May Take Place Today Ascends To

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (P) — Florida skies cleared New Record yesterday to make it a better than 50-50 chance that astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr., will be the first American shot into space this morning.

The final countdown is slated to begin at 12:30 a.m., EST, OF MEXICO (A)-Two Navy

The first phase of the count-down began at 7:30 a.m. yester-

day. It was proceeding perfectly.

But postponement can come at

any time, should the weather picture change.

"We have no concrete assur-

ance at this time that the weath-

at any moment take Shepard

on his-15-minute, 115-mile-high

ride to a rendezvous with wait-

ing recovery ships 290 miles out in the Atlantic.

The weather support group for

Congress Adds 73 Judgeships

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress today passed and sent to the White House a bill to create 73 additional federal judgeships.

The House approved the measure first and the Senate quickly ment have been cleared away. followed, both by voice vote.

In the House, passage followed

dor impels me to say that being a Democrat will not hurt one's chances for appointment.

Jewish Veterans Testify

JERUSALEM (AP) - Battlescarred veterans of desperate Jewish underground struggles in land confronted Adolf Eichmann from the witness stand yesterday.

Dr. Appen Parts of Lithuania and Police Metalty said there would at the high deck.

At launching, the elongated ballon stood as tall as a 40-story with a few widely scattered showbuilding.

Dr. Aaron Peretz, an Israeli ers in the recovery area down-physician who worked in the Jewish hespital at Kovno, Lithuania,

New Agency--

(Continued from page one) Eisenhower established during his second term.

Killian, former president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and now chairman of the MIT Corp., headed the board un-der Eisenhower.

McGuire Considers Switch

NEW YORK (A) — Frank Me-Guire, basketball coach at the University of North Carolina, would agree to coach the New York Knickerbockers next year if he also is named general manager of the NBA club.

-Not too many years ago. Pennsylvania had a group of law enforcers called the Pennsylvania Mounted Police. Four troops were stationed in the state: at Punxsu-tawney, Reading, Wyoming and Greensburg.



Wed. Clark Gable May 10 Marilyn Monroe

Starts

ABOARD AIRCRAFT CAR RIER ANTIETAM IN GULF if a midnight weather conference balloonists ascended about the greatest height above the earth's surface ever reached by a manned balloon.

One balloonist was fatally injured in the forced landing. The Minor equipment troubles found second naval scientist escaped inin the space capsule after last jury.
Tuesday's bad-weather postpone-

Lt. Cmdr. Victor A. Prather, Bethesda, Md., the scientific observer on the flight, died

In the House, passage and a plea by Republicans that President Kennedy avoid partisanship in appointing the new judges, 10 in the circuit courts and 63 in the district courts.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, agreed the judgeships should not be prizes for deserving Democrats.

It was expected to hold up through the critical morning hours today when Shepard rides up to the third level of the huge gantry and boards the Redstone rocket's space capsule.

After the crass.

Prather, a 34-year-old medical officer, apparently slipped from a helicopter sling as he was being lifted into the rescue craft.

The huge plastic balloon was launched just off the mouth of the Mississippi River from the flight deck of the carrier. It reached its maximum altitude of approximately 113,500 feet two hours and 36 minutes later at a point about 136 miles south of Mobile, Ala.

The huge balloon landed about 1½ miles off the port bow while Antietam was maneuvering to Project Mercury said there would land it on the flight deck.

Ambassador to Belgium

Winds and seas in the Cape BRUSSELS, Belgium (P) - The said that in 1942 a Nazi order area were moderate. The condition new U.S. ambassador to Belgium, of the wind and the waves are Douglas MacArthur II, arrived coming pregnant and having children.

Tokyo! He replaces William A. M. Burden.



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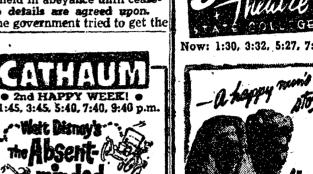
Launching of Astronaut U.S. Balloon Laos Military Representatives To Attend Front-line Conference

conference today but will send saying all these matters must be settled in conferences with Souvanna Phouma.

decides that seas and skies are 21½ miles above the Gulf of ment. The Cabinet flew 150 miles inspector-general of the royal ment. The Cabinet flew 150 miles inspector-general of the royal ment. The first phase of the count-down began at 7:30 a.m. vester. ing action on this.

Promier Boun Oum issued a proposal as a step toward full peace talks. But the government is insisting that political issues be held in abeyance until cease-fire details are agreed upon.

The government tried to get the



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VIENTIANE, Laos (P)-The military phase started Wednesday government accepted ex-Premier Souvanna Phouma's invitation to a front-line peace of the two sides draw up armistice. The rebels refused, saving all these matters must be

Souvanna proposed that politi-cal leaders also attend to discuss ment's delegation will be headed







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