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## Project Mercury

The recent Russian rocket to the moon has caused considerable comment and widespread admiration among space pioneers regardless of nationality. Of course, by Nikita Khrushchev's own admission, success in this attempt was preceded by several failures.

Senator Vance Hartke, Indiana's Democratic senator, feels that a report on our own nation's attempt to put a man into outer space is both timely and necessary in order to get the whole space race in its proper perspective.

This nation's pioneer astronauts are learning to fly a space ship that does not yet exist. But it may within a year.

The men practice take-offs, orbital flight and landings in a chamber designed at the Naval Air Development center at Johnsville, Pa., a remote Philadelphia suburb.

They train inside an aluminum enclosure, shaped like a giant clam, 11 feet in diameter, which rotates at the end of a 50-foot swinging arm. A 180-ton motor sends the chamber—oblate spheroidal gondola is the official name—whipping in a circle at speeds up to 180 miles an hour. It takes the apparatus, a centrifuge, seven seconds to work up to that speed.

The trainees are the seven astronauts who were chosen in April for Project Mercury, among them Indiana's air force Capt. Virgil I. Grissom, of Mitchell. The project received its name from Mercury, the winged messenger of Roman mythology.

All the astronauts are volunteers, family men, crack military pilots and engineers. They are as fine a group of physical specimens as could be found. Each will spend 10 hours learning to manipulate the delicate controls of a space ship they hope will take one of them three times around the earth 100 to 150 miles up, and bring them safely back.

## TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV Channel 15 FRIDAY	
6:00—Amos and Andy	5:30—Roller Derby
6:30—Tom Cullenberg News	6:00—Married Joan
6:45—Doug Edwards News	6:30—Bonanza
7:00—Death Valley Days	7:00—The Man and the Challenge
7:30—Hawkeye	7:30—The Deputy
8:00—New York Confidential	8:00—Cimarron City
8:30—Lucy and Desi	8:30—It Could Be You
9:00—Mike Hammer	9:00—Soldiers of Fortune
9:30—Line Up	9:30—The Saturday Edition
10:00—Bold Venture	10:00—Old Acquaintance
10:30—Phil Wilson News	10:30—SUNDAY
11:00—Hers to Hold	10:30—The Christophers
11:30—To the Shores of Tripoli	10:30—Americans at Work
12:00—Blind Spot	10:30—How Christian Science Heals
12:30—SUNDAY	10:30—Secured Heart Program
1:00—Agriculture U.S.A.	10:30—Industry on Parade
1:30—Keston Klub	10:30—This is the Life
2:00—Captain Kangaroo	10:30—Cartoon Time
2:30—Mighty Mouse	10:30—Afternoon
3:00—Rocky and Jack	11:00—Jim Bowie
3:30—Mighty Hood	11:00—Tigers vs Indians
4:00—Saturday News	11:00—Khrushchev
4:30—Week End Sports	11:00—Cisno Kid
5:00—Baseball	11:00—Cisno Kid
5:30—Mystery Matinee	11:00—Riverboat
6:00—Mystery Matinee	11:00—Sunday Showcase
6:30—Dr. Christian	11:00—Summer Chevy show
7:00—Charlie Chan	11:00—Loretta Young
7:30—Tugboat Annie	11:00—36 Men
8:00—Bonanza	11:00—Sunday Edition
8:30—Jeff's Collie	11:00—Sports
9:00—Reckoning	11:00—China Clipper
9:30—Wanted: Dead or Alive	
10:00—Brenner	
10:30—Have Gun Will Travel	
11:00—Gunsmoke	
11:30—Flight	
12:00—Corvette K-225	
12:30—One Way Ticket	
WPTA-TV Channel 21 FRIDAY	
6:00—Fun 'N' Stuff	12:00—Homecoming U.S.A.
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting	12:30—John Hopkins File 7
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