



NEW NASA Exchange - KSC Chairman, Lewis E. Melton, left, goes over plans with secretary-treasurer James C. Stanley, center, and new supervisor John E. Thomas.

Melton Named Chairman Of NASA Exchange - KSC

Lewis E. Melton, Chief of KSC's Financial Management Office, has been appointed Chairman of the NASA Exchange - Kennedy Space Center.

He succeeds John W. Roten, who has served as Chairman for the past three and a half years.

In other new Exchange appointments, John E. Thomas has been named supervisor and James C. Stanley, formerly supervisor-treasurer, assumes the title secretary-treasurer.

Exchange members remaining in office are: George F. Killmer, Milton Chambers and Richard W. Nunimaker.

The Exchange establishes and operates activities which contribute to the efficiency, morale and welfare of personnel in this area. Major contracts presently monitored by the Exchange include: food service, vending service and a barber shop.

Melton has called a meeting of Exchange members this week to review contractual obligations, financial structure and pending projects.

He explained that as a non-appropriated fund activity and a government instrumentality, the Exchange, by regulation, can only be governed by federal employees eligible (See MELTON, Page 4)



KENNEDY Space Center Director, Dr. Kurt H. Debus, left, met with P. L. (Roy) Siemiller, President of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Friday. Siemiller and Floyd Smith, International Vice President, toured the Spaceport Friday.

Gemini Work Steps Up As Launch Dates Near

Intense preparations on two Gemini spacecraft are continuing at the Kennedy Space Center this week to prepare them for an unprecedented double launch and rendezvous in orbit early next month.

The Gemini 7 spacecraft of astronauts James Lovell and Frank Borman is at Launch Complex 19. The week's schedule for it calls for a joint combined systems test of the launch vehicle and spacecraft.

Following this, the launch vehicle will be put through tanking exercises, and later in the week flight seats will be installed.

The Gemini 6 spacecraft of astronauts Wally Schirra and Tom Stafford, has been transferred from the Pyrotechnic Installation Building at the Kennedy Space Center to the Cryogenics Building, where it will be prepared this week for hypergolic servicing.

NASA has announced the launch of Gemini 7 is sched-

uled for no earlier than December 4. If preparation of launch facilities and checkout of launch vehicle and spacecraft proceed as presently planned, the launch of Gemini 6 will follow nine days later, on December 13.

Plans call for Gemini 6 to rendezvous with the Gemini 7 target spacecraft during the fourth revolution. Maximum duration of the Gemini 6 mission is two days. The Gemini 7 mission is scheduled for up to 14 days. Flight purpose is to further determine the effects of long duration flight on man.

Mission plans for Gemini 6 are nearly identical to those of the original rendezvous flight which was postponed on October 25.

ISIS-X SATELLITE READIED FOR FLIGHT

An international satellite for ionospheric study — ISIS-X—is scheduled to be launched by the Kennedy Space Center at Western Test Range facilities no earlier than Tuesday.

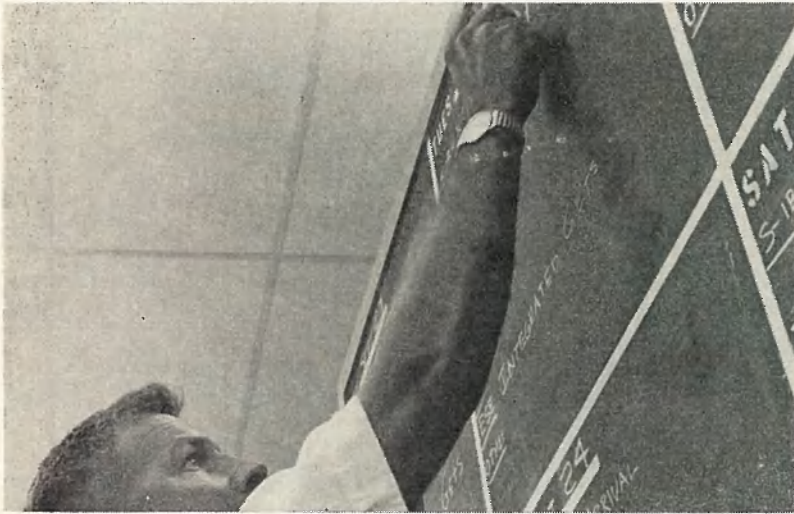
Robert H. Gray, Assistant KSC Director for Unmanned Launch Operations, will direct the launch, and Joseph Swartz, Manager of the Western Test Range Operations Division, will serve as assistant launch director. Spacecraft coordinator is George Fike.

Actually, Swartz said, the ISIS-X is two satellites. One spacecraft will permit examination on the puzzling ionosphere by measuring electron density from above, employing a swept frequency topside sounder. The second satellite will measure ion mass, density and energy. They will separate in orbit after being launched atop a Thor Agena.

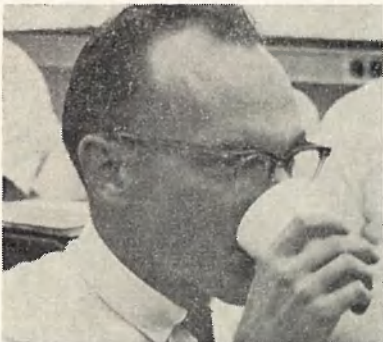
The Meeting

Meetings are held at the Kennedy Space Center every day. And they are as important to the overall mission here as the actual assembly, checkout and launch of vehicles, for without proper planning, scheduling and coordinating, physical efforts, no matter how energetic, would be helter skelter and virtually lost.

To dramatize the importance of meetings, photographer Russ Hopkins spent some time at Launch Complex 34, where daily site activation and Saturn IB vehicle status conferences are held, to record this photographic essay.



NORM Carlson uses blackboard to outline week's schedule.



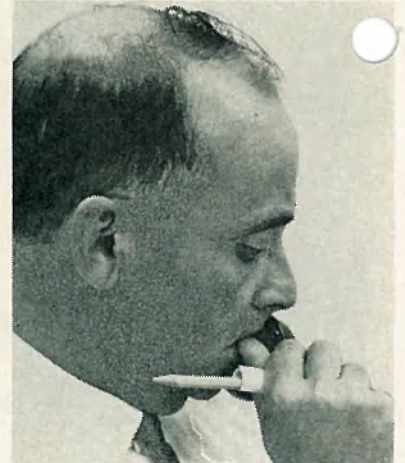
Roy Lealman
... with inevitable coffee cup



Guy Kittredge
... muses over problem



Marshall Strong
... listens intently



Joe Rubino
... checks with the office



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THE STANDING room only sign is up for most meetings



Frank Connelly
... makes a point



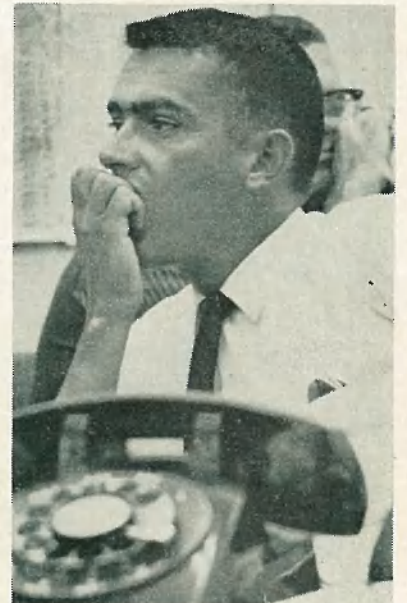
CONCENTRATION wears many faces.



John Twigg
... his turn is next



Russ Steele
... time for a smoke



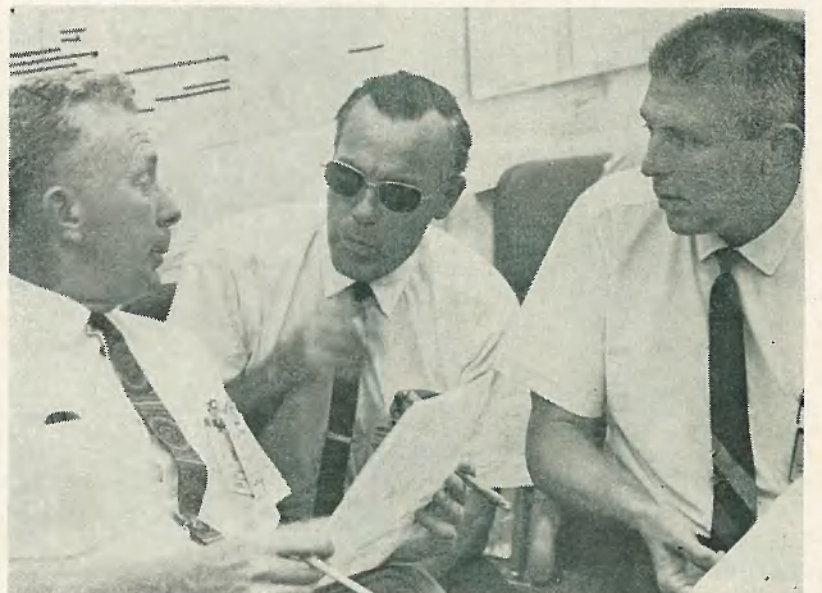
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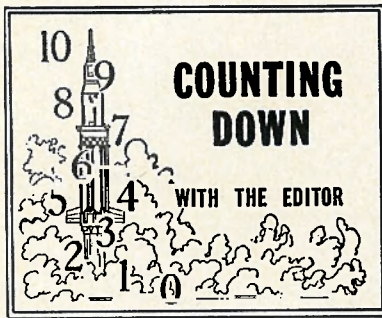
Bob Howe
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Laur Complex 34.



DISCUSSING results: Paul Donnelly, Jack Shone, Bill Brown.



Fifty-two career civil service employees at KSC have been commended for accumulating more than 1,500 hours sick leave — and three have been cited for accruing more than 2,000 hours — during their years of service with the federal government.

The three with 2,000 hours are G. Merritt Preston, Harold Kugal and Edward J. Hogan. They will be feted at a luncheon with the KSC Management Board.

The 52 employees with 1,500 or more hours accumulated each received a letter from KSC Director, Dr. Kurt H. Debus, congratulating them "for a job well done." Dr. Debus pointed out that "your continuous presence on the job has contributed significantly to NASA's goals in the peaceful exploration of space."

Civil service workers are entitled to sick leave of 104 hours each year. Even if an employee never missed an hour because of illness, 1,500 hours sick leave could be accumulated only after more than 14 years of service, and 2,000 hours could be accrued only after more than 19 years.

The 52 are: Albert F. Siepert, Walter F. Barney, William C. Willmot, Herman C. McLearn, Jr., Maurice H. Miller, Karl Sendler, Richard P. Dodd, William F. Edmondson, Robert F. Heiser, Walter W. Kavanaugh, Daniel C. McMath, Jr., and Emanuel L. Ciener.

Also, Hyman Rosenstein, Grogan A. Sewell, Fred X. Hartman, Walter A. Davis, Verl A. Goldsmith, Raymond A. Woodbury, Harry W. Smith, J. M. Garrison, Vester L. Pinson and Bailey E. Stimson.

Also, Alice Marderosian, Mary L. Cash, Willard E. Hawk, Paul W. King, Carl V. Williams, Dugald O. Black, Walter J. Kapryan, La Rue D. Hilmer, Benn Cowan, Robert C. Shirley, Robert E. Gorman, Alfred L. Connor, Lewis E.

KSC Summer Employees Write In Appreciation

Letters of appreciation have been received by officials of the Kennedy Space Center from 20 young adults employed here last summer as part of President Johnson's Youth Opportunity Campaign.

This campaign (Y. O. C.) was a special presidential program designed to provide sum-

mer work and training experience for half a million Americans between ages 16 and 21.

All 20 Y.O.C. members at KSC were from Brevard County and were employed in addition to the normal KSC summer hiring program.

Most rewarding of all comments received were the ones expressing a resolve to finish school.

"The people I met, and the work I saw being done, has helped me want to further my education," said one young lady.

Other quotes in the letters varied from, "the work broadened the realm of my horizons," to "I have experienced a feeling of accomplishment."

This was the first opportunity for most of the summer hires to gain first-hand exposure to the challenges of work. Another letter summed it up the practical side of work. This young lady wrote, "I have also had the privilege of answering telephones, filing, and paying my bills."

One young man wrote: "my past employment at KSC has been a stepping stone to my future professional life."

Wage Board Employees Get New Pay Rate

NASA Headquarters has announced a new pay schedule for Wage Board personnel which will become effective November 21.

The average schedule increase is about 9.4 cents per hour. Actual increases range from 6 cents per hour at WB-1 to 14 cents per hour at WB-13.

The new pay schedule will affect 36 NASA Wage Board employees at the Kennedy Space Center. Pay for supervisors and leaders is increased proportionately.

The Army and Air Force have also approved increases to their WB pay schedules in this locality. The new rates are the result of a survey of 18 companies in the Brevard area.



GENE Balstead of the KSC Personnel Office, examines letters from youngsters who have written the Center in appreciation for having worked here the past summer.

Dr. Keiser To Speak At IEEE Conference

A meeting of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Canaveral Section, promoted by its Professional Group on Communications Technology, will be held next Tuesday in the Terrace Room of the Carriage House.

"Spaceport Communications—Present and Future," will be presented by Dr. B. E. Keiser, Manager, Plans and Programs Section, KSC Communication Project (RCA).

All who are interested are invited to attend and are asked to call Mrs. A. Kilian, 867-2280 on or before Friday, November 19.

Facilities Conference

Deputy KSC Director Albert F. Siepert was guest speaker last night at the National Conference for Space Age Facilities Banquet at the Ramada Inn, Cocoa Beach.

A full schedule of conference sessions is on tap for today and tomorrow as the three day meeting winds up, according to Conference chairman Art Porcher of the Kennedy Space Center.

UF Goal Still Short

At press time the KSC United Fund drive was still \$1,000 short of the \$25,000 goal set for Center employees.

The campaign, which was extended two weeks, ends today and Chairman John Donovan was hopeful last minute contributions would put KSC over the top.

Melton Appointed

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for participating in its control.

It is recognized, however, that supporting contractor personnel outnumber KSC civil service employees, and it is the intent of the Exchange and the newly-formed Activities Association to develop athletic, recreation and social activities which will be open to all employees at the Center.

ROTEN COMMENDED FOR EXCHANGE DUTY

Outgoing NASA Exchange—KSC Chairman John Roten has been commended for his service by Center Director, Dr. Kurt H. Debus.

"The Exchange Council, under your chairmanship, has executed its assigned mission in a most gratifying manner, Dr. Debus said. "Since the date of your appointment you have personally applied a high degree of professional knowledge in law, contract administration and management principles to the development and supervision of its various activities.

"You have every reason to be proud of the important services you have rendered."

Melton, James H. Deese, Otis L. Leming, John A. Russell, Oliver E. Kearns and Milton A. Cunningham.

Also, William E. Decker, George A. Hentz, Clarence C. Parker, George A. Van Staden, Newton D. Gregg, Donald W. Hardin, Hubert O. Barbour, Cleve O. Loveland, Victor E. Christensen, Vernon L. Jansen, William J. Holm and Homer F. Heidler.