



A US space agency employee models the nylon underwear being worn by astronauts James Lovell and Frank Borman on their current Gemini 7 flight. — Radio picture.

TITAN SHOT

Another space bid

CAPE KENNEDY, Friday (AAP). — The US Air Force announced yesterday its powerful Titan 3-C super rocket would attempt to shoot four satellites into a near-stationary orbit high over the earth on December 21.

It will be the third flight test for the rocket that is scheduled to take aloft large manned orbiting laboratories for the Defence Department in 1968.

The giant Titan, which has a blastoff thrust of 2.4 million pounds, will carry two prototypes of the De-

two prototypes of the Defence Department's new communications satellites, a sun-watching satellite and an amateur radio satellite.

If the shot is successful, it will clear the way for the launching of eight military communications satellites early next year.

The spacemen Frank Borman and James Lovell failed to "talk" to the ground along a beam of intense light as their Gemini 7 ship soared high above Hawaii yesterday.

The attempt was made not long before they settled down for their

sixth night of sleep in space.

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Earlier they shot Gemini 7 into a nearly perfect circular orbit to get ready for a Sunday afternoon rendezvous in space with two Gemini 6 astronauts.

The new orbit theoretically could keep them aloft three to four months but they made clear they are coming home for Christmas.

Hunt for UFO

The new crew of astronauts, Walter Schirra and Thomas Stafford, will be launched from Cape Kennedy one day earlier than previously scheduled.

United Press International reported that police and troops sealed off an area in south-west Pennsylvania last night to hunt for an unidentified flying object.

An Army radar spokesman said, "We don't know what we have yet."

Army engineers were being called to a wooded, isolated area 20 miles south of Pittsburgh after a woman reported seeing a "round, smouldering object crash to the earth."

Earlier reports of a mysterious ball speeding across the evening sky had mystified officials in four States.