

President Nixon in a split-screen television message, told astronaut Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin E. (Buzz) Aldrin Jr. after they had unrolled the American flag and planted it on the lunar surface that their voyage "was a major step toward world peace."

Rick Slusker of Bothell, Wash., a Boy Scout attending the national jamboree at Farragut State Park, Idaho, after watching the Apollo 11 moon landing on television, said, "Neil Armstrong makes me feel 10 feet tall."

Sir Bernard Lovell, director of the Jodrell Bank Observatory which has tracked Apollo 11 and the unmanned Soviet probe Luna 15, commented: "The moment of touchdown was one of the moments of greatest drama in the history of man."

Air Force Col. Frank Borman, commander of Apollo 8, the first ship to fly around the moon and return, earlier read the opening words of Genesis — as he and two crewmen did on their last Christmas — while attending religious services at the White House.

Astronaut Edwin E. (Buzz) Aldrin "took part of the loaf with him on the moon flight; and how we will commune with him," Rev. Dr. David Ruff announced to the congregation at Webster Presbyterian Church at Houston as he began the communion service.

Mrs. Nell A. Armstrong, wife of the first man to step onto the moon, repeated "Good, good, good!" as the lunar module Eagle set down on the moon, and, although she smokes infrequently, reached for a cigarette.

Mrs. Michael Collins, wife of the astronaut who remained in the command module, remained very calm during the landing while others watching with her began clapping and jumping up and down.

Mrs. Edwin E. Aldrin, whose astronaut husband followed Armstrong onto the moon, hugged her father as the lunar module descended to the moon and said, "I just can't believe it."

Retired Air Force Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Sr., father of the astronaut, remained in his apartment at Brielle, N.J., refusing to comment as his son became one of the first men to land on the moon.

Herbert H. Humphrey, the former vice president, who had just returned from a state trip in Russia with a bear he had shot, heard the news of the moon landing in his hotel room and exclaimed, "What a day to be in Moscow."

Representative Clarence D. Lous (Dem., Mo.) announced at Washington he had no intention of closing his office today as President Nixon had suggested, adding, "The astronauts are working, why shouldn't we?"

Pope Paul VI, at his summer residence, Castel Gandolfo, Italy, hailed the "extraordinary and astonishing" moon landing, but said again today he was fascinated "perhaps even to the point of madness" of the instruments of technical progress.

LA. Gov. John A. Pfister, 37, of Huntington Beach, Cal., who became a Navy chaplain 10 years ago, is the standing for President Nixon while the Apollo 11 recovery ship Hornet rehearses for splash-down and Mr. Nixon's arrival.

Senator Jacob K. Javits, (Rep., N.Y.) recommended to the commission that the United States "make a reasonable allocation of our resources to space activities" and that the United States and the Soviet Union to pursue space exploration from this point on together.

Louis Osman, who created the modernistic crown for Prince Charles at his investiture as Prince of Wales, announced at London he had created four 24-carat gold moons, each costing \$1,000 for each of the Apollo 11 astronauts and for Mrs. Rose Kennedy, the mother of President John F. Kennedy.

Mrs. and Mrs. Stephen Armstrong, the parents of Apollo 11 commander Neil Armstrong, attended services at St. Paul United Church of Christ at Wapakoneta, O., and prayed, "Oh God, as the Russian guided astronauts in previous flights, so guide Neil, Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins and all others who are involved in the lunar flight."

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Little Rock Forecast

Partly cloudy and warm today and tonight; chance of showers. A high of 92 is forecast today and a low of 70 tonight. Sunday's high was 94, the low 73. (Weather map on Page 6E.)

# First Men Land on Moon; Armstrong and Aldrin Cut Rest Period to Take Walk

## Earthmen Unite, Dancing, Shouting, To Celebrate Feat

Crowds screamed joyously in London's Trafalgar Square, people danced in Chile and a Russian yelled "Hooray," touched by man's arrival on the moon. Pope Paul VI praised America's three astronauts as "conquerors of the moon" minutes after the Eagle spacecraft touched down on the lunar surface. He said man faces "the expanse of endless space and a new destiny."

## Luna 15 Close To Apollo Site

Goal of Satellite Remains a Mystery

Russia's Luna 15 satellite Sunday dropped into a lower orbit around the moon than brought it "very much closer" to the site where America's Apollo astronauts landed, a spokesman at England's Jodrell Bank observatory said.

However, the scientists and technicians at the huge tracking station said they were still mystified as to just what the Russians intended to do with Luna 15.

Observatory Director Sir Bernard Lovell said that after Luna 15 had carried out two course corrections its mean altitude was 40 miles above the lunar surface.

Lovell said at 2:15 p.m. (CDT) Luna was in its 41st orbit. He added the setting of the moon over the Soviet horizon would make it impossible for the Cosmonaut space center to give the craft further orders until this morning.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said Luna 15 was within 10 miles of the moon at its lowest point. It added that the probe was functioning normally in its scientific exploration of lunar space.

Sources in Moscow before the launch said Luna 15 would pick up moon soil and come back before United States astronauts could carry out this feat.

Lovell said Luna's new orbit meant it was possibly on a course over the Apollo landing site in the Sea of Tranquility.

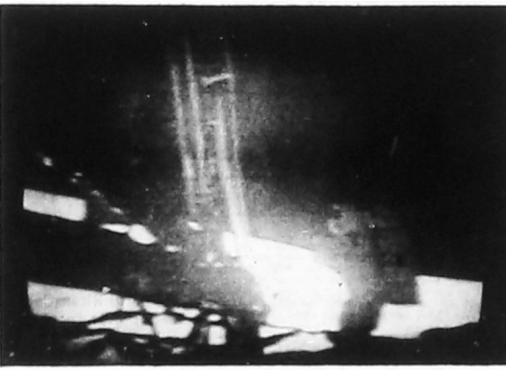
He said the orbit was so close that the moon would not be expected to leave Luna 15 in for a long period.

Tass said Luna was in an orbit ranging from 18 miles to 68 miles and had an orbiting period of 1 hour and 54 minutes.

The previous orbit given by Tass was 59 to 137 miles from the moon, with an orbiting time of just over two hours.

At 1 p.m. Lovell said Luna guided astronauts in previous flights, so guide Neil, Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins and all others who are involved in the lunar flight."

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Astronaut Neil Armstrong Steps Onto the Moon

This picture of the historic step onto the moon's surface by Astronaut Neil Armstrong on ASA rating of 3,000. (Another picture on Page 2A.)



Aldrin (left), Armstrong test space suits before historic flight.

## 'The Eagle Has Landed': Earth Breathes Again

HOUSTON — "Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

Thus astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, standing in the landing craft called Eagle beside his crewmate, Edwin E. (Buzz) Aldrin Jr., began the first conversation between earth and the moon.

Here are excerpts: MISSION CONTROL: Roger, Tranquility. We copy you on the ground. You got a bunch of guys about to turn blue. We're breathing again. Try to sit a lot.

EAGLE (Armstrong): You might be interested to know that I don't think we notice any difficulty at all in adapting to 1-6G (one-sixth of earth's gravity). It seems immediately natural to move in this environment.

MC: Roger, Tranquility, we copy over.

EAGLE (Armstrong): You There is a relatively level plain cratered with a fairly large number of craters of the five to 20 foot variety and some ridges, small 20 foot high, I would guess. And literally thousands of little one to two-foot craters around the area. We see some angular blocks several hundred feet in front of us that are probably two feet in size and have angular edges.

There is a hill in view just about on the ground track ahead of us. Difficult to estimate but might be a half a mile or more.

EAGLE: The guys that said we wouldn't be able to tell precisely where we are the winners today. We were a little busy worrying about program alarms and things like that in the part of the descent where we would not

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## Flight of Module 'Just Beautiful' All the Way Down

Astronaut Neil A. Armstrong set foot on the moon Sunday at 9:56 p.m. (CDT), roughly 6 1/2 hours after the Apollo 11 lunar module Eagle touched down in the surface at 3:17 p.m. (CDT).

Armstrong climbed slowly down the nine steps of a ladder at the side of the LM. He said the ladder was in shadow, and worried about the quality of television pictures.

Edwin E. (Buzz) Aldrin Jr., who followed Armstrong to the moon's surface, said when Armstrong mentioned the ladder's position, "Sure wish I'd shaved last night."

The Astronauts asked, and received permission, to make their walk three hours early.

Eagle landed on the moon at 3:17:45 p.m. (CDT) while Air Force Lt. Col. Collins, in the command ship that brought them, continued to orbit the moon awaiting their reunion 22 hours later.

After the landfall, Armstrong radioed to the Houston control room: "Houston, Tranquility base here. The Eagle has landed."

Aldrin brought their ship to rest on a level, rock-strewn plain near the southwestern shore of the Arid Sea of Tranquility.

Aldrin asked everyone in the world to pause and give thanks for the lunar landing.

Speaking in a calm voice, he said: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, wherever and whenever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way."

It was just after dawn on the moon, with the sun low over the eastern horizon behind them and the chill of the long lunar night still clinging to the boulders, small craters and hills before them.

Aldrin said he could see "literally thousands of smaller craters" and a low hill on the distance. He was impressed most of all by the "variety of shapes, angularities, granularities" of the rocks and soil where the landing craft had set down.

The landing came about four miles west of the original target. The craft just missed a crater littered with boulders on its approach.

About two hours after landing, Armstrong told mission control he and Aldrin wanted to start their moon stroll at 9 p.m. (CDT), about four hours earlier than scheduled.

"We'll support you any time," said mission control.

NASA Head Reports to Nixon Immediately after the landing, Dr. Thomas O. Paine, the administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, telephoned President Nixon in Washington to report:

"Mr. President, it is my honor on behalf of the entire NASA team to report to you that the Eagle has landed on the Sea of Tranquility and our astronauts are safe and looking forward to starting the exploration of the moon."

President Nixon, who watched the news of the landing from his working office in the Executive Office Building next door to the White House, sent his personal congratulations.

Mr. Nixon said the hour before the astronauts landed "was one of the greatest moments of our time."

The last 22 seconds of the long flight he ever lived through — they felt like a half an hour, he said.

White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler provided the presidential quotes after listening in on some of the conversation Mr. Nixon had with various officials after the touchdown.

Among them were Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman.

Ziegler said the president told Rogers, "The success of this operation will have an immediate favorable reaction around the world and will bring people of the world closer together."

Armstrong's Heart Picks Up the Beat When they began to descend to the moon, Armstrong's heart was beating at 110 throbs a minute. When they touched on the moon's surface it had increased to 156. Less than 45 minutes later it had calmed to 90, about 20 beats a minute above normal.

Just after landing, there was a silence while the men set up the spacecraft for an emergency takeoff. The first minutes were devoted to making the decision whether to stay.

The Apollo 11 landing craft was scheduled to remain on the moon about 22 hours, while Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Collins, the third member of the Apollo 11 crew, piloted the command ship, Columbia, in its continuing orbit overhead.

'You're Looking Good In Every Respect' "You're looking good in every respect," mission control told the two men of Eagle after examining data that indicated the spacecraft should be able to remain on the moon for its full scheduled 22 hours.

Flight controllers said the early moon walk would not mean that the astronauts would also leave the moon earlier. The lift-off is scheduled to come at about 1:55 p.m. today.

After the moon walk was over, Armstrong and Aldrin slept and prepared for their lift-off to rendezvous with Collins.

At 9:36:20 p.m., as a television camera mounted outside

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