

Shepard Is 'Man Of The Hour'



Alan Shepard, With Fellow Astronaut Donald Slayton, Laughs Joyously After Flight

Champagne Is Used To Toast Flight

GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND, May 5 (AP)—Spaceman Alan B. Shepard's "perfect flight" was toasted in champagne when he arrived here Friday, but doctors waiting to check him over did not allow him to participate.

Flashing a Grand Canyon-sized grin, the hungry Shepard enjoyed a huge shrimp cocktail, roast beef sandwich and iced tea.

Hurried into isolation of a hospital guarded by a sentry with holstered pistol, the young astronaut then began at least 24 hours of comprehensive medical and psychological checkups, and detailed reports on all technicalities of his historic mission.

"He looks great, feels great. He is jolly and joking as he always is," said Capt. Virgil Grissom, a fellow astronaut who admits he was a bit envious and certainly hopes he

will be chosen for the next rocket ride.

Astronaut Donald Slayton called the flight "perfect—it couldn't have been any better," he told Shepard, "you pulled it off real good," in a back-slapping greeting at the airport on this pine and palmetto island.

"Everything went fine," Shepard said within earshot of reporters. He waved, but no interviews were permitted.

Within an hour after Shepard arrived here hard rain

beat a tattoo on the white roof of the aluminum portable hospital erected especially at Grand Bahama auxiliary air force base.

If he was harmed in any way, it didn't show. He was in high spirits when he

stepped off the plane that brought him here after his space capsule was recovered from the ocean.

Lt. Col. John Powers, spokesman for the astronauts, said he had never seen Shepard more cool and calm.

After an extensive physical checkup, Col. William Douglas, personal physician for the astronauts, declared that Shepard was "in excellent

shape and health." He said further tests would be made but he doubted that they would show any ill effects due to the flight.

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In Gamble With Death

Pilot Adds To History Of Courage

By J. M. ROBERTS
AP News Analyst

Courage is a word for which every man provides his own definition, based on his own experience.

What went on in the mind of Alan B. Shepard Jr., during those three hours he sat alone on the nose of the rocket, waiting to go on his gamble with death, or during the long days of waiting after he knew he had been selected?

It is not likely that the earthbound will ever really know. Shepard will tell us something. But the memory does not

accurately record such moments, any more than it does extreme pain, or the agony of watching a loved one approach the critical crisis of illness.

Many men know, however, that time to think with life at stake is an agony all its own. It is time in which a man may fail to hold his course and cry out for release.

When he does not, his name may go down in the history of science, or of war. Or of many other things. It surely goes down in the most carefully preserved annals of mankind—the history of courage.

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JFK Press Conference At A Glance

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—Here are the highlights of President Kennedy's news conference Friday:

SECRETARY UDALL—The President said that Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall had tried to recall a letter which used his name to solicit the oil and gas industry to buy tickets to a Democratic party dinner. "I think this whole question of trying to raise funds for campaigns is a very difficult one," Kennedy said, "and it leads to embarrassments." He urged federal financing of political campaigns.

INTERNATIONAL POSITION—"Well, I think we have grounds for encouragement." He cited several items which he considered bright spots on the horizon:

strengthening of NATO, the progress of India, strengthened ties with Japan, greater recognition in Latin America of the need for a common approach to the problems of poverty, and the astronaut's trip Friday morning.

SOUTH VIET NAM—The problem of (sending U.S.) troops . . . and the matter of what we are going to do to assist Viet Nam obtain its independence is a matter still "under consideration."

CUBA—"We have no plans to train Cuban exiles, as a Cuban force in this country, or in any other country, at this time." The President added, however, that Cubans in this country have the opportunity to serve in the U.S. armed forces.

Truce Negotiations Open

Delegates Spar At Laos Talks

HIN HEUP, Laos, May 5 (AP)—Military negotiators for Laos' warring factions Friday held the first major meeting to work out details of a cease-fire but were unable to agree even on a site for future talks.

Political leaders in Vientiane at the same time proposed that talks begin Saturday in the royal capital of Luang Prabang. Presumably these would be top-level negotiations on forming a coalition government.

The government pointedly ignored rebel proposals that political questions be discussed on the front. Only a military team, led by Brig. Gen. Sing Rathanasamay, was sent to discuss matters relating to Wednesday's cease-fire, such as armistice lines.

The negotiators, six Royal officers and six sent by the pro-Communist Pathet Lao rebels and ex-Premier Souvanna Phouma's self-styled neutralists, met in an abandoned house on the north bank of the Nam Lik River, which runs through Hin Heup, in no-man's-land 55 miles north of Vientiane.

They talked in a friendly atmosphere for 64 minutes while sitting on the bamboo floor.

Royal officers said permanent negotiators should hold the next session in Hin Heup; the rebels said Ban Namone, a village five miles north and nearer rebel-held territory. The rebels said the decision was out of their hands but that an answer could be expected by Sunday.

In London, the British Foreign Office announced Britain and the Soviet Union have agreed an International Control Commission will go to Laos in the near future to supervise the truce. The two powers, as co-chairmen of the 1954 Geneva conference, control the commission.

Prime Minister Nehru of India said in New Delhi, however, he had received no word on when the commission will leave India for Laos.

U.S. Still Lags, Says Kennedy

But Leader Pledges Redoubled Efforts

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—President Kennedy proudly and proudly rejoiced Friday at America's launching of a man into space. But he tempered elation with word that more money must be poured into redoubled efforts to explore space.

Minutes after Navy Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard, Jr., returned from flashing 115 miles into the skies, Kennedy issued a statement saying "All America rejoices in this successful flight"—but it also should provide an incentive for redoubled efforts "in this vital field."

Then at a later news conference the President spoke with pride of Shepard's accomplishment and again the challenge that lies ahead.

He said that yes, he is going to ask congress for additional appropriations—"we are going to make a substantially larger effort in space."

It was the American shot, covered in minute detail by reporters and cameramen, that led off the questioning at Kennedy's news conference. And the queries kept coming back to that.

But the conference also produced word for the Chief Executive that the matter of sending U.S. troops to help South Viet Nam ward off Communist thrusts is "still under consideration." That, he said, is one of the things Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson will take up with the south Vietnamese government on a trip to southeast Asia next week.

Kennedy said the administration is considering carefully all the implications of a complete ban on trade with Cuba. He noted that only

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Mighty Stride Forward

Nation's First Astronaut Arches Through Space

President Lauds Trip From Cape

Conversation With Shepard Recorded

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—When President Kennedy congratulated Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr. by radio-telephone Friday after the astronaut's historic space flight, here is what they said as recorded at the White House:

The President: "Hello commander."

Shepherd: "Yes, sir."

Kennedy: "I want to congratulate you very much."

Shepherd: "Thank you very much, Mr. President."

Kennedy: "We watched you on TV, of course, and we are awfully pleased and proud of what you did."

Shepherd: "Well, thank you, sir. As you know by now, everything worked out just about perfectly. And it was a very rewarding experience for me and for the people who made it possible."

Kennedy: "We are looking forward to seeing you up here, commander."

Shepherd: "Thank you very much. I am looking forward to it, I assure you."

Kennedy: "The members of the National Security Council are meeting on another matter this morning, and they all want me to give you their congratulations."

Shepherd: "Thank you very much, sir, and I am looking forward to meeting you in the near future."

Kennedy: "Thank you, commander, and good luck."

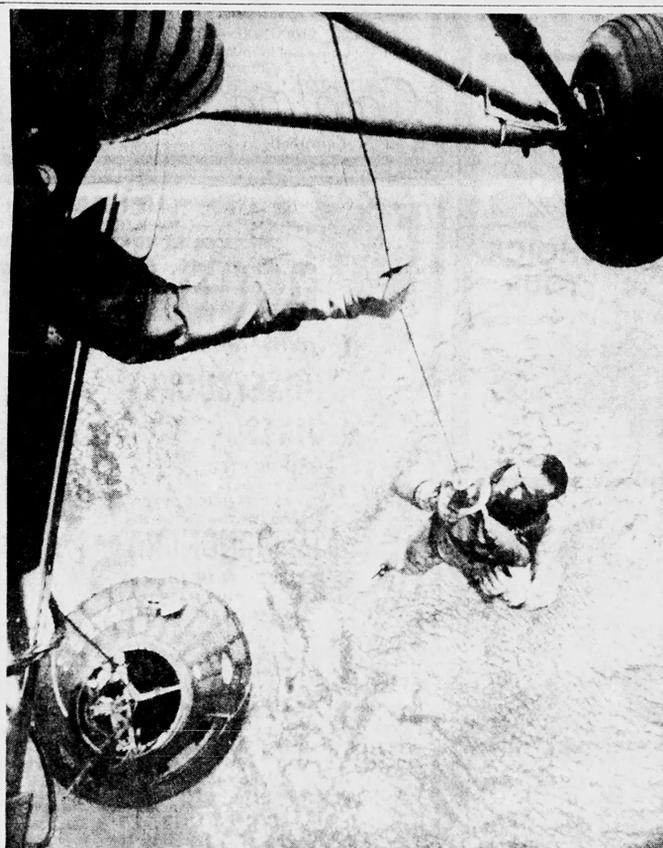
Steel Firm Donates Aid To Education

PITTSBURGH, May 5 (AP)—The United States Steel Foundation said Friday it will contribute \$2,775,000 for aid to education this year.

The money will go to 732 colleges, universities and institutions and to 27 organizations. Chairman Roger M. Blough of the foundation said the donations are to provide "broad-scale and specific efforts to foster excellence in education."

Nevins To Speak

TEMPE, May 5 (AP)—Pulitzer prize-winning historian Allan Nevins will be the main speaker at Arizona State University's annual honors convocation May 12. The convocation is one of several commencement activities.



End Of Historic Trip

In this shot taken from a recovery copter, Astronaut Alan Shepard dangles in a harness at the end of a cable as he is lifted from his space capsule after Friday's historic flight. The capsule, at lower left, still floats in the Atlantic. It was recovered later. At upper left is the head of a copter crewman. (AP Wirephoto)

Dramatic Report During Journey

Navy Man Calm, Alert In Space

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dramatically, in the calm, clipped syllables of a veteran test pilot, Space Man Alan B. Shepard Jr. described his reactions to his flight through space Friday.

Here is a partial text of what he and the Mercury control spokesman at Cape Canaveral said during the 15-minute ride, as heard by millions of radio and television listeners:

At takeoff, 9:34 a.m. (EST): "A-OK full go."

Then . . .

"Cabin pressure A-OK." (A-OK—a rocket engineer's term meaning double OK, or perfect).

"Fuel system go."

"Oxygen go."

"All systems go." This at about 9:35 a.m. EST, a minute after blast off.

"Tower jettisoned."

"Periscope coming out."

"Capsule in flight."

"Free of rocket."

"Switching to manual control."

"What a beautiful view."

Then, from the control center:

"Pilot's condition appears to be excellent."

"Other astronauts are in chase planes."

"Pilot reports cloud cover to Cape Hatteras."

"Initiating retroactive fire sequence." This at about 9:38 a.m.

"One has fired."

"Two has fired."

"Three has fired."

"Excellent voice communication from pilot."

"Retro-rocket packet has jettisoned."

"Pilot reporting facts and figures in the engineering manner of a test pilot." This at about 9:40 a.m. six minutes and 40 seconds after blastoff.

As Shepard approached re-entry into the earth's atmosphere:

"Automatic controls performing properly."

"Nine G coming down OK." This at 9:41 a.m.

"Peak G 11. OK."

Then at 9:43 a.m. it was announced he was at 30,000 feet on the way down.

"Reading him loud and clear," said an announcer.

"First chute has deployed . . . another . . . all systems A-OK."

Down range 290 miles, observers aboard the Carrier Lake Champlain reported seeing a red and white chute descending with Shepard and the capsule just where it was supposed to go.

Shepard's voice became strained only during the time, in acceleration and again in descent, when he was submitted to crushing pressures.

"It's a beautiful day," he told the copter crewmen.

"Boy, what a ride!"

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Doctors Report Pilot's Health Is 'Excellent'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., May 5 (AP)—Beaming "Boy, what a ride!" astronaut Alan B. Shepard returned safely to earth Friday after blasting 115 miles into space—a perfect flight that gave the United States a mighty stride forward in the space race with Russia.

"What a beautiful sight," the 37-year-old test pilot exulted at the top of his 15-minute hop into space and back.

His 6-by-9-foot space capsule reached speeds of 5,100 miles an hour before plunging back down into the Atlantic 302 miles southeast, where it was plucked from the waves by a helicopter.

Shepard was flown immediately to the carrier Lake Champlain, where physicians began checking him over for any ill effects.

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"I don't think there's much you'll have to do to me, doc," he told one of the medics.

From the carrier Shepard was flown to a hospital on nearby Grand Bahama Island, where a doctor pronounced him "in excellent shape and health."

The physician who monitored his condition by radio during the flight—which subjected him to stresses up to 11 times that of normal gravity—reported the lean, muscular astronaut was probably

Space Flight In Brief

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

At Cape Canaveral, Astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. entered a Redstone rocket capsule at 5:18 a.m. (EST), blasted off at 9:34 a.m., landed in water at 9:49 a.m. and was aboard an aircraft carrier at 10:01 a.m.

He traveled 302 miles down range, rose to 115 miles and moved at 5,000 miles an hour. His blast-off was delayed while a defective inverter, which changes direct current into alternating current, was replaced.

Aboard a helicopter taking him from the water to the USS Lake Champlain, Shepard said: "Boy, what a ride!"

the calmest man in the whole operation.

President Kennedy telephoned his congratulations to Shepard within minutes after the astronaut's arrival on the carrier and told him of the hero's welcome awaiting him in Washington.

The President said "this is an historic milestone in our own exploration into space."

A U.S. Space Agency official said Shepard's feat is only the beginning of America's exploration of space. Deputy Administrator Hugh Dryden said the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is planning to send an astronaut into orbit around the earth soon. Later, he said, one of them will travel to the moon and back.

The Redstone rocket used as a booster for Friday's flight blasted away from its pad here at 9:34 a.m. (EST). Nineteen minutes later Shepard climbed out of the capsule's escape hatch and was picked up by helicopter.

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