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'A NEW BEGINNING' IN SPACE

The four-day mission of the Space Shuttle Discovery was hailed as "an absolutely stunning success" and "a great ending to a new beginning" by officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The 26th Shuttle flight was highlighted by the successful deployment of the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite (TDRS) into Earth orbit. The lift-off was from Florida and the landing in California. On board were crewmembers Frederick Hauck, Richard Covey, John Lounge, David Hilmers and George Nelson.

COLORFUL CREW -- The crewmen in Hawaiian attire pose for a group portrait in the mid-deck area of Discovery as they pay tribute to the Hawaii tracking station during a television downlink from Earth orbit. In foreground are mission specialists John Lounge (left) and pilot Richard Covey. Behind them (from left) are mission specialist David Hilmers, commander Frederick Hauck and mission specialist George Nelson.

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