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The motion picture version of "The Right Stuff" based on Tom Wolfe's best-selling book now filming in the San Francisco area and Edwards Air Force Base, is the story of the seven original Mercury astronauts -- the first Americans into space and to orbit the earth in a capsule.

John Glenn, Scott Carpenter, Alan Shepard, Gus Grissom, Gordon Cooper, Wally Shirra, and Deke Slayton were the former Air Force and Navy test pilots who captured the American public's imagination in the early 60's with their daring adventures.

A Ladd Company Production by Robert Chartoff and Irwin Winkler, "The Right Stuff" is being directed by Philip Kaufman from a screenplay he wrote based on Tom Wolfe's book.

The Ladd Company includes among its credits such motion pictures as "Chariots of Fire", "Outland", and "Body Heat". Chartoff/Winkler have produced the "Rocky" films starring Sylvester Stallone, including "Rocky III" which will be released this summer. Other motion pictures produced by the talented duo include "New York, New York", "Raging Bull", and "True Confessions".

Philip Kaufman directed "The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid", "White Dawn", and "Invasion of the Body Snatchers".

Actors Ed Harris, Dennis Quaid, Scott Glenn, Fred Ward, Scott Paulin, Lance Hendricksen, and Charles Frank portray the seven astronauts.

Harris has appeared in "Coma", "Borderline", and "Knightriders". His stage credits include "Streetcar Named Desire", "Hamlet",

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and "Sweet Bird of Youth" among others.

Dennis Quaid co-starred in "Breaking Away" and followed that with "Caveman" and "All Night Long" starring Barbra Streisand.

Scott Glenn was the villain in "Urban Cowboy" and is currently being seen in "Personal Best". His new film, "The Challenger" opens this summer.

Fred Ward was seen most recently in "Southern Comfort". He also appeared in "Escape from Alcatraz" and "Carny".

Scott Paulin includes among his film credits "Cat People" which opens nationally in a few weeks. He has also been featured on the Emmy Award winning TV show, "Hill Street Blues".

Lance Hendricksen has appeared in "Dog Day Afternoon", "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", "Network", and "Prince of the City".

Charles Frank starred in television's "All My Children" for a few years and has been seen in "Young Maverick" and "Guide for a Married Man".

Actor Sam Shepard, who portrays Chuck Yeager, the first American to break the sound barrier, and one of the most famous of the Air Force pilots, has been seen in "Resurrection", "Raggedy Man" with Sissy Spacek, and "Francis" opposite Jessica Lange and Kim Stanley.

Others in the prominent cast include Kim Stanley, Levon Helm, who co-starred in "Coal Miner's Daughter", Donald Moffat, Veronica Cartwright and Pamela Reed.

The film version of "The Right Stuff" begins in 1947 when Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier, and continues through 1963

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as Gordon Cooper makes his flight in the Mercury Capsule for 22 orbits of earth.

"The Right Stuff" is the story of these seven men: how they became the first American astronauts; why they were the ones chosen.

"The Right Stuff" is an epic motion picture about men who had "The Right Stuff".

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Donald K. Slayton is the last of the original Mercury astronauts to resign. In 1975 he steered an Apollo spacecraft to a meeting with a Soviet Soyuz craft.



Alan B. Shepard Jr., 58, another of the original seven Mercury astronauts, was the first American in space, in 1961.



Lieut. Col. Virgil I. Grissom was killed with two other astronauts in 1967 when fire broke out in an Apollo capsule in a ground test.



Scott Carpenter, 56, was the second American to orbit the earth and later worked in the Navy's Sealab program.



L. Gordon Cooper Jr., 54, made two space flights, including 120 orbits in a Gemini 5 capsule.



John Glenn, 60, is the senior Senator from Ohio. In 1962 he became the first American to orbit the earth.



Walter M. Schirra Jr., 58, made three space flights and commanded an 11-day flight orbiting earth in 1968.

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