

# SUNDAY SPORT: IN HISTORY

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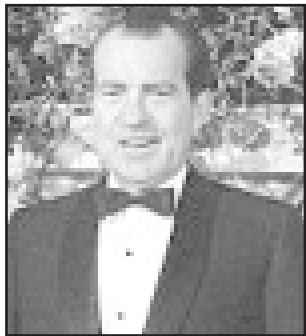


Judy Garland death sparks outbreak of campness

NEW COLOUR TVs MAKE SNOOKER SUDDENLY SEEM INTERESTING

Outbreak of pinching, slapping and hair pulling marks start of

Stonewall riots



NIXON AGREES TO PERSONALLY OVERSEE NEXT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

# HEY, THIS IS LIKE BEING ON THE CLANGERS

Neil Armstrong's historic first words as man lands on moon



**ASTRONAUT Neil Armstrong has become the first man to walk on the moon.**

His amazing feat lasted 20 seconds, enough for him to utter the immortal words: "Hey this is just like being on The Clangers" — before he bounced back into the landing craft asking to use the loo.

He was then followed out by fellow astronaut Buzz Aldrin, who could have been the first, but was delayed because the zipper on his suit had caught on the cloth and he couldn't zip it up properly.

His first words on making contact with the lunar surface were: "Hello, mum."

He then spent the next five minutes hopping about the Moon's surface exclaiming, "Ooh, this suit feels really light" and "These space outfits leave little room for manoeuvre".

### Moon

Touchdown occurred at 5.40pm, or teatime as it is known in Britain.

The news that America had beaten the Soviet Union in the race to land a man on the moon was announced by ecstatic controller Steve Bales at NASA's Mission Control Centre in Houston, Texas.

He said: "We've landed everyone, we've landed. Get in there!"

Running around his control panel and punching the air in a testosterone-fuelled frenzy, he shouted: "We win, we win."

Although the lunar mission has been branded a huge success, there were mishaps.

Shortly after Armstrong's historic first words,

a voice could clearly be heard shouting: "Cut, No Neil, it's 'one small step for man'. Those are the lines.

"Can we take it again from the top. I'm sorry, whaddaya say, we're live. You mean we're frickin' live? Holy shit!"

Aldrin and Armstrong spent two-and-a-half hours on the moon's surface.

### Surface

At one point Aldrin performed two-footed kangaroo hops across the rubble-strewn surface while Armstrong pretended to be a monkey.

Then Aldrin approached the camera and said: "Oh my God, what is this thing?" before screaming and cutting his mic.

Thirty seconds of confusion and panic back at ground control was eased when Aldrin's head popped up and he said: "Only kidding."

But as the pair got ready to go back into the landing craft, Armstrong picked up what appeared to be a red, white and yellow piece of paper and shouted: "Hey, who left their McDona . . ." before the signal was lost.

At a press conference the following morning President Richard Nixon, who was sweating profusely and darting his eyes left and right, said: "America salutes the men on the moon.

"We have done what we set out to achieve ten years earlier and that is to beat the Soviet Union in the race to space.

"The moon is now American occupied territory. Our next aim is to instal Polaris missiles on the surface of the Sea of Tranquillity."

He then opened the floor to reporters only to be hit with a barrage of questions about the mystery voice shouting "cut" and the wrapper that appeared on the lunar surface.

Throwing his hands to the heavens, President Nixon said: "Look, am I shifty? Am I? I mean, come on, I'm just a regular kind of guy.

"Those voices were probably hackers, trust me on this.

"And that piece of paper, well that is just space litter. There is litter in space you know. It's like a junkyard out there."

He was then asked by a reporter from Soviet newspaper *Pravda* if he was aware the USSR were planning to send a giraffe to Mars.

The President responded: "Our space giraffe programme will be ready by year end. It's my mission to beat the Soviet Union in the race to land a giraffe on Mars."

### Space

The topic then turned to the war in Vietnam with Nixon announcing: "I will pull out soon."

This answer was greeted with sniggers by at least a dozen reporters.

Moving back to the space race, our man in Washington asked what America planned to do next. Nixon responded: "I'm planning to probe Uranus."

This time the floor erupted into huge guffaws with one reporter actually laughing so much he fell off his chair.

At least three other journalists actively wet their pants.

The press conference was then abandoned.