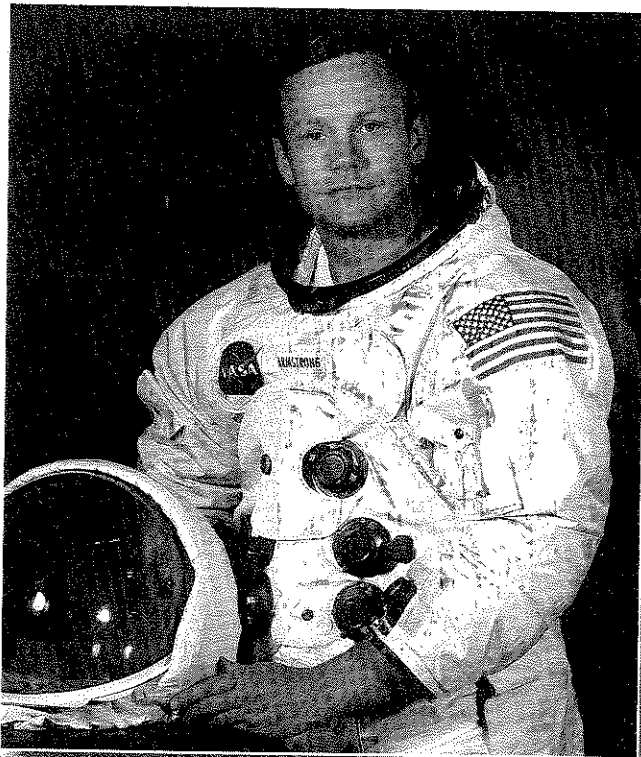


would land a man on the moon by the end of the **decade**. Today his dream came true. So did the dreams of millions.

Armstrong and fellow astronaut Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin spent more than two hours walking on the moon. In their space suits, they found walking—and even running—easy. This is due to the moon’s **gravity**, which is one-sixth



Astronaut Neil Armstrong—the first man to walk on the moon

of Earth’s. The astronauts planted a U.S. flag on the moon. They set up three experiments. They collected rock samples from the moon’s surface. They also made satellite contact with the White House. This led to another **historic** moment.

Richard M. Nixon became the first President to chat with someone on the moon.

While Armstrong and Aldrin walked, the third *Apollo 11* astronaut, Michael Collins, stayed on board. He was still in orbit, circling the moon. After their walk, Armstrong and Aldrin used the *Eagle* to get them back to *Apollo 11*.

The flight was launched five days ago, on July 16. It has been attracting worldwide attention ever since.

Think About It

What did the astronauts do when they landed on the moon? Why was this an important event?