

# Glenn Readies for Flight

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## Weather Looks Good For Blast-Off Today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The U.S. space agency moved swiftly ahead last night with plans to rocket astronaut John H. Glenn Jr. around the world today.

Mercury operations director Walter Williams gave the word to start the crucial second half of the countdown at 11:30 p.m. EST.

The forecast was so encouraging that a midnight weather briefing was cancelled.

Barring some unforeseen change in the weather, or other hitch, the chances were counted good for sending the Marine lieutenant colonel skyward sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. EST today.

A late afternoon weather report said conditions in the Atlantic recovery areas "appeared favorable for the mission." The only fly in the weather ointment was that the Cape

Canaveral launch area might be covered with broken clouds. However, commanders of the Mercury he was ready. He reiterated that he was not the least perturbed by the delays stretching back to last Dec. 20.

### BULLETIN

The weather at Cape Canaveral appeared promising and the recovery area in the Atlantic Ocean was calm as the final countdown to send Astronaut John Glenn Jr. into space entered its final hours.

Unless a heavy cloud layer moved over the Cape this morning, Glenn was to blast off on his orbital trip at 7:30 a.m.

At press time, Glenn had been awakened and was being strapped into his space capsule, Friendship 7, on top of a powerful Atlas rocket.

astronaut project hoped that, if this occurred, they might find a hole in the clouds to shoot Glenn's Atlas rocket through.

**THE FINAL COUNTDOWN** actually covers six hours of tests, checks and preparations, but the count will extend over a period of eight hours, allowing two hours of built in "holds" during which any final needed corrections could be made.

Should something delay the shot, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the good weather was expected to continue through tomorrow.

As the 11th date for his great adventure neared, Glenn reported

Speaking to newsmen who found him in a Cocoa Beach barber chair, Glenn said postponements are of no consequence, because:

"I have been training and waiting for three years, and a few more days won't matter."

The hope is to propel Glenn three times around the world in a spine-tingling journey lasting four hours and 50 minutes.

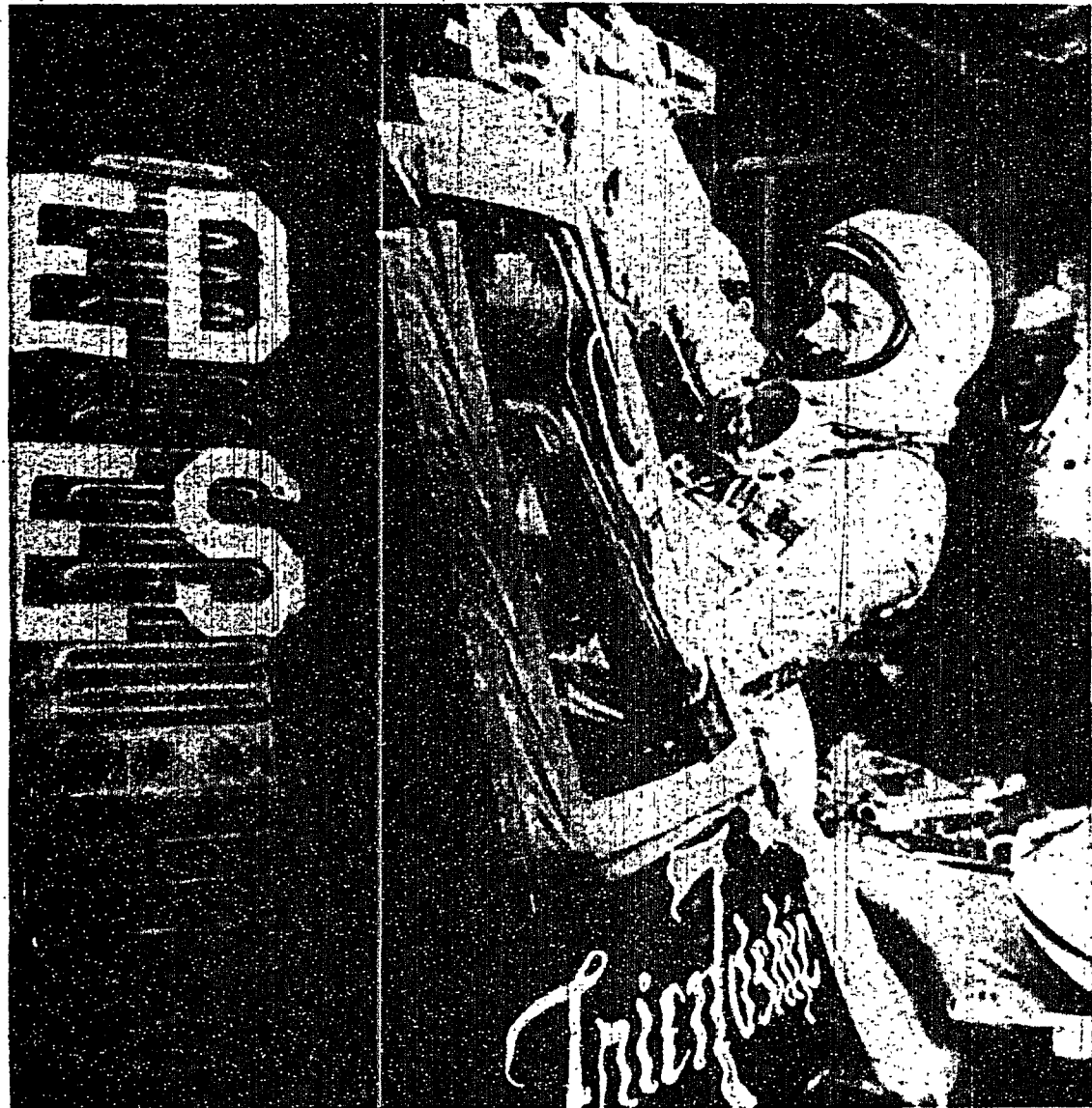
If need be, the trip could be cut to two orbits, or one.

Experts still planned to huddle, keeping their eye on the weather reports.

Similar 11th-hour meetings last week forced postponements of the flight on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**THOSE DELAYS** were caused by storms which churned dangerous waves in the Atlantic recovery area east of Bermuda where Glenn's capsule would land if the mission aborted because the Atlas failed to achieve proper speed or injected the craft into the wrong orbit path.

The storm has moved out of that area and conditions in the zones where Glenn would impact after one, two or three orbits were reported satisfactory.



—Associated Press Wirephoto

**PREPARES FOR ORBITAL FLIGHT**—Astronaut John Glenn Jr. enters his space capsule, Friendship 7, early this morning in hopes that his long-awaited space flight will become a reality. Fair weather at Cape Canaveral and

calm seas in the Atlantic Ocean raised hopes that the flight scheduled for 7:30 a.m. will finally get underway. Bad weather and technical difficulties have forced cancellation of the trip 10 times.

## University May Share In Excess Tax Income

By ANN PALMER

The State Senate approved an amendment yesterday made by Sen. Jo Hays, D-Centre, which could increase the University's appropriation.

Hays' amendment stipulated that if the state received more income in taxes, than has been estimated for the fiscal year 1961-62, eight per cent of that excess will be allocated to the University. The fiscal year ends on July 1.

By approving Hays' amendment, the Senate added it to the University appropriations bill (which would allocate \$20 million to the University). The amended bill will be brought to a final vote today.

**"LAST WEEK** the House passed a bill giving all tax excesses to public schools in the state. I changed that bill in the Senate so that 92 per cent of the excess would go to public schools and eight per cent to the University," Hays said.

The amendment vote was tied on the floor of the Senate with a solid Democratic vote (25) for it and a straight Republican vote (25) against it. The deadlock was broken by an affirmative vote from the Lieutenant Governor.

"I would guess that this bill will pass in the Senate tomorrow," Hays said last night.

If the amendment bill is

passed by the Senate today, it will go to the House for consideration.

Hays said that at present, the state revenues total \$5 million more than had been estimated for this year.

Hays proposed a second amendment to the University's budget bill which added \$1½ million to the allocation. This amendment was defeated by an unofficial count of 35 to 15.

**"THIS AMENDMENT** necessitated additional funds to finance the increase, because Governor Lawrence has said he would veto any bill which unbalanced his \$1-billion general fund budget," Hays said.

Hays suggested that the increase be financed by compelling all state-aided schools to charge higher tuition rates for all out-of-state students.

**ANOTHER AMENDMENT** to the University's appropriation was announced by its sponsor, Republican Sen. Harold E. Flack, on Feb. 8.

"I understand that Sen. Flack is planning to propose his amendment tomorrow," Hays said last night.

All women students may have 2 a.m. permissions Friday and Saturday for Military Ball Weekend. The hours were approved by the Association of Women Students Senate at its meeting recently.

## Sevareid Hits Guilt Feelings

By KAY MILLS

The United States must learn to control anxiety about anti-Americanism as part of a repair job to keep its foreign policy engine running, Eric Sevareid, CBS news analyst, told a capacity audience Saturday evening at Schwab.

"We can learn from the British by seeking respect, not affection or popularity, through positive policy moves," he said.

Sevareid, speaking for the University Lecture Series, said Americans must end their neurotic worrying about the opinions of other countries.

**"LET THEM WORRY** about what we think of them for a change."

To achieve this end, Sevareid said that Americans will have to change their thinking and discipline themselves. Many people will have to learn that democracy is not the only answer, he said.

Abriding a quote from Woodrow Wilson, he added that the goal is to make the world safe and save democracy in the countries which know how to work it or have a chance to learn.

"That chance," Sevareid said, "is not promiscuously distributed. A change of rule, as in emerging states, does not insure the creation of democratic societies."

**BECAUSE THE** United States must at times act alone, "we must believe our cause is right and become less troubled about the drawbacks of American high-handedness."

The veteran newscaster said the

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**NEWS ANALYST WITH STUDENTS**—Eric Sevareid, CBS news analyst, fields a student's question at a coffee hour in the Hetzel Union main lounge following his lecture Saturday evening in Schwab. He discussed subjects ranging from the unsuccessful U.S. invasion of Cuba to a journalist's role: to inform or to influence?