But the high source said private audiences, including regular meetings with aides, would be cancelled beginning Friday for a solemn novena (nine days of prayers) leading up to the Feast of Pentecost June 2.

Such a period of retirement and spiritual exercises is normal in the pre-Christmas season, but unusual as a preparation for Pentecost.

The source said the Pope made the decision to give special solemnity to Pentecost in this year of the Ecumenical Council.

But the source also admitted that the Pope over-exerted himself during long public ceremonies this month in which he was awarded the Balzan Peace Prize.

Another reliable Vatican source said the Pope has felt "very weak" in recent days.

Small Forest Fires Started by Storm; Outages Reported

A late afternoon thunderstorm in the Rogue Valley area yesterday left up to .60 of an inch of rain in some areas and brought with it some gusty winds which uprooted at least one tree in the Grants Pass area.

Lightning accompanied the showers caused seven small forest fires, none of them serious. Several small power outages were reported.

A total of .60 of an inch of precipitation was recorded at Grants Pass. Medford received only .11 of an inch, while there was .38 at Howard Prairie.

A half hour downpour at Grants Pass between 7 and 7:30 p.m. caused some flash flooding on downtown business streets. While some parts of the city got heavy amounts of rain, others got hardly any at all, it was reported. Hail the size of marbles fell in some places.

Crews on Fires  
The state forestry department reported it had crews out on four small lightning-caused fires, two in the lower Table Rock area and two in the Applegate area.

Rogue River National forest crews were controlling one fire near Duncan gap on the Little Applegate drainage area and another on Seven Mile ridge in the Ashland district. A third was reported late this morning on Dog fork in the Applegate area.

Both the state and U.S. forest service had patrol planes out hunting for signs of smoke.

All seven fires were confined to snags or stumps, however, it was reported.

More Thundershowers  
The weather forecast for tonight and Wednesday called for more thundershowers, with clearing expected Wednesday night.

Frank Benesh, district manager of Pacific Power and Light company, said there were several small power outages because of the storm. Most of the time involved blown line and transformer fuses, which were replaced within a short time.

The largest outage, in the Mt. Pitt-Winchester area, involved about 150 customers at one time, Benesh said. Power outages started about 5:15 p.m. yesterday, and power was restored by 10:30 p.m.

Service Station Is Burglarized in City  
Break and entry of the Texaco Service Station at the corner of Eighth and Grape sts. was reported to Medford police this morning, another in a rash of robberies in the Medford and Jacksonville area.

The lock had apparently been picked and an undetermined amount of money taken, police said.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness and occasional showers or thundershowers tonight. Partly cloudy with scattered showers through Wednesday. Clearing Wednesday night. Low tonight 52. High Wednesday 67. Highest Yesterday 92. Lowest This Morning 54. To 10 a.m. Today Prec 11

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 8:31 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:45 a.m. The moon rises 5:45 a.m. tomorrow and is in Perigee. For the next 18 nights the planets, Mars, will continue to move nearer the star, Regulus. They are in the west tonight. (Mars is on the right; Regulus on the left)

Five Juveniles Apprehended Here

Apprehension of five juveniles ranging from 14 to 16 years old has cleared up a series of burglaries in Jacksonville county, sheriff's deputies reported today.

Four of the juveniles have been released to their parents, and one has been referred to juvenile authorities.

Two burglaries at Red Arrow Real Estate office in Jacksonville have been admitted to, sheriff's deputies said. Juveniles admitted taking a key from the real estate office Friday night and a telephone there Sunday night.

Deputies are questioning the juveniles regarding the burglary of Coleman's Hardware and Liquor store in Jacksonville Sunday night.

A number of disconnected telephones were taken from vacant houses in Jacksonville recently, the juveniles admitted. Yesterday afternoon deputies apprehended a 14-year-old Medford boy crawling in a window at 1599 Kings highway. He had no connection with the other burglaries, deputies said.

Roseburg Hottest Place in Oregon

A forecast of thunderstorms today raised the danger of fires in forests made dry by unusually hot May Oregon weather.

Scattered thundershowers were predicted for mountain areas late today, with cooler temperatures expected Wednesday.

Roseburg was the hot spot Monday with 94, highest reported in the state so far in 1963. The Dalles and Medford had 93, Salem 92 and Portland 91.

NEWS BRIEFS AROUND THE GLOBE