

Astronauts Solve Riddle

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two pathfinders of the cosmos, astronaut John H. Glenn Jr., and cosmonaut Gherman S. Titov, put their heads together yesterday and may have solved a mystery—the famous space fireflies.

After their talk, Titov reported to a big international space meeting they believed the tiny luminous specks they saw were probably caused by fuel ejected from the rocket or space ship.

BOTH HAD rejected another suggested explanation—that the specks were the results of paint peeling from their capsules. Glenn saw the fireflies four times as the sun rose in the path of his Friendship 7.

As for Titov, "I observed them as soon as I entered orbit," he told the World Committee on Space Research. He also saw them when his retro-rockets fired to

bring him back to the Soviet pitch, roll and yaw. Titov gave a dramatic account of his 17 orbits of the earth last Aug. 6. He reported that the booster which put his Vostock II into orbit was a multistage one powered by six liquid-fuel engines. He also reported that he could control his capsule manually.

"I believe, and I think Col. Glenn is of the same opinion," he said, "that they resulted from fuel being ejected."

"THIS WILL HAVE to be checked by the next astronaut," Glenn was not using retro or other rockets at the time he saw the mysterious phenomena but at many times during the flight he saw fuel from hydrogen peroxide jets used to control his ship's

move in other directions. In his talk, Glenn predicted that the United States would perfect techniques whereby an astronaut in flight could change orbit and

responsible for it. Some Soviet experts who recently explored the Tunguska region still hold with the comet theory.

Rejecting those views, Zigel concludes the blast was nuclear in nature and originated either from a space ship from another planet—mentioned only as a remote possibility—or from some very extraordinary, still unfamiliar but natural heavenly body.

An area larger than New York City and its suburbs was obliterated by an explosion seen and heard for 400 miles around.

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Columbia Dean Hits Integration Methods

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. John Fischer, superintendent of schools during desegregation in Baltimore, Md., spoke at a two-day conference on school desegregation problems sponsored by the Federal Civil Rights Commission.

Fischer, dean of Teachers College, Columbia University, said "The most offensive part of the inter-racial contacts are desirable, engineered approach is the as-bution 'I am disturbed about the growing pressure to locate schools, improved if members of another draw district lines, and organize race are introduced into it,' he curricula in order to achieve a said.

predetermined racial pattern of enrollment.

"DECISIONS ABOUT school organization based entirely on racial criteria seem primarily on racial criteria seem to me to violate the principle of nondiscrimination," he said.

Algeria Terror Wave Answered with Force

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)—In the wake of the Secret Army Organization's worst terror wave, the French government promised last night a crackdown on European extremists seeking to block Algerian independence through bloody chaos.

Christian Fouchet, French high-commissioner to Algeria, said he has given rigorous antiterrorism directives to the military.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Soviet scholar has advanced the theory that the world's first nuclear explosion occurred in 1908, or 37 years before the invention of the atomic bomb.

F. Yu. Zigel, a Moscow lecturer on scientific subjects, says there is no other logical explanation for the mighty blast that devastated the Tunguska swamp forest in Siberia on June 30, 1908.

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