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Cloudy with occasional rain today, clearing tonight thru Tuesday; warm. (See details on Page 2A)

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For America, Shining Hour

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

They were shining hours. Americans landed on the moon and walked its rocky surface while millions of their countrymen locked their attention on television and radio sets on a July Sunday that will live in history.

It was also a Sunday on which hippies romped nude in a California stream, American GIs fought on in Vietnam, babies were born, highways took their toll, cheers rose from excited crowds, a Wyoming woman laughed uncontrollably, Indians broke into a victory dance.

For others, there were periods of reflection and prayer. In her home at Worcester, Mass., the widow of rocket pioneer Robert H. Goddard sat alone and watched television as man stepped on the moon for the first time.

When a newsman phoned she said, "I'm sorry... I'd rather be by myself... you understand." A soft rain fell at Auburn, Mass., where Goddard fired his first liquid fueled rocket in 1926.

In New York, some 3,000 people watched the moon landing at a huge television screen at Kennedy International Airport. Hundreds crowded in front of another big screen at the Time-Life Building across from Radio City Music Hall. An estimated 4,000 watched the three huge TV screens erected in Central Park.

Across the nation, in Anaheim, Calif., 80 members of the Soviet Union's track and field team saw the moon landing on Disneyland TV screen. In Burbank, Calif., an ice cream company, moments after Neil A. Armstrong first stepped on the moon, started dishing out a new flavor called Lunar Cheese Cake.

In the Nevada gaming cities of Las Vegas and Reno, gamblers were asked to halt the action briefly. In Las Vegas, a stripper at the Silver Slipper Casino peeled a simulated space suit, and at Reno's Harrah's Club, they pushed a new drink, the Moonshot Cocktail.

At Farragut State Park in northern Idaho, Boy Scouts were gathered for their 7th annual jamboree. They huddled around radios and a few television sets for news of the exploits of two former scouts, Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr.

In Philadelphia, a huge crowd gathered in front of historic Independence Hall and cheered when Eagle reached the moon's surface. In Seattle, pregame ceremonies before an American League baseball game between the hometown Pilots and the Minnesota Twins were interrupted by an announcement of the moon landing. The fans cheered, stood up and sang "America the Beautiful."

At Meriden, Conn., a man called the Morning Record and complained he couldn't find a single baseball game on radio or television, ending a five-minute harangue that the moon landing was "a lot of nonsense."

In San Quentin Prison, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the convicted slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, watched the televised account of the moon landing in his death row cell. In the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., did not see the moon landing. There is no television in his maximum security cell.

Only 4,000 persons took the Kennedy Space Center tour at Cape Kennedy, Fla., where an estimated crowd of one million were on hand when the Apollo 11 blasted off last Wednesday. Barbara Gullford, a 29-year-old Cheyenne, Wyo., schoolteacher, laughed and laughed.

"I was exhilarated and started laughing," she said. "I couldn't understand exactly what had transpired technically, but I was excited over the fact that man had made it to the moon. I laughed for five minutes."

A crowd so dense "you couldn't even walk" jammed into Chicago's Adler Planetarium to watch the moon landing and 300 more watched the event at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum at Washington, D.C.

At Kill Devil Hill, N.C., where Orville and Wilbur Wright made man's first powered flight 45 years ago, television screens were installed to relay pictures of man's first landing on the moon. Indians at the Potawatomi Pow-Wow in Mayetta, Kan., broke into a victory dance to celebrate the moon landing.

2 in Lunar Walk, Get Nixon Call

By HOWARD BENEDICT

AP Aerospace Writer SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two Americans, who strode the moon's surface for the first time and raised their nation's banner above it, hold the world in suspense again today with a perilous blastoff for the long journey home.

A successful liftoff and rendezvous with their orbiting command ship would climax an epic expedition in which Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. fulfilled a centuries-old dream of men everywhere.

There is only one liftoff engine on the landing craft they call Eagle. It must work, or the astronauts would be stranded with only 15 hours of oxygen left and no hope of rescue.

They are confident it will perform flawlessly as have millions of other parts of Apollo 11 hardware during the incredible journey that carried man's quest for the unknown to his first landing on another celestial body.

The launching from the moon was scheduled for 2:55 p.m. EDT.

A successful liftoff would shoot them into lunar orbit to chase down Michael Collins, orbiting some 65 miles overhead in the Apollo 11 command ship. Once linked up, they plan to fire themselves back toward earth early Tuesday, ending a space odyssey in which they etched their names beside those of history's great explorers, Columbus, Balboa, Magellan, da Gama and Byrd.

Through the magic of television, an estimated 500 million people around the world had a ringside seat to man's greatest adventure. It was unforgettable. Armstrong climbed through the LM hatch and started backing down a nine-rung ladder. On the second rung from the bottom, he opened a compartment, exposing a television camera.

The picture was black and white and somewhat jerky, but it recorded history. Among scientists, there was elation that the crew had landed in an area with a variety of rocks, a treasure that held at least the hope of a rich payoff in the search to learn more about moon and earth.

As Armstrong planted his size 9 1/2 left boot on the powdery surface at 10:56 p.m. Sunday, he spoke words that will be remembered for all time: "That's one small step for man, a giant leap for mankind."

The camera trained on Aldrin as he stepped on the far shore 30 minutes later and exclaimed: "Beautiful! Beautiful! Magnificent desolation."

There were other memorable utterances during the day of high adventure. There were Armstrong's words when Eagle separated from the command ship to start the dangerous descent: "The Eagle is flying."

There were Armstrong's—and man's—first words from the moon's surface after touchdown at 4:18 p.m.: "Houston... Tranquility base here. The Eagle has landed."

Or when Aldrin, a deeply religious man, relayed this message to the world shortly after the landing: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening, wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way."

They planted an American flag and saluted it, but made it plain they came to the moon as ambassadors for all mankind. They unveiled a stainless steel plaque bearing these words: "Here men from planet earth first set foot upon the moon, July, 1969, A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."

They left on the moon a disc on which messages from the leaders of 76 nations had been recorded. They will return to earth with them the flags of 136 nations, including Russia. And they left behind mementos for three Americans and two Russians who died for the cause of space exploration.

The theme was carried through when President Nixon placed an extraordinary radio



MAN'S FIRST MOON STEP — Astronaut Neil Armstrong prepares to take man's first step on the moon's surface Sunday, ushering in a new era. He is climbing down the ladder of the lunar module, which landed on the moon's surface earlier in the day.



HISTORIC PHONE CALL — President Richard M. Nixon talks to U.S. astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin after they landed on the moon's surface. The President called it "the most historic phone call ever made."



STARS AND STRIPES ON MOON — Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin plant the American flag on the surface of the moon.

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Today's Chuckle

Miniskirts rank in advancement equal with the steamboat. As Robert Fulton put it, "We no longer have to wait for the wind to blow."

Cartoon titled 'OKAY, BUT BEFORE YOU BIG GUYS SAY I DON'T PLAY, JUST REMEMBER WHO'S GOT THE BALL!' with a drawing of a man and a woman.

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