

ORBIT PILOTS — Astronauts Malcolm S. Carpenter (left) and John H. Glenn laugh heartily at a Cape Canaveral news conference announcing that Glenn has been selected as the prime pilot and Carpenter the back-up pilot for the first U.S. manned orbital flight. Project Mercury officials made the announcement after the successful orbital flight of the chimpanzee in the space capsule November 29. Glenn, 40, is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps; Carpenter, 36, is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy.

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