

Man and Space

Shepard Becoming Impatient at Wait For Space Flight

By ALVIN B. WEBB JR. Cape Canaveral—The farland of a space hero's fame once hung around his shoulders, but that was two years ago. Today, Alan B. Shepard Jr. is a dissatisfied man with a burning ambition. His hopes range into the future, to the day when the United States launches its next man into space on the orbital path that started with John Glenn and ran through 2.9 orbits with L. Gordon Cooper Jr.

Canaveral, it is a cinch that Al Shepard will be aboard. He already has been promised the role as America's next orbiting astronaut. But in the meantime, the slender Navy commander simply must wait. And waiting has never been one of Al Shepard's strong points. Even now, those who know him realize he is mentally pacing the floor in almost grim, certainly impatient, expectation. Some say the wait already has been too long — so long, in fact, that Shepard's case is something of a paradox:

—He made his nation's first, and perhaps most dangerous because it was the first, space flight on May 5, 1961, when he soared more than 100 miles aboard a Redstone rocket on an "up-and-down" sub-orbital ride. But the name of America's first space hero has been overshadowed in the subsequent glamour of the orbital voyages.

—Many within the ranks of the federal space agency itself rate Shepard "the best" of the original seven Mercury astronauts. And yet he had to stand on the sidelines four

times while other astronauts made all the orbital trips for the United States.

Now the Washington administrative head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is ready to bury Project Mercury — and no official yet has stepped forward to explain why Shepard, the man who made the first "textbook" flight, was never given a chance at the program's main goal, the launching of men on orbital flights.

There are a lot of things Shepard is not. He isn't the

"All American boy" type of John Glenn, nor the warm and human breed personified by Walter M. Schirra Jr., nor the fun-loving kind such as Gordon Cooper.

He is, however, coldly efficient and confident where there are grounds for confidence... a man who seems at times almost devoid of emotions, who never seems to become frightened or jittery.

To some, this adds up to a description of Al Shepard as an "ice cube" or a "human computing machine."

These also could be the

qualities of what might be called the "perfect astronaut" — or, as one put it, the "super-astronaut."

Detecting Device Developed For Dust

Chicago — UPI — Scientists here have developed a device which helps them listen to dust.

The new instrument for detecting particles in the air by their acoustical effect was developed by the Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology.

Pendleton Chamber Manager Resigns

Pendleton — UPI — Resignation of Ed Opocensky as manager of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce was announced Wednesday by chamber president Robert Sussman.

The resignation is effective June 30. Opocensky came to Pendleton in 1959 from Fairbanks, Alaska. He announced no plans for the future.

Washington — UPI — A House education subcommittee Wednesday approved a bill that would provide \$34.5 million to train teachers for physically and mentally handicapped children.

KIMMY SAYS—

Editor's note: This column is written by a Medford teen ager who has chosen the nom de plume of "Kimmy." Other teen agers in the area—and, who knows, perhaps even parents baffled at their offspring's behavior — are invited to write to "Kimmy," in care of the Mail Tribune, for suggestions or advice on manners, dress, behavior and similar subjects.

Dear Kimmy: How can you determine the right allowance for a person?

Money Bag
Dear Money Bag: I take it you are a girl! There are many things to be considered. An allowance is a very important thing; it brings on responsibility for the individual.

First of all, the things you should consider are: will your lunch money come out of this, will you have to buy all your clothes, or pay for just the little extras you would like to have? And consider the family budget. Not knowing any of these things, I can't tell you the exact amount you should receive. I'm sure if you talk this over with your parents and consider the three points I mentioned, you will come to a reasonable amount for your allowance. Kim—

Dear Kimmy: How can I get more baby-sitting jobs? I apply for them all the time, but they never call me. Thank you.

Hopeless
Dear Hopeless: I really don't think you are hopeless. What did you look like when you applied for your baby-sitting job? You probably rushed right over from school, not bothering to freshen up. You did this because you didn't want anyone to beat you to the job. I can understand that point of view, but what do you think the Mother of these children you were to take care of thought of you? Your hair not combed very neat, a wrinkled skirt, soiled blouse, and weighted down with books. She probably said to herself, "Do I want someone like this to stay with my children?" Baby-sitting isn't as simple as it might see. You carry a load of responsibilities on your shoulders. These children are in your care and you would feel just awful if something should ever happen to any of them.

Next time try to be a little "cooler" and dress neatly. You would like to get this baby-sitting job. You will make a very good baby-sitter because you are willing to find your errors and correct them. I'm sure you'll have much better luck. Kim—

Dear Kimmy: How can I get a good tan in a hurry?

Pale Face
Dear Pale Face: Don't get sunburned! Go easy on the sun, you're not very used to it. The sun can do more harm than good to you. Don't try to get your tan all at once. A tan looks real sharp, but a "crisp, french-fried" person isn't appealing to anyone. Kim—

Dear Kimmy: How can I keep from smoking when I grow-up?

A Boy
Dear Boy: Grow up and never have that first cigarette. Kim—

Dear Kimmy: What kind of summer jobs are offered, that are more fun than work?

Lazy
Dear Lazy: I don't know this "fun and no work" place, but if you ever find one, please tell me! You'll make a fortune. What may be fun to you may be a bore to someone else. Perhaps a job located at a recreation place, like a lake, is what you want. If you like house work I'm sure some woman would love to have you clean her house. Do her ironing or window washing. Sounds like work, doesn't it? If you like putting in a garden, you may enjoy doing someone's gardening. If you look around you should find something you will enjoy doing. If at first you don't succeed, pull weeds!! Kim—

Dear Kimmy: My teenage daughter can never keep her room very clean. What's the matter with her.

Worried Mom
Dear Worried Mom: Mother, NOTHING is wrong with your daughter. She is as normal as can be. (Incidentally, to those of you who may be wondering, my mother didn't write this in. I don't think!! I am normal too. Kim—) Someday she'll start keeping her room clean. I don't know when, but SOMEDAY. Kim—

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Sculpture in Cheese Wins Prize for Girl

London — UPI — Diana Blanchflower, 20, was among two students at the Slade School of Fine Arts who won \$28 prizes by using cheese in a sculpture competition sponsored by the Australian government trade commissioner.

"I started making it and found myself nibbling away at pieces as I worked," Miss Blanchflower said. "I had to stop, otherwise there would not have been enough."

TYPHOID IDENTIFIED

Harlow, England — UPI — Health officials here said two more cases of typhoid fever were identified Wednesday, bringing to nine the number of confirmed typhoid cases in this town. Officials were trying to determine the cause of the outbreak.