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OUR MEN ON THE MOON

Full Story of Mankind's Greatest Adventure

The white-clothed human leg stretched down the ladder, probing carefully. It was motionless for a moment—and then it went downward those last awful inches to the surface below.

After his many millenia on earth, man was beginning the move into a new home in the vast mansion of space.

It was July 20, 1969, and Neil A. Armstrong was standing on the surface of earth's closest neighbor in the solar system, the silent, dusty wasteland of the moon.

Armstrong, who had reported the lunar module's arrival a few hours earlier with the eloquently simple words, "Eagle has landed," now spoke into the microphone inside his space helmet.

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"THAT'S ONE SMALL step for man." His voice faltered on the last word. There was a moment of silence. Then he added, "A giant leap for mankind."

Another white-suited figure came down the ladder. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. hesitated near one of the space ship's spidery legs, turned uncertainly and then spoke reverently into his microphone about the "magnificent desolation."

Thousands of miles away, millions of human beings were experiencing an excitement they never will forget.

Most of them in America had eaten Sunday dinner and then settled themselves in easy chairs before television sets with the same feeling of casual anticipation they would for a Sugar Bowl football game.

Suddenly, the full realization struck. They were watching one of the great moments in all of human history.

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MANY OF THE VIEWERS wept. Many prayed. And many just stared in disbelief.



ETERNALLY ETCHED IN THE HISTORY OF MAN — Sketched are the Apollo-11 astronauts, from the left, Neil A. Armstrong, the civilian commander who put man's first footprint on the moon; Col. Edwin E. (Buzz) Aldrin Jr. of the

Air Force, who followed Armstrong out of the now-immortal Eagle, and Col. Michael Collins, also of the Air Force, who kept his lonely vigil in the mother ship Columbia while Armstrong and Aldrin walked the solar soil.

Then, incredibly, the solemnity of the moment evaporated. Armstrong and Aldrin were dancing and cavorting over the moon's surface — like two young boys dashing out

in it. That set the stage for the historic Apollo-11 journey. The future of space travel stretches ahead in inviting vistas.