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00:00:14,349 --> 00:00:20,090

The updated Saturn I/Saturn IB Quarterly Film Report Number 30 covers progress during the

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00:00:20,090 --> 00:00:31,259

months of October, November, and December 1966.

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00:00:31,259 --> 00:00:36,410

At the Kennedy Space Center, prelaunch activities for the Apollo/Saturn 20 mission continued

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00:00:36,410 --> 00:00:38,360

throughout the quarter.

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00:00:38,360 --> 00:00:43,469

Launch of the first manned updated Saturn I spacecraft was rescheduled for next quarter

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00:00:43,469 --> 00:00:45,629

because of spacecraft problems.

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00:00:45,629 --> 00:00:51,079

In addition, the updated Saturn I launch schedule has been revised because of further spacecraft

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00:00:51,079 --> 00:00:52,420

delay.

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00:00:52,420 --> 00:00:58,430

Saturn 206, which will carry a lunar module, is now the next vehicle scheduled for launch.

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00:00:58,430 --> 00:01:04,940

Apollo/Saturn 205 and 208 will be launched next summer for the first Apollo updated Saturn

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00:01:04,940 --> 00:01:09,040

I dual launch mission.

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00:01:09,040 --> 00:01:14,290
Checkout of Saturn 204 was satisfactory except for one booster engine, which was replaced

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00:01:14,290 --> 00:01:17,120
due to a turbopump problem.

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00:01:17,120 --> 00:01:22,200
The first manned flight is scheduled to last up to fourteen days.

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00:01:22,200 --> 00:01:26,350
The prime missions will be to evaluate the performance of the spacecraft and its crew

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00:01:26,350 --> 00:01:32,969
during Earth orbit and to evaluate the performance of the launch vehicle.

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00:01:32,969 --> 00:01:38,070
Following modification of the seventy inch LOX tanks, the booster for Saturn 206 was

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00:01:38,070 --> 00:01:45,270
shipped from Michoud December 13 and arrived at KSC five days later.

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00:01:45,270 --> 00:01:49,509
In parallel with first stage shipment, the second stage was shipped from the west coast

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00:01:49,509 --> 00:01:56,869
by Super Guppy December 13 and arrived at KSC the next day.

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00:01:56,869 --> 00:02:02,130
Checkout of the instrument unit for Saturn 206 was completed in November at IBM.

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00:02:02,130 --> 00:02:08,660
The unit was shipped December 16 and arrived at KSC the next day.

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00:02:08,660 --> 00:02:14,890
At Marshall, work efforts continue with manufacturing of nosecones for Lunar Module space vehicles.

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00:02:14,890 --> 00:02:22,690
The nosecone for Apollo/Saturn 206 vehicle is to be shipped to KSC next quarter.

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00:02:22,690 --> 00:02:28,080
The mission for Apollo/Saturn 206 will be to place a Lunar Module into Earth orbit,

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00:02:28,080 --> 00:02:32,160
primarily to verify the module's propulsion subsystem.

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00:02:32,160 --> 00:02:39,580
Verification will include firing its engine remotely and subjecting it to various maneuvers.

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00:02:39,580 --> 00:02:43,410
Saturn 205 stages will be shipped to the Cape next quarter.

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00:02:43,410 --> 00:02:48,390
The booster and the second stage are presently stored at the manufacturer's facilities.

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00:02:48,390 --> 00:02:59,550
The instrument unit is undergoing necessary modifications for the new mission.

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00:02:59,550 --> 00:03:04,570
At Michoud, post-static work is in progress on the Saturn 207 booster.

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00:03:04,570 --> 00:03:09,410

During checkout, a decision was made to replace one engine in which pieces of Teflon were

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00:03:09,410 --> 00:03:10,550

found.

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00:03:10,550 --> 00:03:15,710

The problem was investigated and determined to be an isolated case.

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00:03:15,710 --> 00:03:20,950

Checkout of the booster is continuing well ahead of schedule.

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00:03:20,950 --> 00:03:26,170

The booster for Saturn 208 was received at MSFC October 25.

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00:03:26,170 --> 00:03:30,160

Upon delivery, it was placed in the Static Test Stand.

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00:03:30,160 --> 00:03:35,600

A short-duration firing was conducted on November 16.

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00:03:35,600 --> 00:03:40,150

One engine displayed a lower than normal thrust, requiring replacement.

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00:03:40,150 --> 00:03:44,500

A long-duration firing was completed November 29.

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00:03:44,500 --> 00:03:51,040

The stage is back at Michoud undergoing post-static modifications and rework.

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00:03:51,040 --> 00:03:56,560

There it was discovered that four engines were defective because wrong material, 316

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00:03:56,560 --> 00:04:02,020

stainless steel instead of Haynes Stellite alloy, was used for manufacturing.

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00:04:02,020 --> 00:04:07,920

After rework, the engines will be returned from Neosho to Michoud for reinstallation

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00:04:07,920 --> 00:04:10,400

in late January.

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00:04:10,400 --> 00:04:19,220

Defective blades also were found in engines on AS-204, -207, -208, -209, and -210.

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00:04:19,220 --> 00:04:23,880

These are being replace or reworked.

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00:04:23,880 --> 00:04:29,650

Following completion of assembly of the booster for Saturn 209 late last quarter, the stage

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00:04:29,650 --> 00:04:32,570

was at Michoud for pre-static checkout.

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00:04:32,570 --> 00:04:39,030

Shipment to Marshall for planned static firing is on schedule.

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00:04:39,030 --> 00:04:44,240

Assembly and engine installation on the booster for Saturn 210 continued through this report

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00:04:44,240 --> 00:04:45,970

period.

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00:04:45,970 --> 00:04:51,120
Pre-static checkout of the stage is scheduled for next quarter.

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00:04:51,120 --> 00:04:56,330
Tail section assembly of Saturn 211 booster was completed in October.

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00:04:56,330 --> 00:05:02,300
Tank clustering began November 14 with installation of the final LOX tank, completed December

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00:05:02,300 --> 00:05:03,480
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00:05:03,480 --> 00:05:07,940
Final assembly is ahead of schedule.

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00:05:07,940 --> 00:05:13,290
Fabrication work on the booster for Saturn 212 is in process and ahead of schedule.

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00:05:13,290 --> 00:05:15,770
Assembly is planned to start next quarter.

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00:05:15,770 --> 00:05:21,280
MSFC and Chrysler have negotiated a contract for the procurement of long lead time items

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00:05:21,280 --> 00:05:29,040
for four more stages to maintain production capability on a temporary basis.

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00:05:29,040 --> 00:05:33,490
At the Michoud Assembly Facility, the first stage, seventy inch LOX tank qualification

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00:05:33,490 --> 00:05:35,990
testing was completed this quarter.

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00:05:35,990 --> 00:05:41,790
The seventy inch LOX tank had met the unmanned
125 percent safety factor test.

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00:05:41,790 --> 00:05:47,090
The tank had also been qualified to 140 percent
of design flight loads.

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00:05:47,090 --> 00:05:53,100
However, a failure occurred, which resulted
in preflight ground wind restrictions.

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00:05:53,100 --> 00:05:57,840
In order to relieve the wind restrictions,
the tank was modified in the upper skirt to

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00:05:57,840 --> 00:06:00,700
redistribute structural loads.

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00:06:00,700 --> 00:06:06,400
In mid-December, the modified tank was tested
to 140 percent of the most critical loads

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00:06:06,400 --> 00:06:10,330
and the prelaunch wind restrictions were eliminated.

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00:06:10,330 --> 00:06:19,070
Testing of the LOX tanks is complete.

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00:06:19,070 --> 00:06:26,250
At Douglas' SACTO facility, the second stage
for Saturn 207 underwent a 447 second acceptance

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00:06:26,250 --> 00:06:29,100
firing October 19.

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00:06:29,100 --> 00:06:32,260
Post-static checkout was completed November

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00:06:32,260 --> 00:06:35,639

The stage is presently undergoing minor modifications.

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00:06:35,639 --> 00:06:41,820

Upon completion, the stage will be stored until it is shipped to the Cape.

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00:06:41,820 --> 00:06:47,320

Factory checkout for the second stage for Saturn 208 was completed October 25.

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00:06:47,320 --> 00:06:53,690

It was shipped to SACTO by Super Guppy December 14 and was offloaded the next day.

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00:06:53,690 --> 00:06:57,720

Pre-static checkout is underway.

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00:06:57,720 --> 00:07:02,210

Contractor efforts continued this quarter with fabrication and assembly of the second

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00:07:02,210 --> 00:07:07,800

stages for the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth updated Saturn I vehicles.

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00:07:07,800 --> 00:07:12,750

During hydrostatic testing of Saturn 210's second stage, water seeped into the common

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00:07:12,750 --> 00:07:16,170

bulkhead due to an improperly sealed fitting.

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00:07:16,170 --> 00:07:21,060

To prevent program schedule delay, the common bulkhead and propellant tanks for the eleventh

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00:07:21,060 --> 00:07:26,010

stage were moved up in the production schedule to replace the defective items.

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00:07:26,010 --> 00:07:32,470

Following successful drying procedures, the tenth stage hardware was accepted as flight-worthy

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00:07:32,470 --> 00:07:37,360

and placed back in the manufacturing schedule for the eleventh stage.

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00:07:37,360 --> 00:07:41,440

Completion of the twelfth second stage will close the present contract.

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00:07:41,440 --> 00:07:47,030

MSFC and Douglas have agreed to a contract for the procurement of long lead time items

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00:07:47,030 --> 00:07:58,620

for four more stages to temporarily maintain production capability.

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00:07:58,620 --> 00:08:04,620

At IBM Huntsville, work continued on the instrument unit for Saturn 207.

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00:08:04,620 --> 00:08:12,360

Checkout of the IU was begin December 16 and is scheduled for completion next quarter.

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00:08:12,360 --> 00:08:18,400

Structural fabrication of the instrument unit for Saturn 208 was completed November 22.

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00:08:18,400 --> 00:08:23,729

Component installation is underway with completion planned for next quarter.

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00:08:23,729 --> 00:08:30,490

Structural segments for Saturn 209 IU arrived at IBM November 29.

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00:08:30,490 --> 00:08:40,449

Fabrication began December 8 with completion planned next quarter.

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00:08:40,449 --> 00:08:45,519

At Marshall's Systems Development Facility, new and improved techniques in ground support

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00:08:45,519 --> 00:08:51,329

equipment and testing are being used to accomplish automation to checkout and launch the updated

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00:08:51,329 --> 00:08:53,630

Saturn I vehicle.

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00:08:53,630 --> 00:09:00,160

This is the facility utilized to debug and validate checkout program takes.

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00:09:00,160 --> 00:09:09,439

It contains a computer complex, a telemetry station, digital data checkout station, networks,

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00:09:09,439 --> 00:09:15,670

and associated vehicle components, actual or simulated.

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00:09:15,670 --> 00:09:21,540

Simulated flight tests are fed to REA-110A computers on program tape.

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00:09:21,540 --> 00:09:27,990

As many as 115 identified tests and subroutines will be programmed for future testing of updated

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00:09:27,990 --> 00:09:31,769

Saturn I vehicles.

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00:09:31,769 --> 00:09:37,399

Validation of the program tapes is accomplished in three phases: first, electrical support

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00:09:37,399 --> 00:09:43,120

equipment and integration equipment systems, which are a part of or related to the booster,

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00:09:43,120 --> 00:09:50,749

second, equipment related to the second stage, and third, the instrument unit.

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00:09:50,749 --> 00:09:55,880

The Systems Development Facility allows for a comprehensive checkout for overall systems

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00:09:55,880 --> 00:09:57,199

compatibility.

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00:09:57,199 --> 00:10:05,290

It also serves as a supporting unit for Cape operations during checkout and launch.

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00:10:05,290 --> 00:10:10,220

In summary, October, November, and December were months of continued progress within the

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00:10:10,220 --> 00:10:18,430

updated Saturn Program, final preparations for the manned flight Saturn 204, arrival

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00:10:18,430 --> 00:10:25,670

of Saturn 206 stages at Cape Kennedy, successful acceptance testing of the second stage or

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00:10:25,670 --> 00:10:34,110

Saturn 207, successful acceptance testing of the booster for Saturn 208, and testing

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00:10:34,110 --> 00:10:39,220

of software related to the updated Saturn
vehicles at Marshall's Systems Development