

## CREW OF SOYUZ 9 SWITCHES ORBIT

Armstrong Presents Piece  
of Moon to Kosygin

MOSCOW, June 2 (AP)—The Soviet Union's manned Soyuz 9 switched orbit today and suffered fouled portholes, apparently as a result of the maneuver.

Tass, the Soviet press agency, said that Vitaly I. Sevastyanov, the civilian flight engineer, had "analyzed the soiling of portholes, caused by the work of the propelling engine," after a manual maneuver and course correction performed by the flight commander, Col. Andrian G. Nikolayev, a veteran of the manned flight program.

The report indicated that the incident happened after the fifth orbit in an otherwise trouble-free flight that began with an unusual night launching yesterday.

Tass said that after 14 orbits and 20 hours in space Soyuz 9 was circling the earth every 89.05 minutes at 132 to 166 miles above the earth.

### First Tasks 'Fulfilled'

"The cosmonauts have fulfilled the program of the first day of the flight," the agency reported. It did not indicate how long the space craft would stay up.

As the two Russians circled the globe, Premier Aleksei N. Kosygin had a cordial meeting with Neil A. Armstrong, the United States astronaut, and received from President Nixon a fragment of the moon brought back on the Apollo 11 voyage. Mr. Kosygin was also given a small Soviet flag carried on the moon voyage last July.

The Premier said to Mr. Armstrong: "Please convey to the American President my profound gratitude for this wonderful gift. We will always cherish this gift as a symbol of a great achievement.

"The Soviet Government and Soviet people are second to none in admiring your great courage and knowledge. We are happy to have this great man among us."

The Premier showed great interest in the moon and asked many questions about conditions there.

Tass said that in their first working day aloft the Soyuz crewmen carried out "observations and photographed geological objects on the earth's surface."