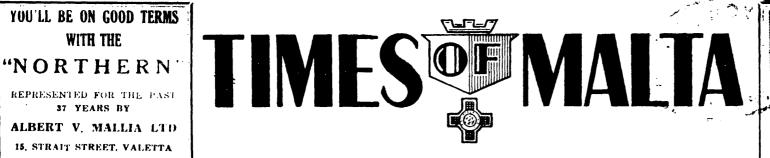
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# ROGER, NO PROBLEM - COOPER

# Hitch in Last Stage of Space Mission G.A.T.T. Ministerial Conference

Astronaut Gordon Cooper ran into trouble fire the retro-rockets. Cooper would have to do this man-(R.S.) today in the final stage of an otherwise almost ually. faultless 22-orbit flight round the earth.

A faulty switch upset the spacecraft's automatic control system and Mercury control told the 36-year-old astronaut that he would have to fire his retro-rockets manually.

The retro-rockets, mounted in front of Cooper's Faith 7 capsule slow the one-ton capsule slow the one-ton spacecraft down before it plunges into the fiery test of re-entry to the atmosphere the most dangerous phase of the whole flight.

#### Plunge through Atmosphere

Scientists on the ground decided that after breaking manually out of his 22nd and last orbit over the Pacific. Cooper could use his automatic system to control the country layers through the actual plunge through the atmosphere — when the capsule will be subjected to heat of up to 3,000 degrees fahrenheit.
Told he would have to fire

the retro-rockets manually Cooper replied laconically: Roger, no problem'

Only a tough heatshield at the front of the rocket stands between the astronaut and incineration at this stage.

Ground control told Cooper that everything appeared nor-mal, but told him to "power up" — take over direct pilot control - in case more trouble developed while ground scientists tried to trace the fault in the capsule's electrical system.

Later tests showed that the faulty switch upset the automatic control system and Cooper was told to position himself manually for the retro-fire sequence.

Lieutenant Colonel John Powers, the Fress Officer here, said scientists had determined that an electrical relay which triggers the "O5G" light and affects part of the automatic control system. had apparently closed prematurely

This meant that the automatic system could not position the capsule properly to

#### Officials Confident

When the capsule drops from orbit to the point where forces would have gravity closed the relay anyway, Cooper can turn on the auto-

handle the intricate "His simulations of their

the tracking ship Coastal

Kearsarge is stationed to pick Cooper up.

be dizzy or even unconscious from the effects of prolonged weigthlessness.

### Stop Press:

### **ASTRONAUT SAFE** AND SOUND PACIFIC RECOVERY

Astronaut Gordon Cooper landed safely in the Pacific today after 22 orbits of the carth in the space capsule

The carrier Kearsarge steamed towards the little capsule while three helicopters hover-ed above. The pilots reported Cooper said he was "feeling

Cooper splashed down only two miles away from the port bow of the Kearsarge.

Cooper asked that he and his capsule be lifted aboard the Kearsarge by crane.

matic system for the rest of his re-entry. Powers said. Powers said flight officials are confident Cooper can

manoevrability were excellent during training.
Cooper will get a verbal countdown from astronaut John Glenn, stationed aboard

Sentry South of Japan.

A task force of ships.
air rait. a n d helicopters
directed from the Carrier

Dictors aboard the carrier explained that Cooper could

Weather in the recovery area is good.

'ACTION PROGRAMME' ACCEPTED (Reuter's Service)

Both Britain and America told the Gatt conference which opened here today that they broadly accepted an "action programme" proposed by the under-developed countries to improve their export opportunities.

Mr. Frederick Erroll. President of the Board of Trade, General Agreement on Tariffs said: "To énable the less developed countries to increase the biggest trade liberalization." veloped countries to increase their trade is perhaps the biggest task before us today.

Mr. Christian Hitter the Mr. Christian Hotter. President Kennedy's Special

representative for trade tiations, said the task meeting faces is more in tant than that of finding of to improve the export of of less-deve tunities countries.

"If we do not succeed this task, much of the fleeffort and money that countries represented have put into economic attechnical aid will have be wasted and we will have : ed in our common purp so enabling less developed contries to move forward was their economic developmed "The United States hep-

to make toward this objective at least as great a contribu tion as that of any other in dustrialized country.

The conference of 77 dele-

tion programme in history The first point on the agenda is measures for expansion of trade of developing countries as a means of furthering their economic developmen

The Ministers are expected to complete discussion of this by tomorrow afternoon,

#### PENKOVSKY EXECUTED

MOSCOW. May 16. Russia today announced the execution of Oleg Penkovsky. 44-year-old Soviet scientific worker. sentenced to death five days

sentenced to deal...
ago for spying.
A statement by the official
Soviet news agency Tass said
imply that "the spy Oleg Penkovsky has been shot". It did not say when Penkovsky had faced the firing squad or give any other details.

## C.M.T.U. CONGRESS BY A STAFF REPORTER

The Congress of the Confederation of Malta Trade Unions held its second session at the Anglo-Maltese League Head-

quarters, Valetta, yesterday. The opening session was ing session was presided over eld at the University by Mr E.C. Tabone. heatre, Valetta, on Sunday The new Council for 1963 Theatre. Valetta, on Sunday On Tuesday the morning. first working session at the Anglo-Maltese was presided over by Mr. E.C. Tabone, in the absence of the C.M.T.U. President, Mr. A.M. Callus. who is sick, and the Vice-President, Prof. E. Busuttil, who was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Tabone was eventually Vice-President unopposed.

The C.M.T.U. Council will now have two Vice-Presidents as a resolution to this cifect was passed following a motion by the Administrative Committee.

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The new Council for 1963 65 is now composed of the following gentlemen: President: A.M. Callus; General Secretary: W. R. Zahra; Treasurer: E. Spiteri; Vice-Presidents: A. Darmenia, Ph.C. and E.C. Tabone: Assistant Secretary: G. Callus; Elected Members: M. Vella Haber, Dip.Pol Econ (Oxon): P. Balzan, Dip.Pol.Econ. (Oxon); V. Frendo Azopardi; (Oxon); V. Frendo Azopardi; J. Aquilina; T. Mayo; S. Brincau. In addtion certain unions will send nominated representatives on the Coun-

ve Committee.

Monday at 6 p.m. at the Yesterday the second workAnglo-Maltese League.





Mr. E.C. Tabone presiding over the first working session of the C.M.T.U. Congress at the Anglo-Maltese. He is flanked by Mr. Spiteri (left), and Mr. Zahra.



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