Weather — Fair tonight, low in mid-20s. Fair Wednesday, little temperature change.

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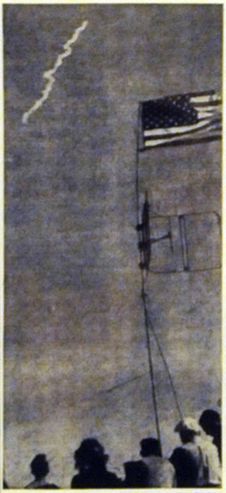

(United Press International Telephoto)

Contrail of John Glenn's Atlas-Mercury rocket streaks a beautiful blue sky above the American Flag flying from a tracking station at Cape Canaveral, Fla. "I feel fine. Oh, what a view," were the words of Glenn soon after his Mercury capsule separated from its Atlas booster.

Uses Manual Controls In Capsule

'Little Warm' In Space Ship, Astronaut Says

By United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Feb. 20 — Marine Lieutenant-Colonel John H. Glenn went into his second orbit around the earth shortly before noon today.

His space craft swung over Bermuda and Africa for the second time as he remained in constant voice contact with at least one of the tracking stations set up to follow his historic flight.

Project Mercury officials said that, as Glenn passed over the west coast of Africa for the second time, a problem in the attitude control system "apparently is not serious"—all other systems are all right."

Uses Manual Control

They said he was maintaining manual control.

Glenn also said that his "status was excellent," mercury control at Cape Canaveral reported.

A spokesman said Glenn "apparently is getting quite a bit of sunshine through the window" of his capsule and that the astronaut said he was "a little warm."

"I am 'go.' The capsule is in good shape. All systems are 'go' . . . The view is tremendous . . . beautiful."

That is a sample of his happy remarks on his first orbit as he flashed through the stresses of acceleration, which multiplied his weight from 180 to about 1,200 pounds, and then suddenly went into a state of complete weightlessness.

Rises in Flame

A 95-foot Atlas rocket, generating 360,000 pounds of thrust hurled Glenn and his Friendship 7 spacecraft into the sky at 9:48 a.m.

It rose slowly in orange flame, then seemed to leap as it shot the astronaut into orbit at 17,545 miles an hour. Glenn was following the trail broken by Russia's Yuri Gagarin, who flew around the earth once last April 12 and Gherman Titov, who made 17 orbital laps Aug. 6-7.

The Atlas shot Glenn into an orbital path which ranged in altitude from 100 to 160 miles. It sent him hurtling always eastward, over the Atlantic, Africa, Zanzibar, the Indian Ocean, Australia, the Pacific and Southern U. S. A.

'Almost Perfect'

Glenn's voice broadcasts were loud, confident, clear and happy. Delighted space agency officials described the launching and the space cabin's orbital path as "almost perfect."

Over Kano, Nigeria, Glenn experimented with "space dining." Because everything in a spaceship is weightless, food has to be handled carefully lest it strangle the eater.

Glenn avoid this hazard by squeezing food from a plastic container into his mouth.

For his three 90-minute circumnavigations of the globe in space, Glenn carried two tubes of food, one of fruit, the other of meat paste.

Has Conversation

At 10:40 a.m., Glenn radioed to a tracking station at Muchea, Australia, that "I am feeling real well up here. All systems are 'go.' I'm having no problems."

In a conversation with fellow astronaut Leroy G. Cooper, who was at Muchea, Glenn reported seeing "bright lights" beneath him.

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Hyannis Was a Ghost Village for 47 Minutes

HYANNIS, Feb. 20 — Everything was "A-OK" in the Hyannis business district at 9:47 a.m. today but it certainly was far from "business as usual." The reason? An astronaut was making history. Usually on a normal Tuesday morning at that time of day a number of early shoppers would be moving from store to store but at that time today Main Street took on the appearance of an old Western ghost town.

From Barnstable Road to High School Road all that could be seen were two police patrolmen on duty, one checking meters and the other on a "beat patrol." Not a vehicle was moving on the roadway.

A dozen steps off the street and reason for the "vacant look" was evident.

Watch Flight

In the establishments that sell television sets, or those where a portable receiver could be installed, all eyes were on the TV screen with clerks and "customers" alike focusing eyes and ears towards the likeness of the Atlas rocket appearing on the screen.

As the countdown neared zero a deathly silence settled among the groups huddled around the sets. In one establishment where this reporter was fortunate enough to view the historical "lift-off" no less than four sets were tuned in.

At zero count and then minus 1, 2, 3 etc. the huge Atlas rocket spouted billows of flame and smoke and lifted slowly but surely from the launch pad.

Sigh of Relief

The 30 or more in the viewing area of the four TV sets gasped a sigh of apparent relief as the Friendship 7 rose from the pad and the announcer exclaimed "She appears to be arcing as planned, all is A-OK at this point."

As the long lens TV cameras followed the rocket's projectory until it was about the size of the head of a pin on the 24-inch screen, eyes strained to keep the rocket in view.

With the announcement minutes after takeoff that Marine Colonel John H. Glenn Jr. was reporting all systems operating perfectly and the base station reporting the Friendship 7 in orbit, the viewers began to leave the viewing area.

'He'll Make It'

"From now out its in the hands of God," one clerk exclaimed as she left her post. Another, a customer added, "I think he'll make it okay now, the takeoff was the toughest part."

"Blastoff" at 9:47 a.m. was some 1,500 miles away from Cape Cod, but with the number of residents that either watched on television sets or listened on radio sets it might as well have been at Hyannis.

At 10:30, the business area was "back to normal" and customers were talking business as well as the historical event of the day.

Censure Bid Gets Backing

House to Debate Chadwick Action

By United Press International

Precinct 5 Unit To Hold Meeting

NORTH FALMOUTH, Feb. 20— Precinct 1 Association will hold its annual meeting to consider town meeting articles and hear candidates at 8 p.m. next Tuesday at the West Falmouth Library. All five precinct meetings in Falmouth are now scheduled or already held.

Precinct 4 met last night in East Falmouth; Precinct 3 will meet at 8 tonight at the Falmouth Recreation Building.

Precinct 1 will meet next Monday at Woods Hole Community Hall, and Precinct 2 on Feb. 26 at John Wesley Methodist Church. Also, a general meeting to hear candidates will be held March 1 at the Recreation Building.

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