

ROCKET FAILS.

The Mercury Atlas was on the launching pad at Cape Cavaveral, the scientists and technicians all set to fire it. It was to test the ability to take a man into space and back. This rocket did not carry a man. The test was a necessary precaution.

At first the rocket seemed to be successful, but the scientists detected something wrong. After about thirty seconds flight they decided to explode it.

Immediately below it was every man for himself. However, the space capsule parachuted down, having parted as provided for in case of rocket failure. Had it been manned, the occupant would have been unharmed. A short setback, perhaps no more.