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World Lauds Space Shot

By The Associated Press

It seemed that people of almost every land, following Glenn's exploit through news dispatches, radio and TV, shared in the tension, relief and enthusiasm of the United States and the joy that yet another human being had ventured successfully into the uncharted reaches of space. It proved to be a sort of super goodwill tour.

Even the Russians, sometimes disdainful of U.S. failures, appeared sympathetic toward the American triumph, though it was part of the U.S. effort to trim their lead in the space race.

In Europe, a flood of congratulatory messages flowed from capital cities to Washington.

A minor sour note came from the East German radio and news agency, which laid more stress on what it termed "the great propaganda hullabaloo" than on the flight itself.

The U.S. Government came to a virtual standstill Tuesday during the takeoff and landing of the first American to orbit the earth.

After it was all over President Kennedy came out into the White House Rose Garden and saluted astronaut John H. Glenn Jr. as "the kind of American of whom we are most proud." He spoke on national radio and TV networks.

"I know that I express the great happiness and thanksgiving of all of us that Col. Glenn has completed his trip," the President said.

Kennedy returned to his desk



JOHN H. GLENN JR.
U.S. Astronaut

and spoke directly with Glenn over a special radio hookup between the White House and the destroyer, USS Noa.

The President congratulated Glenn and told him he would see him at Cape Canaveral, Fla., Friday. It was also announced that Kennedy would receive the astronaut at the White House next Monday or Tuesday.

Three hundred postmasters had received sealed packages secretly in advance which, when opened, yielded a special issue of four cent stamps commemorating Glenn's flight.

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