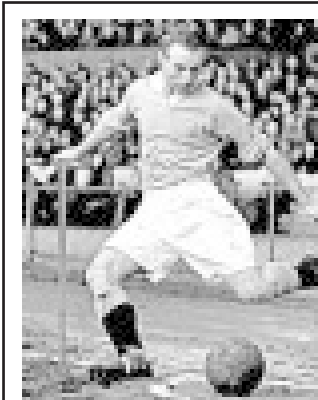


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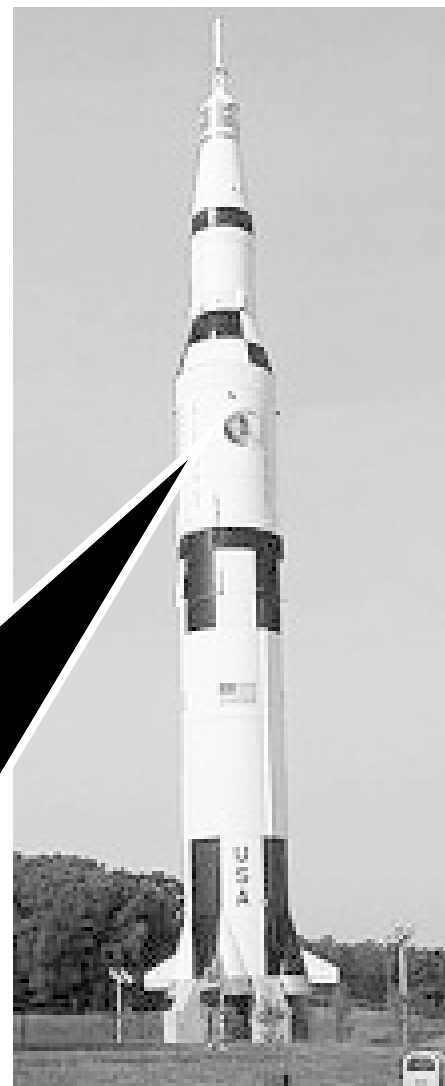
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## SPACE RACE LATEST

# RUSSIANS SEND AN ELEPHANT INTO ORBIT



### America desperately searching for bigger animal

**THE RUSSIANS** have taken a massive leap in the animal space race after yesterday sending an elephant to its death in orbit.

The animal, called **Dumboski**, was launched on a one-way trip on board **Sputnik 3**.

He died horribly from overheating and panic only hours into the flight but lived long enough to see Earth from his orbital position 60,000 miles above the surface.

The historic moment comes just over a month after the **Ruskies** launched a dog **Laika** into space - the first living creature to orbit the Earth, although it didn't live long.

At a meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union Premier **Nikita Krushchev** told Politburo members: "This is one big step for the USSR and one giant step for elephants. Something like that anyway."

He predicted: "Before the decade is out we will have landed an animal on the Moon."

And he promised: "Our next goal is to send an endangered species into orbit."

"We are in talks with the Chinese over plans to launch a panda into space. That would be good."

But newly re-elected American President **Dwight Eisenhower** speaking at the World Space Congress in Houston, Texas, joked that sending an elephant into space was peanuts.

He added: "We have the technological capacity to send a giraffe into orbit."

When asked how they proposed to do this he said: "In a very long rocket."

British Prime Minister **Harold MacMillan** said the UK would be pulling out of the Animal Space Race due to a lack of funding.

So far the only contribution this country has made was firing a gerbil taped to a rocket from a milk bottle planted on the ground.

The rocket managed to reach a height of 100 feet before exploding in a blaze of multi-coloured balls.

### IN TODAY'S EDITION

#### Jodrell Bank heralds new era in alien conspiracy theories

THE FAMOUS 'Mark I' telescope, the largest steerable dish radio telescope in the world, has finally become operational and heralds a new era in alien conspiracy theories.

It is located at Jodrell Bank near Goostrey in Cheshire - prior to this the use of the term Jodrell Bank signified a sexual act performed by one or more people as in, 'could you switch off the wireless please dear, I'm off to the outside lavvy for a number two and I may have a Jodrell Bank to boot.'

The observatory was established in 1945 by Dr Bernard Lovell who told a press conference: "It'll primarily be used to spy on those pesky Russians."

"But we'll also be monitoring cosmic rays and so called alien sightings."

"Now if you could please excuse me gentlemen I'm off for a tommy tank."

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#### Popular Saudi construction magnates name 'adorable' new son Osama

CONSTRUCTION magnates the Bin Ladens were celebrating last night with a new addition to their family, an adorable bouncing baby boy they've named Osama.

The little bundle of joy, weighing in at an impressive 9lb 5oz, was born by caesarian section at Riyadh General Hospital in Saudi Arabia.

His mother, **Hamida al-Attas**, said last night: "Oh, isn't he adorable. Look at his little cute face."

"Oh, he's just an absolute darling. Coochee, coochee coo."

His father **Muhammed Awad bin Laden** said his son was destined for greatness.

"My construction money has ensured that our family are one of the richest in the Middle East."

"Osama is destined to have a life of privilege. I can see him now in twenty years time at Cannes and St Tropez with a host of beautiful girls on his arm."

"Oh, what a life my son is going to lead," he said.



GORGEOUS: OSAMA

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