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WATCHING ECLIPSE IN BOSTON . . . through exposed film

Millions See Matinee Spectacular

By H. D. Quigg
United Press International

The sun blinked for North American earthlings yesterday, and millions on the East Coast experienced the spooky daytime dark of a total solar eclipse.

The racing shadow of the moon penciled an 85-mile-wide path up the populous eastern U.S. seaboard from Florida to Maryland like a gathering black tropical storm to the oohs and aahs of once-in-a-lifetime watchers.

Chickens roosted, frogs croaked as at eventide, squirrels went to sleep, horses hung their heads, and even bunnocks circling a Georgia swamp swooped down to roost on bare cypress trees.

In Washington, about 100 young men and women gathered in concentric circles, holding hands and humming Eastern chants.

They snake-danced through a crowd of several thousand eclipse-gazers at the base of the Washington Monument, and their long-haired leader led them in Indian prayers.

"The eclipse of the century's" matinee spectacular featured the pearly-white streamers of the sun's corona, or outer atmosphere, haloing the blackness of what astronomers call a "bull's-eye moon."

That phrase describes the moon's passing across the face of the sun, completely blotting out the solar body so that night falls wherever the point of the conical lunar shadow touches an otherwise sunlit earth.

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TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN . . . at Nantucket

O dark, dark, dark, amid the blaze of noon,
Irrecoverably dark, total eclipse
Without all hope of day—John Milton

In Nantucket: 'It was Fantastic'

In Boston: An Eerie Darkness

The Eclipse of the Century



ECLIPSE IS SHOWN ABOVE THE STATE HOUSE. PHOTO WAS MADE BY DOUBLE EXPOSURE (Ted Dully Photo)

For other stories and photos on the solar spectacular, see pages 49, 56, 57, 58 and 59.

By James Stack and Victor McElheny, Globe Staff

New England hovered in the shadow of the moon yesterday during the awesome sky spectacular produced by a solar eclipse that comes once in a lifetime.

In Boston and in places from Provincetown to Presque Isle, the striking, natural phenomenon was marked by an eerie darkness that fell suddenly and lasted two minutes and six seconds.

Thousands gathered at Nantucket Island and Monomoy Point, off Chatham, the only two places in New England where a total eclipse was visible.

They flocked to Cape Cod in buses, cars and airplanes to witness the wondrous spectacle that will not occur again until the year 2024.

The percentage of eclipse was limited elsewhere, ranging from 90 percent in Montpelier, Vt., to about 98 percent in southeastern New England.

So those who could not journey to Nantucket had to rely on television for a breathtaking glimpse of the corona of dazzling white light in a pearl-gray sky.

Onlookers gasped when, at the moment of total eclipse, the brilliant corona hung itself around the dark circle created by the moon's shadow against the sun.

The corona was made jagged in places by splashes of light that jutted out unevenly, like diamond feathers on a halo.

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Dogs Howled ... Cats Fled

By Ken O. Botwright, Globe Staff

NANTUCKET — Men, animals and birds went mildly beserk here as the moon perfectly eclipsed the sun at 1:46 p.m. yesterday and a practically cloudless afternoon sky turned dark as early evening.

During the two minutes and six seconds that the sun was blacked out, hundreds of seagulls flapped, terrified and confused, above this quaint island resort.

Flocks of starlings swooped to rest in the naked trees. Dogs howled and hid under parked cars, and cats darted into storm sewers.

About 200 eclipse watchers, assembled around a 134-year old gray timbered mill on one of Nantucket's little hills, either fell mute or screamed at the top of their lungs: "Fantastic, unbelievable, cool."

As the sun's corona blazed in a black, blue and tangerine-tinted sky, and as the streetlights automatically flashed on and temperature dropped 10 degrees, pretty Lexington High School science teacher Frances Lamey, 28, shivered under her pink flowered parka. She gasped.

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U.S. Aim: Man on Mars in '80s

Nixon Outlines Grand Tour of All the Planets

By Matthew V. Storin, Globe Staff

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — President Nixon outlined an economy-minded space program yesterday that will send unmanned flights to all known planets and ultimately land a man on Mars.

Dr. Thomas O. Paine, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, told newsmen the president's program would probably produce a manned landing on Mars in the late 1980's.

The President's statement, released here where Mr. Nixon is vacationing this weekend, did not specify a date for the Mars landing.

The unmanned explorations will be called "Grand Tour" flights and will examine several planets on each mission, taking advantage of a rare alignment of the outer planets such as Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Target date for the first Grand Tour is 1977. Dr. Paine said U.S. scientists will have "a close-hand look at every planet in the solar system" before the end of the century.

The President's program also calls for development of nuclear rocket systems. The first launch of a nuclear propulsion rocket is planned for 1978.

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Policeman Kills Patient in Hospital Scuffle

By Thomas Oliphant
Globe Staff

A Boston policeman shot and killed a patient at Boston City Hospital last night during a scuffle in a surgical ward.

Police identified the dead man as Franklin Lynch, 24, of 72 Hamlett av., Roxbury. They said he was shot "more than once."

Also wounded was an elderly man, hit in the right side. He was identified as Edward Crowley, 61, of 15 Romsey st., Dorchester. Crowley underwent emergency surgery

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Fair, with some variable cloudiness and highs in the 40s. Westerly winds will be 15 to 20 mph. Tonight and tomorrow will be fair and a little colder. The probability of precipitation is 20 percent today and 10 percent tonight. Page 60.

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The Bruins, tied 5-5 by Philadelphia yesterday, increased their Eastern lead.

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Stadium Plan Linked to $100M Development

By David Taylor, Globe Staff

The Boston stadium moved closer to reality yesterday as Mayor Kevin H. White announced that the Boston Patriots have agreed to put up $250,000 needed for preliminary studies of the Neponset proposal and that Harvard may be willing to give the Patriots a temporary home.

At the same time, Boston Redevelopment Director John D. Warner explained that the stadium plan, if adopted and realized, could trigger a $100 million private investment for the total development of the 57-acre site.

He said that under the total development plan for the area, the stadium would require only 30 acres. The rest of the land, he said, would be leased for $127,000 annually and could, when developed, bring the city $3 million in taxes.

Consequently, Warner said, not only would the stadium require no public funds, but the private development could actually ease the burden on the city's taxpayer.

However, both White and Warner emphasized that such a development, which would combine hotel-motel facilities, multiple residential units and public commercial facilities, would be possible only if the stadium plan is adopted.

The mayor said that the Boston Patriots have agreed to provide the $250,000 needed for preliminary studies.

Before approaching the board of directors of the Patriots, the mayor had unsuccessfully tried to raise the money from the city's business community.

The Patriots will be paid back from stadium revenue, not from taxpayer's money.

The state had refused to provide this money and it is doubtful whether the city council, which must approve the plan before it goes to the legislature, would have approved such a loan issue.

The passage of such an issue would have required a two-thirds majority in the council. With this obstacle out of the way, however, the plan requires only a simple majority for passage.

White also reported that Harvard Pres. Nathan M. Pusey has indicated in a one paragraph letter that "Harvard might consider giving the Patriots a temporary home once a definite commitment had been made to provide a permanent home for the team."

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