

CHIMP LANDING -- The Atlas rocket with a Project Mercury space capsule atop blasts off launching pad #14 at Cape Canaveral, Florida November 29 starting the male chimpanzee, named Enos, on his 17,500-mile-an-hour (28,100-kph) flight through space. The capsule was brought down after two complete orbits of the earth and the 5½-year-old animal was recovered in excellent condition. Purpose of the flight was to test further the capsule's environmental system and the worldwide tracking network before the first U.S. manned orbital flight, in which the huge Atlas will also be used. (67-12994).



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