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NARRATION

OPENING MUSIC

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Checkout of SA-2 booster in new pressure test cell at Quality Assurance Div., including overall view of booster in test cell, various shots of men at work in control room, then back to booster

NARRATION

Final checkout of the second Saturn flight vehicle, SA-2, was completed during this report period at the Marshall Space Flight Center, in preparation for its scheduled flight testing at Cape Canaveral next quarter. The recently completed pressure test cell facility was placed into operation for the first time, as the SA-2 booster underwent an extensive testing program in which high-pressure air, helium, and nitrogen were used to check tanks and mechanical systems for leakage. Pressure levels up to 3,000 pounds per square inch above normal atmospheric pressure were employed in the checkout procedure.

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"Promise" tied up at  
Wilson Dam

NARRATION

While SA-2 checkout continued, modification work performed at Todd Shipyards, Houston, Texas, on the Saturn-carrying barge "Promise"--formerly named "Compromise"--included addition of an arched cargo cover, a pilot house, ballast system, crew's quarters, fire-fighting equipment, and heating system.

FILM

Overall view of area under construction; MS of cranes operating; MS of old lock; LS of old lock lower gates; PAN shot of coffer dams; close with overall view of construction

Several scenes of preparation of SA-2 for shipment (let film run a little long)

NARRATION

At Wheeler Dam on the Tennessee River 48 miles from Marshall, a mammoth repair job neared completion on the lock which had collapsed last June, forcing a temporary change in Saturn transportation plans. The Tennessee Valley Authority announced that it hopes to reopen the lock by April 23rd. Reopening will allow resumption of normal traffic, including barges carrying Saturns beginning with SA-3.

By mid-February of this report period, the SA-2 flight vehicle had finished its checkout, and was undergoing final preparation for shipment to the Cape. Like its predecessor, SA-1, this vehicle consisted of a live booster or S-I stage, with inert S-IV stage, S-V stage, and payload.

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Loading dummy upper stages  
and payload onto "Palaemon"

Loading booster onto  
"Palaemon" (let film run  
long)

SA-2 booster being rolled  
on land around Wheeler Dam,  
and then being loaded onto  
"Promise"

NARRATION

On February 16th, the SA-2 dummy  
upper stages and payload were  
loaded onto the Saturn barge  
"Palaemon". These were carried  
as far as Wheeler Dam early next  
morning, and the barge returned  
for the booster.

Loading time for the giant booster  
at the Marshall dock was only 10  
minutes.

At Wheeler, the units were trans-  
ferred by land around the broken  
lock and put aboard the waiting  
"Promise", which would take them  
the rest of the way. Only about  
an hour was needed to unload the  
booster, move it the one mile  
overland, and load it again.

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"Promise" arriving at  
Cape (let film run long)

Unloading SA-2 booster  
from "Promise" (let film  
run a little long)

Erecting booster at  
launching pad (let film  
run a little long)

Mating S-IV to booster  
(let film run long)

Mating of S-V (let  
film run long)

NARRATION

On February 27th, the "Promise"  
reached its destination, ending  
a 2,200-mile voyage which had  
taken it through waters of the  
Tennessee, Ohio, and Mississippi  
Rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, and  
the Atlantic Seaboard.

At the Cape Canaveral dock, the  
SA-2 stages were taken off the  
barge.

After being transported overland  
to the launching pad about two  
miles away, the booster was erected  
on the launch pedestal.

Shortly afterwards, mating of the  
inert S-IV stage to the booster  
began...

...followed by the S-V...

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Mating of payload  
(let film run long)

Full SA-2 vehicle in  
service structure

Final assembly of  
SA-3 booster (use stock  
footage of SA-1 or SA-2,  
if nothing available on  
SA-3)

Overall view of SA-3  
booster in checkout area  
at Quality Division (use  
stock, if nothing else  
available)

NARRATION

...and finally the payload, a  
Jupiter nose cone and aft section.

The fully assembled SA-2 vehicle  
was ready to begin undergoing the  
long series of checkouts and  
preparations which will precede  
its flight testing next quarter.

Assembly of the booster for the  
third Saturn flight vehicle,  
SA-3, was completed at the  
Marshall Center on January 8th...,

...and pre-static checkout of the  
stage was performed.



FILM

Various shots of mass  
moment of inertia testing  
of SA-3 booster

Static test firing of  
SA-T-3 booster (can use  
stock footage of any static  
firing)

NARRATION

Checkout work included testing to determine mass moment of inertia. The test is based upon application of the basic spring pendulum principle. The period of vibration for the booster, suspended on springs of known spring constants, is determined by a photo-electric cell and electrical timer. The mass moment of inertia is calculated from this data, plus weight and center of gravity data obtained by electronic load cells in previous tests.

(SOUND EFFECTS: STATIC FIRING; then, LOWER SOUND EFFECTS AND VOICE OVER) A series of three static test firings was conducted during this report period, with the SA-T-3 booster, a test stage modified to specifications of the SA-3. Later, this test booster was removed and the actual SA-3 installed for static firing.

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Beginning assembly of SA-4 booster (use stock, if actual footage not available)

Overall exterior view of Bldg. 4705; overall interior view showing expanded area

NARRATION

Assembly of the booster for the fourth Saturn flight vehicle, SA-4, began on January 2nd, and is expected to be completed this Summer.

Marshall's Saturn assembly area was being expanded this quarter to make it one-third again larger. The expanded area will house a new C-1 assembly station. One of the two present stations will be converted for assembly of C-5 ground test vehicles. The additional area will also provide more office space, a new electrical shop for cable assembly, and a new "clean room" facility for cleaning of tubes and other delicate components.

FILM

LS, overall view of fabrication area (Bldg. 4704); men working at ring fixture; then close with another quick overall look at area

NARRATION

In the Saturn fabrication area, re-tooling is now underway in preparation for structural fabrication of the A-5 configuration--or Block II--tail section, spider beam assembly, instrument compartment, and second stage adapter. Work will be performed on five flight boosters, plus two test boosters to be used in structural and dynamic testing programs at Marshall. Part of the shop is also being converted for research looking toward fabrication methods to be used on the advanced, or C-5, Saturn configuration, including out-of-position horizontal and vertical welding.

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Overall view of SA-5  
mockup (aft section)

Large fins

NARRATION

A full-scale mockup of the forward and aft sections of the Block II, or SA-5 type, Saturn booster is nearing completion, for use by engineers in design verification and also to familiarize assembly personnel with the new configuration. Block II vehicles, which will test live S-IV stages and boilerplate Apollo spacecraft, incorporate design changes necessary to accommodate manned missions.

Modifications include attachment of four large fins at the tail, to increase flight stability. The launch pedestal will be modified to accept the fins.

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Stub fins

Fuel tanks

Pressurization sphere

Retro-rocket

NARRATION

Four so-called stub fins-- actually support structures with aerodynamic fairing--are incorporated to provide additional support points. The leading edges of three of the stubs will carry hydrogen ducts through the inside.

Elongated fuel and Lox tanks will hold some 100,000 pounds more propellant for a longer burning time.

Two large spheres filled with gaseous nitrogen will replace the 48 smaller spheres used on Block I to pressurize the booster's fuel tanks.

The booster's honey-comb fairing used to fair in between the booster and S-IV stage is mounted to the I-beam, as are the four retro-rockets. Attaching the upper stage directly to the spider beam eliminates need for the Block I upper stage adapter.

FLIM

One-tenth scale model  
of Saturn-Apollo vehicle

Ling-Tempco-Vought plant  
sign, and aerial view of  
plant

MS of skin mill shaping  
flat stock

MS of "hydro-spinning" of  
dome bulkhead for Lox  
container

NARRATION

Another model--this one built to  
a scale of one to ten-- depicts a  
Block II booster and a cutaway  
version of the S-IV stage, carrying  
an Apollo spacecraft on top.

Fabrication of the 70 and 105-  
inch fuel and Lox tanks for Block  
II Saturn vehicles is now underway  
by the contractor, Ling-Tempco-  
Vought, at its plant near Dallas,  
Texas.

Manufacturing begins at this  
skin mill. Flat material is  
properly dressed prior to rolling  
it into cylindrical skin  
configurations.

The tank dome bulkheads are  
shaped by using a technique  
called "hydro-spinning."

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MS and CU of vidi-gage

MS of modified lathe

CU of spot welding Z-  
frames into center section  
skins

CU of head of spot welder

MS of portable X-ray unit

NARRATION

Then, the finished units are carefully inspected for uniform thickness by using this semi-automatic vidi-gage.

Prior to in-line assembly, each tank section is trimmed to a specified close tolerance using this modified lathe.

Z-frames are uniformly spaced between the tank segments, then joined...

...by spot welding the frames to the segments with this precision welder.

To prevent assembly line bottle-necks, a portable X-ray unit is used to check the condition of smaller parts.

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CU of weld specimen being  
readied for X-ray

LS, aerial view of  
hydrostatic test and  
cleaning tower

NARRATION

Weld specimens and tank segments  
are inspected at each station  
point of the tank just before  
final cleaning and testing.

Meticulous care is exercised  
during the cleaning of these Lox  
and fuel tanks. Then they are  
rigorously tested in the  
hydrostatic test stand as a final  
proof of overall reliability.



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LS, main building at Michoud;  
ZOOM IN on sign;  
LS and CU, men laying floor;  
LS and CU, man pulling tile  
from ceiling; MS, men stripping  
wallpaper; LS, renovated office  
area, with light fixtures; LS,  
Chrysler office area, with people  
at desks; LS and CU, men looking  
at plant layout board; LS,  
forklift passing through portion  
of manufacturing area; MS and CU,  
men cutting away overhead metal  
superstructure

NARRATION

Activation of Marshall's Michoud  
Operations plant near New Orleans  
was underway this quarter. The  
huge facility is being made ready  
for use by Chrysler Corporation,  
contractor for production of  
future C-1 boosters, and by  
Boeing Company, contractor for  
development and production of the  
advanced Saturn booster, S-IC.  
The activation job is being done  
by the New Orleans firm of  
Gurtler, Herbert (NOTE TO NARRATOR:  
PRONOUNCED "A-BEAR"), and  
Company. The work consists  
generally of inspecting, repairing,  
and returning to useable condition  
the vast manufacturing building,  
covering nearly two million square  
feet of floor area, and an  
adjoining office building, plus  
certain work on the grounds.

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Choose from scenes 20-32,  
Douglas input #18

Choose from scenes 1-7,  
Douglas input #18

NARRATION

At Douglas Aircraft Company, contractor for the S-IV stage, initial cold flow tests have been successfully accomplished with both liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen. Designed to check out the fuel and oxidizer systems, these tests consisted of transferring lox and LH2 from the storage area, through the ducting and valve complexes, into the battleship tank. All aspects of the system performed properly.

This full-scale engineering mockup of the S-IV stage will be used to functionally check the vehicle's electrical system and its compatibility with ground support equipment. Many of the mockup's electrical wiring harnesses have been completed, and a large percentage of the wiring has been installed in preparation for the systems integration testing program.

FILM

Choose from scenes 10-19,  
Douglas input #18

MLS, liquid hydrogen  
tensile machine setup

NARRATION

Completed in January, this hydrostatic test vehicle is the first S-IV stage using manufacturing techniques designed for flight vehicles. It is currently being put through a series of hydrostatic filling and pressurization test operations using water for the test liquid. On the final test, it will be pressurized to destruction.

At Marshall, a comprehensive liquid hydrogen test program--indicative of the increasing importance of LH2--was underway this quarter. This metal tensile strength test is conducted by immersing test samples into LH2.

FILM

MCU, man mounting tensile  
specimen in cryostat

CU of clamp hook-up to  
cryostat

MLS of pre-cooling operation

MCU of draining LN2

MLS of cooling from  
-320 to -420 degrees F.  
using liquid hydrogen

LS of dumping LH2

NARRATION

Metals used for S-IV stage fuel  
tanks, transfer ducts, and fuel  
pumps are tested and evaluated by  
mounting them in this cryostat.

The cover is then securely  
attached...

...and the sample is pre-cooled,  
by use of liquid nitrogen, to  
minus 320 degrees Farenheit.

After desired temperature has  
been attained, the liquid nitrogen  
is drained...

...and the sample is further  
cooled to minus 420 degrees using  
liquid hydrogen.

The liquid hydrogen is drained,  
and the sample is subjected to a  
tensile strength test.

FILM

MCU of man removing  
sample from cryostat

LS, overall view of  
liquid hydrogen pressurization  
test facility

LS, interior of blockhouse,  
three men at recorder rack;  
LS, exterior, transferring LH2

NARRATION

Since the use of liquid hydrogen  
in rocket propulsion is still  
relatively new, extensive  
experimentation is necessary to  
determine its compatibility with  
related components.

At another facility, liquid  
hydrogen pressurization tests  
are run to determine the effect  
of varying the temperature of the  
pressurant gas and drain time of  
the tank on the amount of  
pressurization gas required.

LH2 is transferred from the storage  
area through vacuum-jacketed  
lines to the test tank, a double-  
walled aluminum container with  
vacuum space between walls for  
insulation purposes.

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CU, gas cooler

CU, electric heater

Interior of blockhouse,  
man operating hydrogen flow,  
temperature, and pressure  
measurement console; CU,  
recorder

LS, overall PAN shot  
of LH2 "cold flow" test  
facility, with men working;  
CU, men working at engine  
position

NARRATION

The pressurization gas is cooled  
by liquid nitrogen when low-  
temperature gas is required...

...and heated by a D.C. current  
electric heater when high-  
temperature gas is needed.

Flow rates, temperatures, liquid  
level, and pressures are recorded  
to obtain data which indicates  
the most efficient  
pressurization method.

Another liquid hydrogen test  
facility is now being used to  
familiarize Marshall personnel  
with handling LH2 in large  
quantities, and will be used next  
quarter for static firings of  
Pratt and Whitney RL-10 liquid  
oxygen-liquid hydrogen engines.

FILM

LS, "head-on" view of  
test facility, showing  
vertical steam ejector;  
MS and CU, men at consoles  
in control room

LS, "head-on" view of  
test facility, with steam  
blowing from ejector

NARRATION

"Cold flow" tests--in which  
propellants are run through the  
engine, but not ignited--were  
carried out this quarter to  
measure propellant flow rates,  
pressures, and other vital functions.  
Flow tests had been conducted  
previously to transfer the liquid  
hydrogen from a 7800-gallon trailer  
tank to the test stand's 2200-  
gallon run tank.

(SOUND EFFECTS: STEAM BLOWING  
OFF)

(VOICE OVER:)

In conjunction with engine "cold"  
tests, steam evacuation system  
tests were also run, in which  
steam was used to pull a vacuum  
on the test stand's diffuser  
system, simulating outer space  
pressure conditions.

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Artist's conception  
of new liquid hydrogen  
test stand

LS, overall profile view  
of vacuum chamber

NARRATION

Looking to the future, this  
artist's conception shows a new  
test stand scheduled to be built  
at Marshall for work with liquid  
oxygen-liquid hydrogen engines.

This large low-pressure  
environmental chamber is being  
used at Marshall to simulate  
outer-space conditions for the  
RL-10 engine in a series of tests  
studying means of gasifying pre-  
ignition liquid oxygen chilldown  
flow, to reduce explosion hazards.  
The method being evaluated is the  
injection of gaseous nitrogen  
through a manifold into the Lox  
exhaust stream at the engine's  
nozzle exit.



FILM

Liquid nitrogen tank to chamber; man (with headphones) working; LS, overall three-quarter view of vacuum chamber; CU, man at gaseous nitrogen trailer tank, attaching hose, and adjusting pressurizer panel; MS and CU, man at controls at aft end of vacuum chamber; MS and CU of two men at console in control room, showing TV monitor

CU, solid particles being exhausted from engine nozzle

NARRATION

Due to ease of handling, liquid nitrogen is being used in these tests to simulate Lox. During flight, before engine start-up, propellant flows are necessary to pre-cool pumps and feed lines. The liquid hydrogen chilldown flow will be vented overboard, and Lox will be exhausted into the booster-S-IV interstage area. Ambient pressure there may be below the triple point of oxygen, forming solid particles. It is anticipated that the oxygen, whether solid or liquid, can be evaporated, using the sensible heat from gaseous nitrogen injected just below the thrust chamber.

This test, photographed at about three times normal speed, shows liquid nitrogen being exhausted in the form of solid particles.

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CU, gas (invisible)  
being exhausted from engine  
nozzle

LS of electric discharge  
forming system set-up

MCU of capacitor bank

NARRATION

When a specified gaseous nitrogen flow rate is injected into the solid stream, the result is a heat transfer between the gas and solid, causing evaporation. After optimum gaseous nitrogen flow requirements are reached in future tests, the system will be tested on a hot-fire engine at Douglas or Pratt and Whitney.

Typical of continuing varied research projects at Marshall are experiments in magnetic forming and electric discharge forming in a fluid state.

Ultra-fast discharge of voltage from this capacitor bank and supporting circuits...

FILM

CU of electro-magnet;  
men loading cylinder.

LS of forming operation

Men unloading cylinder and  
examining shaped metal

NARRATION

...through this large coil  
provides the shock wave to form  
metal into pre-determined shapes.  
In preparation for magnetic  
forming, a "blank" piece of metal  
stock is placed over the coil.

Then the system is energized.  
Because of the overload of current,  
the system discharges rapidly and  
the resulting shock wave shapes  
the metal stock. (SOUND EFFECTS:  
SHOTGUN BLAST, SIMULATING NOISE  
OF CAPACITORS DISCHARGING)

This method promises to be  
valuable in forming metals for  
advanced Saturn vehicles, as well  
as providing means for making  
space vacuum seals and  
facilitating fabrication in  
space.

FILM

Overall view of fiber-optics  
instrumentation system

MCU of man connecting  
instrumentation camera to  
fiber-optics bundle

MCU of man and optical  
cable

NARRATION

This equipment is part of a new  
photographic instrumentation  
system--known as "fiber-optics"  
being developed for Saturn. It  
will be flown for the first time  
aboard SA-5.

Filming, during flight, will be  
accomplished through use of a  
Millikin instrumentation camera.

The optical cable consists of a  
bundle of extremely fine glass  
fibers arranged so that when an  
image is imposed on the face of  
one end of the cable, the image  
is conducted to the opposite end  
and reconstructed on its face.

FILM

CU of man focusing  
objective lens; CU  
of near end of optics bundle

CU of man using bore-  
sight fixture in connection  
with camera

MCU of fiber-optics bundle  
showing near end and objective  
end

NARRATION

The objective lens must be  
accurately focused to insure a  
clear image of the subject--in  
this test, a small propeller.

Camera lens adjustments are made  
by using the bore-sight fixture,  
allowing for a clear picture  
between camera and near-end lens.

The use of optics cables enables  
camera mounting other than at the  
point of image. Useful  
applications in flight are filming  
the forward sections from the  
booster, where several fields of  
view are required to determine  
rate of separation and to study  
behavior of the forward section  
relative to the booster.

FILM

Tight shot through optics bundle showing rotation of propeller (this footage from Millikin camera)

MS and CU of man picking up static inverter from table, then disassembling unit

NARRATION

The camera is now filming the motion of the solar-cell-driven propeller. The optics cable has carried the image back to the camera for film recording. Saturn flights will be monitored by eight of these systems.

A new approach to obtaining three-phase, 400-cycle-per-second power from batteries is being developed and refined at Marshall. This static inverter will supply power for the ST-124 stabilized platform carried aboard the SA-3 vehicle.

FILM

CU of sub-assemblies of  
flight model static inverter

CU of breadboard model of  
static inverter

NARRATION

The circuitry consists of a frequency standard, binary count-down flip-flops, logic elements, power amplifiers, output transformers, and a magnetic amplifier type voltage regulator. The static inverter has no moving parts, consequently no mechanical wear. Cabling requirements are reduced, as well as physical size of the battery. Pound for pound, the static inverter is much more efficient than a rotating inverter.

This breadboard circuit is a higher-powered version of the static inverter, and when properly packaged will be used on future Saturn vehicles.

FILM

CU of man making electrical hook-ups from one pin to another on breadboard model

CU of oscilloscope showing build-up to nine-step sine wave; man and breadboard

Fully assembled SA-2 vehicle on pad at Cape (Pick most dramatic scene available--such as, perhaps, at sunset)

NARRATION

Power transistors are used in their most efficient mode of operation, that is, as switches.

The output voltage wave is stepped and closely follows a sine wave, having only a 10 percent total harmonic distortion without fluttering.

As research and development for future Saturn vehicles moved ahead at Marshall and its contractors across the nation, the ultimate test--actual flight--was nearing for SA-2, poised for its attempt to match the spectacular success scored last October 27th by the first Saturn ever launched.

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