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Russians win space race with first man sent into void, safely returned

Vostok East circles globe before being brought back

MOSCOW — Russia fired a man into orbit around the earth today and brought him back unharmed after 108 minutes in space. Maj. Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin made a little more than one complete orbit of the globe in a five-ton spaceship and then was brought down to a safe landing at a pre-arranged spot in the Soviet Union.

"I feel well," he said as he emerged from the spaceship after landing. "I have no injuries or bruises."

Gagarin, a 27-year-old father of two young children, one of them born just a month ago, told the official Soviet news agency Tass that everything went as planned both during the flight and on the landing.

He asked Tass to report this "to the party and government and personally to Nikita Khrushchev."

The Soviet premier, holidaying at a Black Sea resort, immediately sent a telegram to Gagarin saying: "I warmly congratulate you. I embrace you."

The astronaut was put into an orbit that took him around the earth in 89.1 minutes. He reported by radio during the flight that he was "feeling well" and "withstanding the state of weightlessness well."

Russia followed up Gagarin's safe return to earth with a statement proclaiming her lead in the space race and appealing for world peace and disarmament.

The appeal, issued by the Communist party's central committee, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet parliament and the Soviet government, declared that Russia's space achievements "are not being put to the service of war but are designed for the peace and security of all people."

First flight completes circle of globe

A statement from the Soviet government and the Communist party said the satellite space ship Vostok East, with Gagarin aboard, rose into outer space at 9:07 a.m. Moscow time "and, having rounded the globe, safely returned to the sacred soil of our homeland, the land of the Soviets."

Vostok landed at 10:55 a.m. Moscow time, 108 minutes after the launching, the Russians said. Neither the point of the takeoff nor the location of the landing was announced.

Soviet scientists watched Gagarin during his flight by television, and he was in constant radio communication with a Russian control station, the Russians said. Messages from him while in flight saying that he was well were broadcast to the breathless public.

Tass reported that Gagarin on landing said:

"Please report to the party and government and personally to Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev that the landing was normal. I feel well, have no injuries or bruises."

Khrushchev, in his message of congratulations to Gagarin, said the "entire Soviet people acclaim your valiant feat which will be remembered down the centuries as an example of courage, gallantry and heroism in the name of service to mankind."

Moscow went wild with celebration at the news of Gagarin's successful return to earth. Loudspeakers blared out the announcement throughout the city, students cheered and shouted in Red Square and Moscow Radio broadcast special songs marking the flight.

World hails Soviet space achievement

Scientists around the world hailed the Soviet achievement. The Young Communist League entered the name of Gagarin in its book of honor, terming him an "outstanding example of selfless service to the homeland."

Moscow radio said the orbit took him within about 110 miles of earth at its nearest point and about 180 miles away from earth at its farthest point.

The launching and successful return of a human to earth gave Russia victory in the gruelling race with the United States to put the first man into space and made space flight—long the province of science fiction—an actuality.

The spaceship weighed 10,640 pounds with the astronaut aboard but not including the weight of the final stage of the carrier-rocket.

Moscow radio broke into its broadcasts at 22 a.m. (EST) to tell listeners that an important announcement was coming up in two minutes.

Then, speaking slowly and clearing, Moscow radio's senior announcer said:

"This is Moscow. All radio stations of the Soviet Union . . . we are broadcasting the Tass statement on the world's first flight by man into cosmic space. . . ."

As he reached the words "into cosmic space," the announcer's voice rose dramatically and he paused for the full implication to sink in.

Russians stage celebration

After the Tass statement, triumphant music blared over the network, including songs glorifying Russian spacemen heroes.

The "grand manner" of Moscow radio announcers has been used for all important events, including the launching of the first Sputniks and the death of Stalin.

The launching had been preceded by rumors that spread like wildfire through the Soviet capital Tuesday that Russia had successfully put a man into orbit and brought him back.

But the official announcement made clear that the launching had taken place today.

Apparently the Communist Daily Worker of London had jumped the gun by a few hours by announcing in today's edition—available Tuesday night—that the Russians had launched the first man into space and brought him back alive.

Gagarin's flight came almost exactly three years and six months to the day after the Soviet scientists launched the first artificial earth satellite, Sputnik I, put into space October 4, 1957.

Dogs pioneer space system

The first living thing projected into orbit by human scientists was the dog Laika, which went aloft in Russia's Sputnik No. 2 November 3, 1957.

Laika, a martyr to progress, whizzed around the earth for a week and then died.

The first living higher animals to be orbited and brought back alive were the dogs Strelka and Belka. They went up and returned safely August 10, 1960, in what Russia called Spacecraft No. 2.

March 9 the dog Chernushka Blackie orbited and came back with a guinea pig and a black mouse in Spacecraft No. 4.

Spacecraft No. 1, sent up May 15, 1960, was without living passengers. Spacecraft No. 3, with two dogs aboard, orbited December 1, 1960. The recovery system failed and it burned up in the atmosphere.

The first artificial satellite of all, the Soviet Union's Sputnik I, went into orbit October 4, 1957.

Since then Russia and the United States have put more than 50 satellites into space.

They included the American Pioneer V, sent up March 11, 1960, and placed in orbit around the sun, and Russia's Venus Probe, launched February 12, 1961, and still bound in the general direction of earth's sister planet.

Province to launch Indian liquor test

VICTORIA (CP) — The provincial government would welcome complete liquor rights for Indians and is launching a test case in court to find out if that is possible, Attorney-General Bonner said today.

Mr. Bonner said the government would like to know if the new federal Bill of Rights supercedes the federal Indian Act, which forbids Indians from having liquor off reserves.

A magistrate at Lillooet, 150 miles north of Vancouver, ruled that the Bill of Rights has precedence to the Indian Act. He dismissed a charge of unlawful possession of beer off a reserve against Hector MacDonald of Pavillion.

The charge was laid under Section 94 of the Indian Act.

The magistrate said the section was discriminatory and therefore is superceded by the Bill of Rights which guarantees equality to all Canadians.

Mr. Bonner said his department is appealing the case to a higher court not because it disagrees with the magistrate but for "clarification" of the ruling.

"If the Bill of Rights has some precedence over the Indian Act then I would say the liquor question is wide open," said Mr. Bonner.

This would mean Indians have the same liquor rights as other Canadians in every province. He said the B.C. government would welcome this.

The case will be heard in county court.

City band gets leader

A new conductor has been appointed to lead the Prince Rupert Civic Band which has been leaderless since the departure early this year of J. G. Arduini.

G. R. SAHLEN
. . . to lead city band

The new conductor, who will be making his first appearance with the band April 23 at the Civic Centre, is G. R. Sahlen of 218 Ninth Avenue East. He is a shift superintendent at Columbia Cellulose Co. mill.

He has an extensive musical background having played string bass for 17 years with the Ornskoldsvik Symphony Orchestra in Norway — a 60-piece orchestra; and with the London Symphony Orchestra, Ontario, for the short time he was there. Mr. Sahlen has been a musician since he was 14 and is proficient on the piano, the 'cello and baritone horn in addition to his first instrument, the string bass. He also played with the City Symphony Orchestra until its demise.

The concert next week will be augmented by assisting artists, he said. A full program will be announced next week.

Juvenile suspended

Final disposition of a 17-year-old juvenile was suspended when he appeared in court Saturday before Juvenile Court Judge E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of driving without adequate brakes.

The juvenile admitted his delinquency to the charge which was laid following an incident April 5.

Tender calls useless says Saanich official

VICTORIA (CP) — municipal engineer said Tuesday British Columbia municipalities should band together and appeal to the federal government to make a complete investigation into charges of bid-rigging and price fixing.

Neville Life, chief engineer of the neighboring Saanich engineering department, said it is "getting to be a sheer waste of time calling for bids."

Saanich public works committee Monday recommended to council that federal Justice Minister Fulton be asked to investigate price fixing by distributors in the Greater Victoria area.

The committee's action followed submission of a report by Mr Life which disclosed that four firms had submitted identical bids on various types of street lights.

Three of the firms—Canadian General Electric Company, Canadian Westinghouse Supply Company Limited and Northern Electric Company Limited—are the same companies which submitted identical bids for electrical fixtures to the City of Victoria in 1959.

The fourth firm is G. B. Horsman of Vancouver.

The city protested but accepted one of the bids.

PRIME MINISTERS MEET — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Great Britain and Prime Minister John Diefenbaker met at the beginning of the former's visit to Canada at Uplands Airport, Ottawa. During his stay the British Prime Minister with his wife, Lady Dorothy, will be guests of the governor-general.

Macmillan urges Canada to join European bloc

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Macmillan has suggested that Britain might prove a better market for Canadian products if she joined the European Common Market than if she remains an independent economic unit.

At a press conference here Tuesday, he also pledged that Britain will have full regard for her Commonwealth commitments in working out its future economic relations with western Europe.

He expressed hope that the development of trading blocs in Europe will lead eventually to the establishment of an Atlantic free trade area. But he did not think this could succeed unless it were supplemented by some kind of credit structure to stabilize industries in a transitional period of falling tariffs.

"We have a long way to go but that is no reason not to take any steps we can," the British leader said.

ATTENDS RECEPTION

The late-afternoon press conference was held as Mr. Macmillan neared the end of his 2½-day visit here. He went from it to a reception at the residence of British High Commissioner Sir Saville Garner, followed by dinner given by Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

Mr. Macmillan and his party, which includes his wife, Lady Dorothy, were scheduled to take off from Uplands airport this morning to return to Britain.

The British and Canadian prime ministers were in close agreement that a North Atlantic trade community can be built out of existing economic organs.

Mr. Diefenbaker told reporters following a 65-minute conference with Mr. Macmillan Tuesday afternoon that the trend seems to be toward tying together Europe's two existing trade blocs with the fledgling Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Since Canada and the United States are members of OECD, this development would represent effective implementation of Article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty, calling for economic co-operation.

Dental ailments prevalent in B.C. schools

VICTORIA (CP) — More than 93 per cent of British Columbia's elementary school children have some form of dental ailment, the provincial health department said Tuesday in a report.

The department report termed the incidence of cavities, crooked teeth and gum disease "appalling".

It is the last of three reports prepared during the last three years by the division of preventive dentistry in co-operation with practising dentists.

The study did not show a significant reduction of tooth decay in areas where community water supplies were artificially fluoridated.

U-2 pilot to be free

LONDON (AP) — The London Daily Mail said Tuesday American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers will be freed from a Soviet prison in a few weeks and will choose to stay in Russia, The Mail's Moscow correspondent, John Mossman, reported.

"I understand he would like his wife Barbara to join him and she is anxious to come here."

The Mail said Powers will probably walk to freedom May 1 —exactly a year after his United States reconnaisance plane was shot down over Russia.

The newspaper quoted Mrs. Powers as saying in New York: "I would love to go to Moscow to join my husband. I will go out to him if possible, even if he decided to stay on after his release."

"Yes, I have heard Gary is to be released."

In Washington, a State Department spokesman, asked if Powers was to be released, said: "We haven't heard anything about it."

Principal quits Port Simpson

The principal of the Indian Day School at Port Simpson has been appointed to position with the office of the commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Ian Grant, the present principal, will relinquish his position to Miss Theresa Robicheau this week and take up his new position in Victoria. Mr. Grant is married with two children.

His new duties will entail education supervision of courses in higher study available for Indian students in high schools, technical and vocational institutes. Before coming to Canada he spent five years as an education officer on the Gold Coast, West Africa. P. W. Friesen will take over Mr. Grant's classes.

Pioneer dies

VANCOUVER (CP) — William J. Crawford, who built one of the biggest pack horse freighting businesses in British Columbia's pioneer days, died here Tuesday. He was 78. Mr. Crawford formed the pack horse business in 1910 at Stewart, where he lived until his death while attending a conference here.

Bashful groom leaves bride

VANCOUVER (CP) — Ground searchers, helicopters and tracking dogs have participated in the hunt for a mail-order English bridegroom, hiding out near the Vancouver International Airport for two weeks.

Object of the search — a $1,000 breeding poodle.

The poodle, named Boy'o, escaped from his crate when he arrived from England.

Since then, the bashful poodle has been spotted several times near the airport, but has sprinted off when anyone has taken up the chase.

Power switch approved for Booth Memorial

The trustees of School District 52 decided to take initial steps in changing Booth Memorial Junior High School from commercial to primary power it was decided Tuesday night after receiving notification from the city council it approved certain financial arrangements.

In a letter read to the city council Monday night the board stated the changeover would save the school operating costs amounting to $3,450 per year.

The board requested the use of $10,000 from the surplus funds from Referendum No. 3 to cover the cost of the installation. This was approved by council.

R. M. Campbell, electrical consulting engineer of Vancouver, will be instructed by the school board to go ahead with the preparation of specifications and estimates for the work.

The project has been approved by the department of education.

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False alarm

Firemen answered a call at 1:10 a.m. today at Fulton Street and Sixth Avenue West. It was found to be a false alarm.

Rotarians asked to give tally of stag tickets

Members of the Prince Rupert Rotary club have been asked to bring their money for tickets to the Second Annual Rotary Jackpot Stag dinner, to tomorrow's luncheon meeting at the Broadway Cafe.

Invitation committee chairman, J. A. Martin, said that it is essential that all Rotarians turn in their money and give an exact tally of the number of tickets sold.

The Rotary stag dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Armoury. Guest speaker is Vancouver Sun columnist Barry Mather and additional talent has been imported from Seattle. A total of $550 in cash and gag prizes will also highlight the evening.

Prince Rupert has now gone 8 1 6 days without a fatal traffic accident.

WIVES MEET — Lady Dorothy, wife of Prime Minister Macmillan of Great Britain, is welcomed to Canada by Mrs. Olive Diefenbaker at Uplands Airport, Ottawa, when she arrived with her husband on a visit to this country. She will be returning to London today at the completion of the brief visit. — CP Wirephoto

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WEATHER

Variable cloudiness and showers in the afternoon. Not much change in temperatures. Northwesterly winds 20. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 38 and 48.

TIDES

Thursday, April 13, 1961 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	12:14	21.0 feet
Low	06:07	8.6 feet
	18:25	8.8 feet