

NEW CENTER DEDICATED TO GOAL OF EXPLAINING AEROSPACE SCIENCE

Langley's Visitor Information Center was dedicated in formal ceremonies on June 3 and it was termed an important step toward the goal of helping people understand the role technological know-how plays in the world in which we live.

Langley Director Edgar M. Cortright said the opening was "very significant in the life of Langley" and added he hoped it would help "bridge the communications gap between the technological community and the general public."

In his dedication speech, Representative Thomas N. Downing said, "Space flight has opened up new vistas of flight—and of the mind to understand the universe and our place in it. Our technology has become the world's best and has brought us prosperity in a highly competitive environment."

Downing further stated that he believed the new Center would go a long way in telling the taxpayers what they are getting for their tax dollar.

Dr. James C. Fletcher, the new NASA Administrator, made his first official visit to Langley since taking over his new post. He pointed out that "science is a part of our everyday life." He said we are living in a technological society and this world would be just that "for the next 100 or perhaps 1,000 years."

He said he felt the Center would give to the public a broad understanding of what is happening in aerospace technology, the kind of information necessary to understand the world in which we live.

The Center is open to the public Tuesdays through Sundays.



RIBBON CUTTING: The Langley Visitor Information Center was officially opened June 3 with the ribbon cutting by Representative Thomas N. Downing. Looking on are Edgar M. Cortright, Director; and Dr. James C. Fletcher, NASA Administrator. Additional photos on pages 3, 4, and 5.