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hurricane. Among the most popular names for combat aircraft in recent years — certainly those built by HSA, Kingston — appear

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MEET THE ASTRONAUT WHO NOW EXPLORES INNER SPACE . . .

by ROY STEMMAN

ONLY 12 men have walked on the surface of the moon, and with the successful completion of America's Apollo programme it is likely to be many years before man returns to our craggy satellite.

One of the 12 space explorers, Edgar Mitchell, spoke to Hawker Siddeley News in London last month while his colleagues Cernan and Schmitt were roaming the lunar surface during Apollo 17's mission.

Mitchell was the sixth man to set foot on the moon, almost two years ago. The most exciting moment of the whole mission, he told me, was when the lunar module, which he was piloting, pitched forward and he saw the landing site on the moon.

I asked him if he would like to go back to the moon. "Yes," he replied immediately, "but I wouldn't want to go through all that training again."

For most people the likelihood of going to the moon is an impossible dream. So isn't life on earth something of an anti-climax for an astronaut who has enjoyed the experience?

In Ed Mitchell's case the answer is most definitely no. Since returning to earth and



NASA photograph

Astronaut Edgar Mitchell with a model of the moon.

and the amazing man who breaks metal by the power of thought!

MITCHELL ON THE MOON

Picture by courtesy of NASA



Pictured during the Apollo 14 moon mission: Edgar Mitchell (left) and Alan Shepard, mission commander.

retiring from the U.S. Navy — which he did last October — he has been involved in a new kind of exploration: inner space.

He has formed a business enterprise called Edgar Mitchell & Associates (EDMA) which will perform and sponsor scientific and scholarly research in parapsychology and areas dealing with the mind-body relationship and consciousness.

Mitchell and his scientific workers believe that the mind's unsolved mysteries are as fascinating as those of outer space, and they plan to probe all aspects.

Telepathy is an obvious area for research, particularly as Mitchell endeavoured to communicate telepathically from the moon's surface during his Apollo 14 mission with a number of pre-selected individuals. The results have not been released officially but they are known to have been successful.

Astonishing

Another area which the EDMA researchers have already probed concerns mind over matter, or to give it its scientific name, telekinesis.

"I have seen one of our subjects, an Israeli sensitive, Uri Geller, deform, and on occasions break, metallic objects just by concentrating on them," Mitchell told me.

"Another person we have been studying is an American psychic healer, Norbu Chen. He

has astonishing powers that can bring about change or even cure a person in seconds."

British researchers will be involved in experiments with Mr Chen, the astronaut told me.

A number of by-products of space technology are benefiting our everyday lives. So what benefits does Mitchell foresee for his inner space explorations?

He believes that the time will come when the mind's powers will be used to turn lights, TV sets or other equipment on and off. His EDMA Corporation plans to market gadgets to make this possible when they are perfected.

And if it all sounds rather far-fetched, Mitchell points to one device that might well appear on the market soon and which would enhance the safety of all forms of travel.

When a person sleeps the brain emits alpha waves. This is a scientific fact. A device that picks up these waves could be fitted to cars or even aircraft. Should the driver or pilot begin to doze during a tedious journey the apparatus would detect this immediately and trigger an alarm.

But it is not just for these mechanical innovations that Mitchell is conducting his inner space research.

"What I hope to foster eventually," he assured me with the intensity of a man who has viewed earth from outer space, "is a harmonious, peaceful planet."



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