

Covers, Stamps of Nov. 14 Moon Trip Are Slated

HOUSTON, Texas — At a recent news conference the Apollo 12 team announced that all is ready for the Nov. 14 launch date. And, as in the Apollo 11 program, the Space City Cover Society will have a cover prepared for the launch date plus one for the splashdown date. In addition a cover for the moon landing and moon takeoff will also be prepared. Each of the set of four will contain a U.S. stamp with the appropriate date shown in the post office cancel, plus a copy of the NASA local commemorative stamp and the NASA local commemorative cancel, which has come to be identified with the Space City Cover Society.

The launch and splashdown covers will have the 6 cents U. S. White House bi-color used and the moon landing and moon take-off covers will be franked with the recent 10 cents U. S. airmail moon landing airmail stamp. Cost of the covers will be 50 cents each and sold in the set of four for \$2.

The NASA local commemorative stamp will again be issued in Souvenir Sheets of ten, printed offset in bi-color and perforated and with marginal inscriptions. There will be two sheets in the set and each will be printed on colored paper. One sheet will show the command module while the other sheet will show the lunar module landing craft. Each sheet will cost 50 cents and available in the set of two for \$1.00. All orders for the covers and sheets must be accompanied by a 15c post-

age and handling charge — and gummed, addressed labels would be appreciated. Orders should be sent to Space City Cover Society, P.O. Box 61528, Houston, Tex. 77061.

The Apollo 12 Team consists of an all-Navy group; Navy Cmdr. Charles Conrad, Lt. Cmdr. Alan L. Bean and Navy Cmdr. Richard F. Gordon Jr. Commanding the group will be Conrad. Gordon will remain in moon orbit in the Apollo 12 command ship while Conrad and Bean spend some 31 hours on the surface, including seven hours outside the lunar module landing craft. Mission rules will let the two crewmen wander 3,000 feet, or about two-thirds of a mile, to visit the Surveyor. The moonmen plan to make two excursions outside the landing craft, each lasting about 3½ hours and separated by an eight-hour rest period. First priority has been given to setting up elaborate experiments including an advanced seismic device to record moon quakes. Conrad and Bean will also collect samples of moon rocks, documented in great detail.