

MAN LEAVES MARK ON MOON

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Aldrin were on the Moon Collins was circling in Columbia, half the time behind the Moon—out of contact with any other human being.

Now Collins, back in action, will take command if anything goes wrong.

Medals

Behind them on the Moon, Armstrong and Aldrin left a replica of their Apollo 11 mission badge—an Eagle swooping down on to the Moon,

clutching olive branches in its claws.

The Spacemen also left behind scientific equipment, an American flag, messages from world leaders and a plaque proclaiming that the astronauts "came in peace."

They left, too, the medals of Yuri Gagarin and Vladimir Komarov, two dead Russian astronauts, and the insignia of Virgil Grissom, Roger Chaffee and Edward White, the three American astronauts who died in a fire in an Apollo Spacecraft during training on the ground.

Remaining on the

surface of the Moon along with the mementoes of the Moon walk, were an instrument to measure Moonquakes and a mirror to reflect Laser light beams to give scientists a precise measurement of the distance from Earth to Moon.

The seismometer had already begun to work on Sunday, recording the footfalls of the astronauts and the pounding of their geological picks and hammers on the soil.

Vanished

An attempt was expected later by a California observatory to beam a Laser off the mirror.

Meanwhile, all trace of the Soviet Luna 15, also in Moon orbit, vanished after a short burst of signals yesterday.

Sir Bernard Lovell, head of Britain's Jodrell Bank Space probe centre said last night he was "suspicious that things have not gone quite right."

Whatever the fate of the Soviet Spaceship, it was

clearly, he said, an attempt to bring back rocks to earth automatically.

"And they may still do so," he added. "But I am slightly suspicious that

things have not gone quite right." Sir Bernard added to put a Lunik on the surface of the Moon like this and do nothing else with it "makes no sense at the present time."

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