

## THIRD U.S. MAN IN ORBIT

Orbital flights conducted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are part of a long-range program aimed at manned flights to the moon and back to earth by the end of this decade. Astronauts in the program trained rigorously for years while thousands of scientists, engineers and technicians gave maximum support to their efforts. A new group of astronauts will begin training in late 1962 for the two-man Gemini spacecraft which is now being built.

A Mercury astronaut, in his one-man liferaft, practices with his signal mirror during training. All the astronauts participated in this training to prepare them for recovery after completing their orbital flights. A survival package in the spacecraft contains food, water, first-aid kit, matches, desalting kit, shark repellent, dye markers, distress signals, and a portable radio.

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