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**The two Moon heroes rejoin  
their command ship safely  
after a faultless lift-off**

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# LINK-UP! THEY'RE TOGETHER AGAIN

From ARTHUR SMITH in HOUSTON

**EAGLE** linked up with its mother ship last night—and the first Moonmen were on their way home.

Just three hours and twenty minutes after a perfect lift-off from the Moon's surface, Eagle and Columbia linked up in orbit dead on schedule.

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, cool as ever in Eagle, made a perfect link-up with Michael Collins in the mother ship Columbia.

Lift-off from the Moon came at 6.45 p.m., British time. Cool as ever, Aldrin reported to mission control in Houston . . . "Beautiful. Very smooth. A very quiet ride."

Houston replied: "Roger, Eagle. The whole world is proud of you."

Four minutes later mission control told the two unflappable Moonmen: "You're going right down the track. It's great."

## Flawless

A minute before Eagle went into a low Moon orbit. Houston reported:

"You're still looking mighty fine."

A flawless seven minutes 17 seconds burn by the Moonship's ascent engine — only one second short of the planned time — took it into orbit, bang on target.

## Faithfully

The upper-stage engine appeared to function as faithfully as the lower half rocket, which powered Eagle to a gentle touch-down in the Sea of Tranquillity on Sunday.

And so Apollo—named after the Sun God—proved once again its superiority over the Moon.

The last of the unknown perils was now behind Armstrong and Aldrin.

Dangers still remain with

## Mystery of Luna 15

250,000 miles between them and home, but these are all dangers that have been successfully overcome before.

The take-off was the last of the operations not tackled before. Rendezvous in Moon orbit and return to Earth were accomplished by the previous Apollo Spacemen.

An hour after lift-off—and ing to within fifteen miles of each other—contact was lost as both craft went behind the Moon.

## Helping

Flight doctors at Houston reported that during the launch Armstrong's heart rate went up only to ninety beats a minute.

The slightly more excitable Aldrin had a heart rate of 120.

Christopher Columbus Kraft, the aptly named director of the flight, said: "I feel like 500 million people around the world were helping push Eagle off the Moon and back into orbit."

All the time Armstrong and

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