

I FEEL LIKE BUGS SAYS MOONMAN

IT was an all-talking, all-singing Moon show yesterday from wise-cracking astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean.

On mankind's second lunar expedition, they spent nearly four hours walking on the

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Moon after their Spacecraft Intrepid made a pinpoint landing in the Ocean of Storms.

Full of high-spirits and light-hearted banter, the two American astronauts chuckled and hummed as they set up a series of scientific

experiments and collected samples of Moon rock.

One of Conrad's quips as he leaped about the lunar surface was: "I feel like Bugs Bunny."

And, after their walk, they had to be hustled back to the lunar module by ground control as they dallied in the thick Moon dust.

Although there was enough oxygen and cooling water in their back packs to last a while longer, ground control suggested "a relaxed hustle" to get back into Intrepid.

Earlier, Conrad had brought the Intrepid down in a dusty hurricane only 600 feet from the aiming point — the unmanned Surveyor Three Space craft which has been in a crater in the Ocean of Storms since April, 1967.

The only disappointment was the early failure of the astronauts' television camera, which was to have beamed the first colour TV broadcast from the Moon.

The camera functioned long enough for viewers to see Conrad and Bean descend the ladder from Intrepid to the lunar surface, but soon afterwards the picture failed.

'Whoopee'

When Conrad stepped from the lunar module's nine-rung ladder on to the Moon, he joked: "Whoopee, man. That may have been a small one for Neil, but that's a long one for me."

This was a reference to the first word from Neil Armstrong when he became the first man on the Moon in July.

Armstrong said then: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Conrad, at five feet six and a half inches, is the smallest of America's fifty-four astronauts.