

SUCCESS AND ALL'S WELL

For the second time an Atlas rocket with a Mercury Capsule riveted the attention of America, indeed the whole world. On schedule from the transfer van came the new Astronaut, Lt-Commander Malcolm Scott Carpenter. Apparently quite calm he made his way to the left, to be taken up to the capsule. He was fortunate that there was not the succession of nerve racking delays such as beset Colonel Glenn. The programme for Scott Carpenter was three orbits of the earth, another milestone in the American conquest of space. Only a few years ago how fantastically impossible it would have all seemed. Today, we very nearly take these stupendous achievements for granted. Yet still, just before blast off there's a terrible doubt.

The gallant Scott Carpenter made his three orbits. The world congratulates him and the United States.