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for

SATURN C-1/C-1B QUARTERLY FILM REPORT

No. 13

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Scene No. 1:

LS of three Saturn models (C-1 at left, C-1B in center, and C-5 at right).

Scene No. 2:

CU of C-1B model

Scene No. 3:

CU of C-1 model

Scene No. 4:

CU of C-5 model

Scene No. 5:

CU of first stage
only of C-1B model

NARRATION

A new concept of the Saturn space vehicle was announced on July 11th by NASA headquarters...

...the C-1B configuration. C-1B will represent an interim step...

...between the present Saturn C-1 configuration...

...and the Advanced Saturn C-5 configuration.

The first stage of the C-1B will be essentially a C-1 Block II booster.

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Scene No. 6:

CU of second stage
(S-IVB, without
Apollo) of C-1B
model; CU, engine

Scene No. 7:

CU, Apollo portion
of C-1B model;
cutaway drawing of
Apollo

Scene No. 8:

CU of command module
(drawing)

Scene No. 9:

CU of service module
(drawing)

NARRATION

The second stage will be a S-IVB now being designed as the third stage of the C-5. Flight reliability can thus be built up before its use on C-5.

Saturn C-1B will place the three-man Apollo spacecraft into earth orbit, prior to its launching by C-5 on lunar flights.

The Apollo command module, at the top, will carry the three astronauts plus guidance and control instruments.

Directly below is the service module, containing the primary spacecraft propulsion elements.

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Scene No. 10:

CU, lunar excursion
module (drawing)

Scene No. 11:

Chart indicating orbit
of C-1B/Apollo around
earth; CU of vehicle

Scene No. 12:

Animation showing
Apollo in earth orbit,
separation of modules,
turn-over of one, and
re-joining for transfer

Scene No. 13:

Chart indicating
R&D C-1B vehicles
planned

NARRATION

At bottom is the lunar excursion
module.

Qualification testing of the Saturn
C-1B/Apollo in orbit around the
earth will include...

...the transfer of two astronauts
from the command module to the lunar
excursion module. This maneuver will
ultimately be performed in lunar
orbit in preparation for lunar land-
ing.

Four C-1B research and development
flights are tentatively planned,
with operational flights to follow.

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Scene No. 14:

Final checkout of
SA-3 booster in
Quality Div.

Scene No. 15:

Loading booster aboard
"Promise"; barge leaving
dock; water scene en-
route

Scene No. 16:

Barge arriving at Cape
(stock)

Scene No. 17:

Saturn vehicle fully
erected on pad
(stock)

NARRATION

As C-1B planning proceeded, the
third Saturn C-1 configuration
flight vehicle, SA-3, underwent final
checkout at the Marshall Center's
Quality Assurance Division.

And on September 9th, the vehicle
left Huntsville aboard the Saturn
barge "Promise," enroute for its
launching pad at Cape Canaveral.

It arrived on schedule 10 days
later.

Now fully erected and being checked
out again, SA-3 is set for launching
next quarter.

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Scene No. 18:

Saturn booster static test firing (stock); use shots slightly different from those in Report no. 12; end the scene with the booster still firing, not cut off

Scene No. 19:

Overall view of ST-124P stabilized platform.

NARRATION

Meanwhile, the booster for the fourth flight vehicle, SA-4, underwent two successful static test firings at Marshall's Test Division--one for 30 seconds and the other full duration, 120 seconds. Prior to that, the SA-T-4 test booster had been fired a total of four times.

Wiring, assembly, and functional checkout of the ST-124P stabilized platform, which will fly as a passenger aboard SA-3 and SA-4, were accomplished at Marshall's Astrionics Division.

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Scene No. 20:

CU of units within
ST-124P

Scene No. 21:

LS and CU, cali-
bration testing
equipment

Scene No. 22:

ST-90 stabilized
platform

NARRATION

The ST-124P is a prototype of the ST-124, which will be operative on SA-7 and subsequent flights. ST-124 production models will be delivered by the contractor, Bendix Corporation, next quarter.

Stabilized platform testing includes calibration of the attitude command signals and accelerometers, drift tests for calibrating telemetering signals, and short vibration tests.

While the ST-124P will be functional as a passenger on SA-3 and 4, the command unit for those flights will be the already-proven ST-90, which differs slightly in that it is an inner-gimballed system.

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Scene No. 23:

SA-5 assembly;
emplacement of tail
section in assembly
fixture

NARRATION

Assembly of the booster for the fifth Saturn C-1 flight vehicle, SA-5, (of greatly modified design) began at Marshall's Manufacturing Engineering Division on July 6th, with emplacement of the tail section into the horizontal assembly fixture. Block II changes, such as strengthening of the thrust ring and barrel assembly, were made generally to provide increased vehicle stability required for manned flight-to follow later.

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Scene No. 24:

SA-5 assembly;
mating 105-inch
center tank to thrust
frame barrel

Scene No. 25:

SA-5 assembly;
positioning spider
beam assembly, and
mating to 105-inch
tank

NARRATION

Mating of the 105-inch-diameter center liquid oxygen tank to the thrust frame barrel constituted the next step in the SA-5 assembly operation. Elongation of the propellant tankage allows the Block II booster to carry some 100,000 pounds more propellant than Block I's, thus providing for longer burning time.

The spider beam assembly, which ties together the clustered tanks at the forward end, was next mated to the upper end of the 105-inch tank. The S-IV upper stage will be attached directly to the spider beam, eliminating need for the Block I upper stage adapter. The Block II spider beam carries 15 large spheres containing gaseous nitrogen, instead of the 48 smaller spheres used on Block I, to pressurize the booster's fuel tanks.

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Scene No. 26:

SA-5 assembly;

positioning and

attaching of first

70-inch tank; dissolve

to shot showing

booster with four or

five tanks attached,

and another going on

NARRATION

The vehicle's eight 70-inch tanks

were next individually attached,

each tank having been previously

equipped with its internal hardware.

Part of the re-tooling required for

Block II was modification of the

assembly fixture to accommodate the

longer tanks. Upon completion of

Marshall's C-1 booster assembly pro-

gram, new tooling will be used to

supplement the tooling program at

Marshall's Michoud Operations in

New Orleans, future assembly site

for S-I stages.

Scene No. 27:

SA-5 assembly;

positioning and

attaching of final

70-inch tank

Once all tanks were in place, various

interconnecting lines, cable trunks,

and mechanical components were added.

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Scene No. 28:

SA-5 assembly;
attaching fourth engine

NARRATION

The booster's four inboard H-1 engines have been attached. The four outboard engines--plus the aerodynamic shrouding and heat shield--will go on early next quarter. The SA-5 booster is expected to be ready for static tests in December.

Scene No. 29:

SA-5 assembly;
overall view of booster
(with 4 engines)

The booster's four stub fins--another new Block II feature--will be attached prior to shipment to Cape Canaveral.

Scene No. 30:

Overall view of
large fin

The large fins, now undergoing structural qualification tests at Marshall, will be temporarily attached for fitting purposes only. For flight, they will be shipped to the Cape and attached permanently there.

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Scene No. 31:

Tie plates attached
to side of fin

NARRATION

By linking tie plates to a system of hydraulic cylinders and rubber tension pads, proper stress level and stress distribution can be determined.

Scene No. 32:

Man preparing for
dynamic testing

Vibration tests determine resonant frequencies and lateral mode shapes of the fin.

Scene No. 33:

CU of thermo-couples
and instrumentation
units

By means of laboratory techniques, aerodynamic heating is simulated and controlled by thermo-couples. Thermal stresses are monitored by high-temperature gages, and overall fin deflection is determined.

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Scene No. 34:

Overall view of
centrifuge

Scene No. 35:

LS, centrifuge
rotating acceleration
arm

Scene No. 36:

MS, console control
panel

NARRATION

Centrifuge testing of various Saturn components is being carried out at Marshall's Quality Assurance Division. This six-foot-diameter centrifuge is capable of spinning loads through 75 G's.

The centrifuge consists basically of a balanced rotating acceleration arm upon which the object to be tested is mounted.

A simple console panel accurately governs the speed of the rotating arm. A precision counter and timer gives an exact count of revolutions in a pre-determined period.

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Scene No. 37:

MS, optical equipment

Scene No. 38:

LS, centrifuge

in operation

Scene No. 39:

Overall view of
Electronics Fabrication
and Assembly Section
area

NARRATION

To facilitate monitoring of tests,
an optical system provides for view-
ing the component as it is rotated.

In this test, the centrifuge is
being used to subject relays to
acceleration in order to determine
at what "G" level failure will
occur.

A new facility for electronic fabri-
cation and assembly work was completed
at Marshall this quarter, in time for
use in connection with assembly of
SA-5.

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Scene No. 40:

MS, man working
on module; dolly
shot, moving along
line of workers

NARRATION

Here, new manufacturing techniques are developed and evaluated to incorporate improved or novel materials, components, and manufacturing facilities. Work is performed on measuring and guidance control components, including telemetering interconnecting cable harnesses... and flight modules requiring modifications to incorporate system changes.

Scene No. 41:

Overall view of
Block II instrument
unit

Fabrication of a prototype Block II instrument unit, to be used by Marshall's Astrionics Division for test purposes, was accomplished this quarter. Later, a similar unit will be built for initial flight aboard the SA-5 vehicle, located in the forward area of the S-IV stage. The center and four outboard tubes, which are pressurized and air-conditioned, house the guidance instrumentation packages.

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Scene No. 42:

Interior of unit

NARRATION

The remaining structure houses cooling equipment and other support components not required to be cooled and pressurized.

Scene No. 43:

SA-5 mock-up static

hold-down ring

(0-588); ring being

moved into position and

attached to booster

mock-up

Marshall engineers continued to check out Block II design through use of full-scale component mock-ups, including a quarter-section of the static hold-down ring, which restrains the Saturn booster during captive firing. On the Block II booster, the hold-down ring attaches to captive firing brackets located at the eight points where the stage's fins will be attached later.

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Scene No. 44:

Overall view of three
umbilical swing arms

Scene No. 45:

LS of swing arm, showing
quick disconnect and
solenoid apparatus

Scene No. 46:

CU of above

NARRATION

The three umbilical swing arms to be used for servicing the SA-5 vehicle were tested at Marshall this quarter.

By use of these arms, internal vehicle plumbing has been cut to a minimum, thus reducing the possibility of propellant loss through leakage.

The swing arms will service the valves and solenoids controlling pneumatics, electrical services, and flow of liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.

The arms will also service the instrument compartment used for telemetering and guidance of all stages.

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Scene No. 47:

CU of air-conditioned arms;

LS of vehicle lift-off

simulator

Scene No. 48:

Overall view of tank

before detonation;

Tank exploding

(slow motion)

NARRATION

All lines are air-conditioned and fully vented. Until lift-off, monitoring of the vehicle will be accomplished through the swing arms.

Preliminary testing of Block II range safety destruct devices was conducted by Marshall's Propulsion and Vehicle Engineering Division, using scale-model tanks to represent boosters. Primacord housed in a conduit inside the tank detonates the RP-1 and LOX propellants. Blast pressure and temperature is measured, and records are kept for comparison tests. Information from these tests will be used in designing the S-I stage propellant dispersion system for manned flights.

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Scene No. 49:

Instrumentation camera
recovery package in test
set-up; Paraballoon pops
up (slow motion)

Scene No. 50:

Aluminum chaff
flying about

Scene No. 51:

Radio beacon pops up

NARRATION

Paraballoon recovery packages for the instrumentation cameras to be initially flown aboard SA-5 were tested in a vacuum chamber at the Marshall Center. The units had previously undergone heat tests up to 1,350 degrees Fahrenheit--the temperature they will reach during re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

Aluminum chaff will be released from the package as a recovery aid for search planes' and ships' radar.

Other redundant recovery aids include a beacon and flashing light.

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Scene No. 52:

Quick scenes of men loading capsule onto plane, uncrating it, tossing it out; capsule flying out window (use scene where balloon is not opened). (OM-591)

Scene No. 53:

Footage taken by camera in capsule (sky, plane, water, land); (OM-591)

Scene No. 54:

Capsule descending, plunging into sea; capsule being hauled aboard ship; footage taken by camera aboard ship (man's shoes, hands, face) (OM-591)

NARRATION

Drop tests of the camera pods and recovery packages were also conducted, using a C-54 aircraft flying at 10,000 feet altitude over the Atlantic Ocean near Cape Canaveral. In operation on Saturn flights, the Paraballoon will open at about 14,000 feet. The unit actually slows higher in the atmosphere, due to its high drag configuration.

This is film shot by the instrumentation camera, to study stability and motion of the unit during descent.

Eight of these cameras will be ejected from cylinders mounted along the spider beam of the Saturn booster, and will be recovered to provide a photographic record of vehicle actions during booster flight and stage separation.

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Scene No. 55:

Footage shot by camera aboard Atlas (use scene looking up as sustainer stage separates; then cut to scene looking down as booster engines fall away) (OM-590)

Scene No. 56:

Ling-Temco-Vought input; man walking inside tank

Scene No. 57:

From L-T-V input, scenes on hydrostatic testing

NARRATION

In another test, two Saturn instrumentation cameras were flown aboard an Atlas missile, through cooperation of the U. S. Air Force, and shot these "on-the-spot" pictures of the booster engines separating and falling away from the sustainer stage.

Fabrication of the 70 and 105-inch fuel and liquid oxygen tanks for Block II Saturn boosters continued this quarter at the Ling-Temco-Vought plant near Dallas.

Prior to shipment to Marshall for assembly, all tanks undergo checkout in this hydrostatic test tower. For testing, 80 psi pressure is induced for Lox tanks and 33 psi for fuel tanks.

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Scene No. 58:

Rocketdyne input on
Neosho plant; open with
establishing shot of
Neosho plant; interior,
rows of engines; man
inspecting engine;
aerial test stand
firing

Scene No. 59:

H-1 engine gimbal
test Quality Div.

NARRATION

The Rocketdyne plant at Neosho, Missouri, is now under way in production of H-1 engines for use on Saturn C-1 boosters. A NASA contract was awarded Rocketdyne this quarter for a two-year continuation of the H-1 research and development program--including preliminary flight rating tests of the up-rated H-1, which develops 188,000 pounds of thrust.

At Marshall, a hydraulic checkout is conducted on H-1 engines delivered to the Center. The engine is gimballed at one-half cycle per second full amplitude for approximately one hour, while the auxiliary system is operating, and voltage, amperage, and pressure are recorded.

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Scene No. 60:

SA-D-5 booster assembly

Scene No. 61:

LS, dynamic test stand
(stock)

Scene No. 62:

Modification of MSFC
static test stand (surveyor
standing in foreground;
tilt up to show stand)

NARRATION

Assembly of the new Block II dynamic test booster, SA-D-5, was underway at Marshall during this report period.

SA-D-5 will be installed next quarter in Marshall's dynamic test stand, which will be modified slightly to accept the new configuration.

Modification work has begun on Marshall's static test stand, where a second test position will be built-- allowing the stand to accommodate two Saturn C-1 boosters simultaneously.

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Scene No. 63:

Scenes 1, 2, 3,

P&W input OM-581

NARRATION

At Pratt and Whitney, West Palm Beach, Florida, test firings of the RL-10 engine--for use on Saturn's S-IV stage--continued during this report period. A number of the tests were made as part of the reduced oxidizer cool-down program. The first five RL-10 production engines have been delivered to Douglas Aircraft Company.

Scene No. 64:

Choose from Scenes

4 through 11

Vibration tests were conducted to gather data on a particular thrust chamber problem--the cracking of tubes. As a result of these studies, stiffener bands have been designed to reduce tube stresses.

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Scene No. 65:

Choose from Scenes

12 through 24

Scene No. 66:

Overall view of
catch bucket test
set-up; Exterior
of vacuum chamber

NARRATION

Tests were also performed to determine what factors may contribute to tube corrosion in engine chambers, and to attempt to find ways of limiting or controlling these factors.

A novel new solution--involving a common catch bucket--to the problem of disposing of the RL-10 engines' Lox chilldown flow is being tried in vacuum chamber tests at the Marshall Center.

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Scene No. 67:

Transfer of liquid nitrogen from trucks to chamber; man at console, etc.; Ln_2 flowing into bucket

Scene No. 68:

Overall view of RL-10 test facility at MSFC; personnel readying engine for "hot" firing test

NARRATION

Liquid nitrogen is used in the test to simulate Lox, for safety reasons. After flowing through the engine, it falls through a large funnel into the catch bucket beneath--where it is gasified through control of pressure and temperature. The catch buckets would be mounted in a cluster atop the booster, and would fall away after the RL-10 engines ignite.

The first "hot" firing of an RL-10 engine at the Marshall Center's Test Division was conducted in July-- followed by a second firing in September. Test firings are held in a vacuum chamber which simulates atmospheric pressure of about 12 miles altitude.

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Scene No. 69:

RL-10 "hot" firing

NARRATION

(SOUND EFFECTS: RL-10 ENGINE STATIC TEST; LOWER SOUND EFFECTS, AND VOICE OVER--) Purpose of the tests, which are continuing, is to familiarize Marshall personnel with liquid hydrogen as a propellant, and to prepare them for the larger LH₂ engines now under development by NASA.

Scene No. 70:

Sacramento Test Stand

No. 1 just before firing

At Douglas Aircraft Company's Sacramento Test Facility, a major milestone in the Saturn program was attained on August 17th when all six of the S-IV stage's cluster of RL-10 engines were successfully static-fired for the first time.

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Scene No. 71:

Firing

NARRATION

The 10-second firing, at a peak thrust of 90,000 pounds, marked the beginning of S-IV development firings which will lead to static firings of the first actual flight vehicle.

(SOUND EFFECTS: BRING IN SOUND OF FIRING, UNDER NARRATION, AT PROPER TIME.)

Scene No. 72:

President Kennedy
getting off plane;
shaking hands with
von Braun;
von Braun briefing
President in Saturn
assembly area

President Kennedy--together with
Vice-President Johnson and other
key government officials--visited
the Marshall Space Flight Center
on September 11th for a two-hour
tour of facilities and a briefing
on the Saturn program by the Center's
Director, Dr. von Braun.

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Scene No. 73:

LS of test area
(showing static
stand in background)
as President enters
viewing shed; CU of
President; LS of firing
(close with firing
still going on)

NARRATION

Climaxing the tour, at Marshall's
static test area, the President and
his party witnessed a 30-second-
duration static firing of a Saturn
C-1 booster.

END