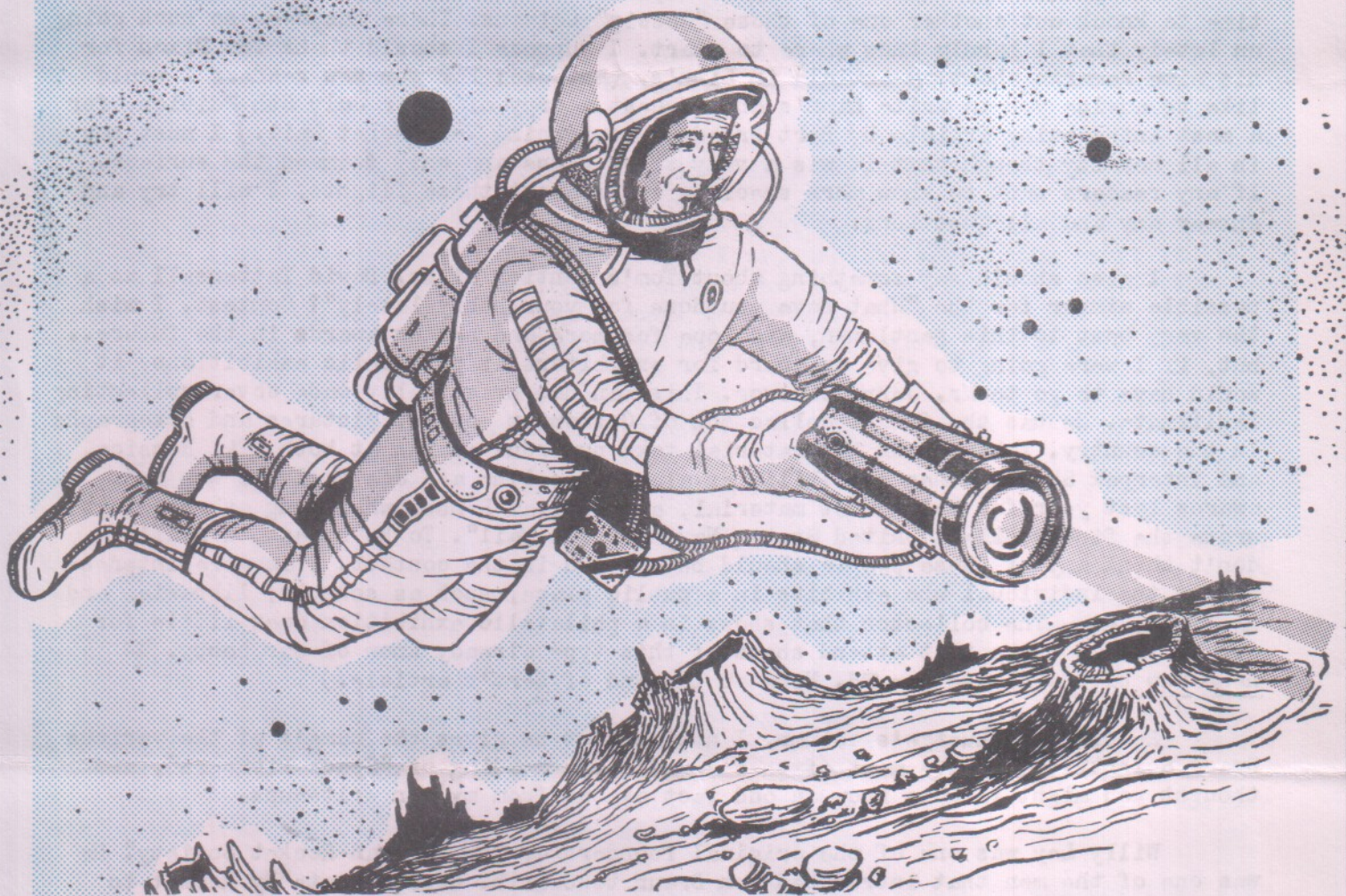


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### "GOSSIP" by Bert Friedman

The latest edition of "The Space Reporter" arrived today, and that means it is time to knock out another one of those "Gossip" Columns. There has been so much going on lately that I hardly know where to start. I suppose I should thank Tom Dixon for his nice remarks about my article in Linn's. (Ed.Note: For our new readers I would like to advise you to write Linn's and request a copy of their July 5th Edition, for a most interesting article by Bert Friedman concerning V-1 Rocket Mail.) I must say in all honesty though that it was a very short piece and only skimmed the surface. If any readers want to know more specific facts about these flights, I will try and answer any and all questions.

I also should say something about Tom's mention of Mr. David Tattersall as a possible winner for the "What have you done for your hobby lately"? Contest. I wish the very best to this gentleman, and hope for more and better awards in the future.. but, if I were going to give an award for exhibitors at philatelic exhibitions, it would have to go to Mr. Jerry Chaivoe. This man has practically made cover collecting legitimate. He has the finest collection of Cosmonaut covers, pictures and autographs in the country. I have seen his material take numerous awards at both ATA, Rossica, and Interpex Shows. Other possibilities along this line are Joe Nagl who won two awards last year for V-1 rocket material, and William Ronson who among other things wrote the fine booklet "United States Navy Missile Mail". To be honest, I really don't think any of these people should be entered in the contest. I am more interested in the individual who exhibits in a public place, such as schools, libraries and meetings, etc. The collector that shows in a philatelic exhibition does little for our field, as those that attend shows of this type already know of our hobby. We need new blood.(Please see Ed. Note at the end of Bert's article.)

Reading Mr. Luetge's column, I notice that he gives the name's of the various Space Scientists. I have most of these, under the heading of "Space Pioneers", and thought you might like to know an odd fact or two from my own write-ups.

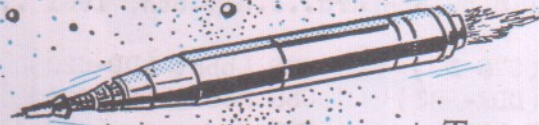
Willy Ley was one of the original founders of the "German Rocket Society". He was one of the men that introduced Von Braun to Oberth. Oberth wrote "By Rocket to Interplanetary Space" in 1922. Ignoring the war years of the V-2, Oberth also helped the Italian Admiralty with it's Ammonium Nitrate rocket after the conclusion of World War II. He also spent several years in America working on our satellite program before retiring to Feutch. There are many other important scientists not included in the article, and perhaps I will go into some more names from my personal collection in a later column. A certain selfish streak makes it difficult for me to give out names and addresses that have taken me years to locate.

I have been trying to get some general information on the medical problems of the Russian and American spacemen. Oddly, they both sent vast amounts of material, but never quite answered the questions asked. I'm sure that the officials of the two space programs are not avoiding a straight answer, so my questions must be in error. For instance, I recently attempted to get a general description of the ills that have plagued Shepard, Glenn, Carpenter and Grissom. I was given an excellent quote, "Astronaut Alan Shepard is the only astronaut to have an ear disorder, labyrinthitis, and



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# Editorial



By

Tom Dixon

I have had the pleasure of receiving another letter from Mr. David Tattersall of Salt Lake City, advising me that he has displayed part of his collection in the lobby of the Main Post Office at Salt Lake City Utah, and was rendered a very nice compliment by the Postmaster. He further advises alot of interest was expressed.

More interesting news from Mr. Tattersall is that his "Conquest of Space" collection will be exhibited at the Utah State Fair, and the nice thing about it is that the same time the Fair is held there will be an "Airmada" in progress. I have myself had the pleasure of exhibiting a space cover collection and I know Mr. Tattersall looks forward to the interesting conversation which ensues. Please keep us up to date Dave and lots of luck to you.

I would like to thank Art Silhanek for his fine Recovery Ship article which appears in this edition. Although they are regulars I will also thank Bill Luetge and Bert Friedman, for some more interesting items.

I have often wanted to mention this and am sure you will be interested. If you are interested in saving yourself some money on rubber stamps then write, Mr. Richard Wallace, Box 146 Hanover, Penna. 17331. A three line rubber stamp costs you only one dollar and each other line 25¢. In any stationery store you would spend more than twice this amount.

We could use the services of a competent and reliable artist here at TD Productions. If you are interested please write me or pass this on to a friend. I would appreciate a resume and a sample of some of your drawings. Most of our artwork is cachets for our space covers and we would need an experienced artist fully familiar with reductions. Please write to my attention.

Come to think of it I wonder what has happened to our Roving Reporter Jim Demarest? I guess he has been roving around those Blue Fish with his boat, fishing pole and lures. I finally cornered him for an article and he promises one for the next edition.

I have come to the conclusion that there is something radically wrong with our hobby. If you have any gripes, suggestions or what have you I would like to hear from you, and I really mean it.

Your Editor is chasing a very big story and all hell will break loose when we publish it and I hope to have it completed for the next edition of "The Space Reporter". It has to do with those greedy collectors who now have killed the very best thing we had going for us. Would you believe I received a letter from a very good friend of mine, a Purser on one of the tracking ships, that one collector sent him 50 covers to cancel?????, and he would be lucky to get one. You know something....hey Jim wait for me....I have my pole, lures, and just must get away.



THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND SPACE by Art Silhanek

The United States Navy has played a most important part of our space program. I will try to list all the pickup ships to the best of my knowledge, so that you may try to complete your collection before the prices for these covers goes into space with our Astronauts.

\*Flight of Alan B. Shepard....May 5th, 1961 ....Sub-Orbital flight...Freedom 7

USS Lake Champlain (CVS-39)	USS Abbot (DD-629)	USS Decatur (DD-936)
USS Newman K. Perry(DDR-883)	USS Booka (DD-804)	USS Wadleigh (DD-689)
USS The Sullivans(DD-537)	USS Recovery (ARS-43)	USS Ability (MOS-519)
USS Notable(MSO)-460)		

\*Flight of Virgil Grissom....July 21st,1961 .....Sub-Orbital Flight..Liberty Bell

USS Randolph (CVS-15)	USS Conway (DDF-507)	USS Cony (DDF-508)
USS Lowry (DD-770)	USS Stormes (DD-780)	USS Recovery (ARS-43)
USS Waller (DDF-446)	USS Alaerity.(MSO-520)	USS Exploit (MSO-440)

Flight of John H. Glenn....Feb.20th,1962....3 Orbits in Friendship 7

USS Randolph (CVS-15)	USS Hugh Purvis (DD-709)	USS Brownson (DD-868)
USS Sarsfield (FDD-837)	USS Cone (DD-866)	USS Chuckawan (AO-100)
USS Noah (DD-841)	USS Stribling (DD-867)	USS Antietam (AVS-36)
USS Turner DDR-934)	USS K.D. Baily (DD-713)	USS Forestal (CVA-59)
USS Observer (MSO-461)	USS Exploit (MSO-440)	USS Recovery (ARS-43)
USS Stormes (DD-780)	USS Norfolk (11 1)	USS Barry (DD-933)
USS Beares (DD-654)	USS Witek (FDD-848)	USS Glinnon (DD-840)
USS Blandy (DD-934)	USS C.S. Sperry (DD-697)	USS Goodrich (DDR-831)

Flight of Scott Carpenter...May 24th, 1962.....3 Orbits in Aurora 7

USS Intrepid (CVS-11)	USS Hunt (DD-674)	USS Fred T. Berry (DDF-858)
USS Massy (DD-778)	USS English (DD-696)	USS Donner (LSD-20)
USS Flokomin (AO-55)	USS Barton (DD-722)	USS Spiegel (LSD-32)

Flight of Walter Schirra...Oct.3,1962 .....6 Orbits in Sigma 7

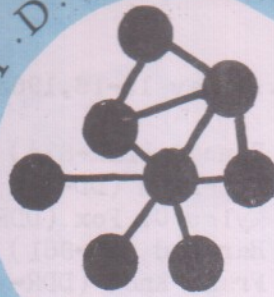
USS Enterprise (CVA-N-65)	USS Decatur (DD-936)	USS Kearsarge (CVS-33)
USS Adams (DDG-2)	USS Antietam (CVS-36)	USS Barry (DD-933)
USS E.H.Richards (CVA-31)	USS Bordelon (DDR-881)	USS Constellation(CVA-64)
USS Coontz (DLG-9)	USS Coral Sea (CVA-43)	USS DuPont (DD-941)
USS Dyress (DDR-880):	USS Epperson (DD-719)	USS Forrestal (CVA-59)
USS Hancock (CVA-19)	USS Henley (DD-762)	USS Hornet (CVS-12)
USS Independence (CVA-62)	USS Ingraham (DD-694)	USS J. P. Jones (DD-932)
USS Kitty Hawk (CVA-63)	USS Keith (DD-775)	USS Lake Champlain(CVS-39)
USS Lexington (CVS-16)	USS Midway (CVA-41)	USS Norris (DD-859)
USS O'Bannon (DD-450)	USS Oriskany (CVA-34)	USS Phillip (DD-498)
USS Randolph (CVS-15)	USS Ranger (CVA-61)	USS Renshaw (DD-499)
USS F.D. Roosevelt (CVA-42)	USS Shangrila (CVA-38)	USS Sperry (DD-697)
USS Ticonderoga (CVA-14)	USS Vesole (DDR-878)	USS Walker (DD-517)
USS Warrington(DD-843)	USS Wasp (CVS-18)	USS Yorktown (CVS-10)

\* Ed. Note: Before we are swamped with mail on this I would like to say we at TD Productions no longer have any of the Grissom & Shepard Recovery Ships, however we are interested in purchasing these covers. Please send your asking price with a list of any covers you have.



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# QUERIES

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SPACE PIONEERS

by Bill Luetge  
Associate Editor

This is the first installment in a series about the early pioneers of the study of space. I hope to have a biography of one outstanding pioneer in each issue of "The Space Reporter".

Vesto Melvin Slipher

Vesto Melvin Slipher was born in Clinton County, Indiana, on November 11th, 1875. He graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana in 1901, and received his Ph.D. Degree there in 1909. He worked for about 40 years as the Director of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona.

Dr. Slipher is noted for the following accomplishments:

1. His direction of the search which resulted in the discovery of the planet Pluto.
2. His investigations, by methods of spectroscopy, resulting in the determination of planet's rotation periods.
3. His discovery of molecular bands in the planetary spectrum. This discovery led to the identification of the atmospheric composition of these bands.
4. His demonstration that many diffuse nebula shine by the reflected light of nearby stars.
5. His discovery of the permanent sky and auroralike radiations of the night sky, their nightly intensity changes, and the existence of interstellar sodium and calcium. This sodium and calcium was scattered throughout the depths of space.

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GT-6, Recovery Ship Servicer

Mr. Morris W. Beck, P.O. Box 116, Whitewater Wisconsin, will service ship covers for the GT-6 flight. His service charge is 2¢ per each self addressed and stamped envelope sent to him. He also applies a cachet to each cover. If your covers reach him too late for servicing he will place them in his group of covers for the next Manned Gemini Flight. Mr. Beck's cachets are always excellent and a joy to see, as well as possess.

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I have received knowledge from a usually reliable source that the you may purchase photos of our Astronauts, for a very nominal price. Write: NASA Manned Space Flight Center, Houston 1, Texas, for information.



Flight of Gordon Cooper.....May 15-16,1963.....in Faith 7

USS Kearsarge (CVS-33)	USS Duncan (DDR-874)	USS Wasp (CVS-18)
USS J. T. Thompson (DD-760)	USS Epperson (DD-719)	USS John A. Boyle(DD-755)
USS Lofberg (DD-759)	USS Myles C. Fox (DDR-829)	USS Cory (DDR-817)
USS McCaffery (DD-860)	USS Harwood (DD-861)	USS Compton (DD-705)
USS Gainard (DD-706)	USS Frank Knox (DDR-742)	USS Charles R. Ware(DD865)
USS Nantahla (AO-60)	USS Mansfield (DD-728)	USS DeHaven (DD-721)
USS Taussig (DD-732)	USS Purdy (DD-734)	USS Fletcher (DD-445)
USS Hyman (DD-732)	USS Beatty (DD-756)	

Project Gemini (GT-2) Unmanned Flight, Jan.19,1965, Capsule Recovered

USS Lake Champlain (CVS-39)	USS Vogelgesang (DD-862)	USS O'Hare (DD-889)
USS Holder (DD-819)	USS Charles R. Ware(DD865)	USS Forest Royal (DD-872)
USS Putnam (DD-757)	USS Eugene A. Greene(DD711)	

Flight of Virgil Grissom & John Young, March 23,1965...in Molly Brown

<del>USS</del> Intrepid (CVS-11)	USS Swerve (MSO-495)	<del>USS</del> Mullinnix (DD-944)
<del>USS</del> Kankakee (AO-39)	USS Nipmuc (AFT-157)	<del>USS</del> Rich (DD-820)
<del>USS</del> Boston (CAG-1)	<del>USS</del> Robert Wilson (DD847)	<del>USS</del> J. P. Jones (DD-932)
USS Sturdy (MSO-494)	<del>USS</del> Bigelow (DD-942)	USNS Coastal Sentry
<del>USS</del> H. J. Ellison (DD-864)	<del>USS</del> Ault (DD-698)	Twin Falls Victory
USS Harwood (DD-861)	<del>USS</del> Douglas Fox (DD-779)	Rose Knot
USS Cony (DDF-508)	<del>USS</del> Sarsfield (DD-337)	

Flight of James A. McDivitt & Edward White II, June 3-7,1965

Atlantic Fleet

~~USS~~ R. A. Owens (DD-827)  
~~USS~~ Chukawan (AO-100)  
USS Barry (DD-933)

~~USS~~ Blandy (DD-943)  
USS Furse (DD-882)  
~~USS~~ Wasp (CVS-18)  
USS Rich (DD-820)

~~USS~~ Hawkins (DD-873)  
USS C. S. Sperry (DD-697)  
Twin Falls Victory  
Rose Knot

Pacific Fleet

~~USS~~ Goldsborough (DDG-20)  
~~USS~~ L. F. Mason (DD-852)

~~USS~~ Orleck (DD-886)  
~~USS~~ Rupertus (DD-851)

~~USS~~ Higbee (DD-806)  
~~USS~~ Ponchatoula (AO-148)

Also covers from the following. USNS Longview (TAGM-3) USNS Richfield (TAGM4)  
USNS Range Tracker (TAGM-1) USNS Wheeling (TAGM-8)  
USNS Huntsville (TAGM-7) USNS Gen.H.H. Arnold

I hope I have helped you in the formation of your Recovery Ship Collection. If any readers have additional ships to list, or anything at all to add to the above listing I would like to hear from you. Please write me % The Space Reporter, TD Productions P.O. Box 75, Brooklyn 37, New York. Thank you Art Silhanek.

"While on the Subject of Ships"

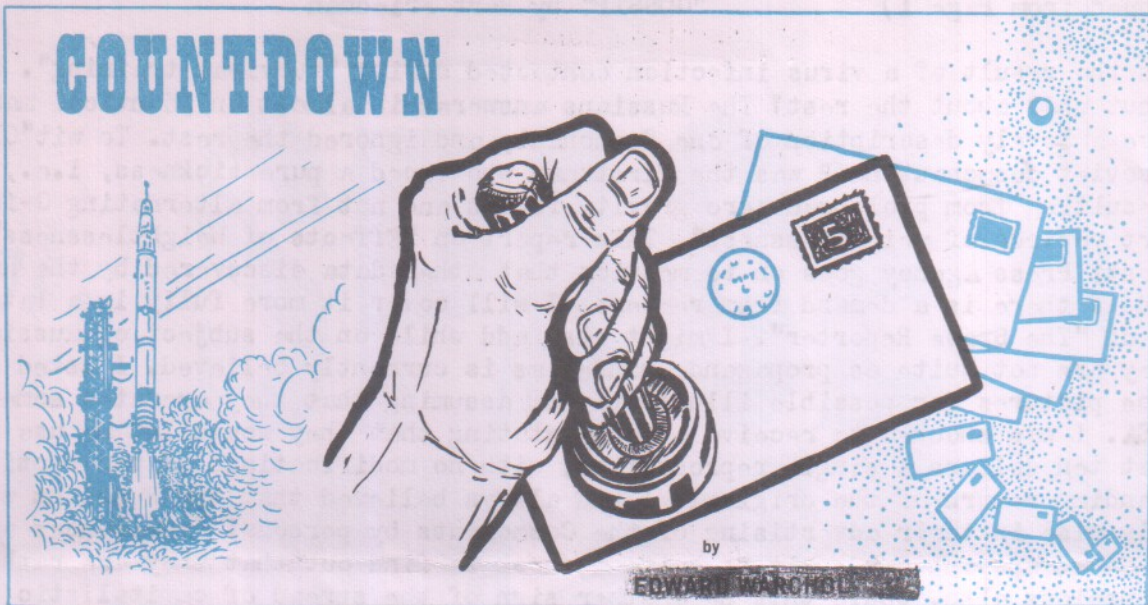
ADULT, serious minded collectors are reminded there is a group of outstanding collectors specializing in Nuclear Ship Covers and Recovery Ship Covers, namely, the Nuclear Ships Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society. Write their Secretary Mr. Don Schultz for full information.

2521 N. Kirkland Ct.

Nuclear Ships Chapter

Appleton, Wisconsin 54914





Novosti Press Agency (APN) " Young Radio Stars " by Leonid Miroshnichenko

According to the Soviet astronomer Joseph Shklovsky, D.Sc. (Phys. and Math.), the age of the "youngest" radio source in the universe is about 100 years. This source has not been named and is tentatively designated by astronomers as "1934-63". The next youngest source is Cassiopea-A, which is approximately 300 years old and the strongest source of radio emission.

A very interesting thing about the "1934-63" source is that the intensity of its radiation is continuously decreasing. This feature has enabled astronomers to check upon its size and age.

Radio waves are produced by very fast (relativistic) particles moving at nearly the velocity of light. The age of a source is counted from the moment a cloud of such fast radiating particles was ejected into space by a powerful stellar explosion. As it moves, the cloud expands, the magnetic field collapses, and the intensity of radiation diminishes. By measuring the linear dimensions and radiation intensity of a source at different frequencies, it is possible to determine the age of the source with sufficient accuracy.

It is interesting to note that the "1934-63" source does not emit visible rays. The absence of light radiation may be due to the absorption of light by the very dense gaseous envelope ejected together with the particles by the explosion. When the envelope has become sufficiently thin due to expansion, light from the core will be able to pass through it, and the source will be visible in telescopes.

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Ed. Note: The above article was submitted by the Novosti Press Agency (APN), Moscow, U.S.S.R., motivated by a desire to contribute to a mutual knowledge and understanding between our two countries, and for this reason the article appears in its entirety. I will prevail upon the Novosti Press Agency to send articles of interest concerning their Soviet Space Men and Woman, and I sincerely hope I am successful.



this was the result of a virus infection contacted during "survival training". Wonderful, but what about the rest? The Russians answered in almost an identical manner. They gave a lovely description of one Cosmonaut, and ignored the rest. To wit "Gherman Titov, soviet cosmonaut no.2 was the first man who faced a pure sickness, i.e., the state resulting from prolonged zero gravity forces and not from alternating G-forces and short periods of weightlessness". This report on "Effects of Weightlessness" by the Novosti Press Agency goes on to mention that other data discovered by the Russians, and if there is a demand from readers, I will cover it more fully in a later edition of "The Space Reporter". I might also add while on the subject of Russia, that they are not quite as propaganda minded as is currently believed. I asked for a few space pictures for possible illustrations, assuming that they operated something like NASA. I was shocked to receive a reply stating that they would let me use their photos at ten dollars a single reproduction, with no modifications of the captions, and demanding return of the original. I had always believed that the Russians were extremely wise in their advertising of the Cosmonauts by personal appearances and propaganda stamps and cards. It is quite a shock to find out that they are rather money conscious also. Could this be another sign of the spread of capitalistic ideals in the Soviet Union?

I finally saw "Operation Crossbow" the other day. If you want a good laugh, go and see it. It terribly distorts the whole Peenemunde project, but the lovely work on the mockup V-1's and V-2's are worth seeing. While on the subject of movies, I might suggest that you buy the "Gemini 4 Space Walk" as distributed by Columbia Pictures. I picked it up, and it is a knockout. I suggest you send the few extra dollars for the color edition...its worth it. I notice that the May 9th parade in Moscow showing the new Russian rockets has made a splash in the magazines. "Space World" has a few photos in the August edition. "Air Force and Space Digest" gives eight pages to a full coverage of the missiles shown, and a bitter attack on Defense Secretary Robert McNamara for his evaluation of Soviet might. Although I agree with the Air Force on Mr. McNamara's inadequacies, I imagine that they would have attacked him even if he was right. While on the USAF, congratulations on the excellent success of Titan 3. That might well be the most important rocket of the next ten years. Especially if the Air Force ever gets an OK on the planned "Manned Orbiting Laboratory".

Jet Propulsion Laboratory is surely enjoying the sudden rise in popularity they have only lately achieved. Early in the Ranger Program, with almost daily failures, there was talk of Washington stepping in and taking over. However the amazing turn-about that saw successful launchings of Rangers six through nine, and Mariner IV have put J.P.L. on a pedestal that no Congressman is going to try and topple.

Martin Caidin has come out with another excellent book on space. This one is a novel by the name of "Marooned". The ending is a bit pat, but if you are a real space buff, you simply have to read this exciting tale of the mythical last Mercury shot that could'nt get down. For those that don't know Martin Caidin, get to the library. He has quite a few items of interest to the Space enthusiast. Well thats about it for now and you will be hearing more "Gossip" next time around. Bert

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Fd. Note: I really sincerely mean I would like to add more to Bert's comments on the eligibility of contestants for the "What have you done for your hobby lately contest" but since my right arm is tired of throwing all the letters I have received threatening me with lawsuits in the WASTEBASKET, and since I have not been given much space here I will be very brief. In my opinion this contest is for COLLECTORS only. I do not personally know the Joe Nagl Bert refers to. I do know Ronson is a dealer and I have known Jerry Chaivoe to sell covers. Insofar as Mr. David Tattersall is concerned please read my editorial in this edition. I will agree we do need new blood in the hobby and there is something definitely wrong with our hobby, however, I am completely lost by Bert's reference that Mr. Chaivoe "has practically made cover collecting legitimate"?. Well back to checking the tide table since we are catching 5 & 6 lb. Blue Fish, trolling, and using a lure (no bait).