

OPERATIONAL MISSION -- Space Shuttle Columbia lifts-off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on its first operational flight. On board was the first four-man crew ever to be sent into space together. They were: Vance Brand, commander; Robert Overmyer, pilot; Joseph Allen and William Lenoir, both mission specialists. During the four-day, Earth-orbiting mission, they launched two commercial satellites, the first such payload in the Shuttle program. It was Columbia's fifth trip into space. (82-2510-C)