OVER 150 STAFF MEMBERS ATTEND WALLOPS LAUNCH

More than 850 Langley employees and their families made the journey to Wallops Island Sunday, August 13, to see the successful launch of a Scout vehicle and its Meteoroid Technology Satellite payload.

Despite a suspenseful ten-minute delay, the launch itself was flawless. Liftoff was at 11:10 a.m. to the applause and cheers of a total crowd estimated at more than 2,000 people.

Sunday began early for most Langley viewers and their families. Eleven buses left the Center at about 7:30 a.m. in a caravan that wound its way through Norfolk and up the Eastern Shore to the Wallops Mainland, viewing site for the launch. Another large group of Langley people drove about 100 cars to the site.

Arriving about an hour before launch, most of the spectators had time to settle themselves in bleachers and on the grass, enjoy the nearly perfect weather—slightly overclouded sun, pleasant breeze, comfortable shirtsleeve temperatures—slap at a few mosquitos, and await the dramatic moment.

The Langley visitors were welcomed to Wallops by Robert L. Krieger, Director of Wallops Station, and by Oran W. Nicks, Langley’s Deputy Director, both of whom spoke via a public address system.

Launch countdown and commentary was relayed to spectators from the Range Control Center at Main Base by Abe Leiss, Scout Project Office, and Joyce Milliner, Wallops Public Affairs Office.

The launch countdown was halted at T minus seven seconds because a signal indicated that a relay on ground support (Continued on page 8)