



Carrying their few worldly possessions Bengalis stream across the shallows of the Ganges Delta at Kushtia to escape from the advancing Pakistan army. Others (below) cross in a small boat loaded beyond its safety line.



Russia welcomes new decade of man in space

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Soviet celebrations of the tenth anniversary of the first manned space flight today included a measured acknowledgment of American space achievement and calls for further cooperation in space. Articles and speeches gave predictable emphasis to automatic space vehicles and orbital laboratories, but otherwise gave little specific indication of Soviet space plans. Some observers had expected an important launch into space for the occasion.

Nineteen astronauts signed a letter to "Pravda" praising Soviet accomplishments since the day a spaceship carrying Yuri Gagarin was launched 10 years ago.

It also said that in the interest of peace and friendship, businesslike cooperation between space explorers of different countries, including Russia and America, should develop and grow stronger.

The astronauts said that people here receive with great interest reports on the flights of American astronauts, particularly of the crews of the Apollo ships who rounded the moon

a reply to officials who want to cut space projects that seem to be of little immediate use.

Mr Petrov underlined the leading rôle in Soviet interplanetary exploration that has been given to automatic spacecraft like Lunokhod 1, still crawling on the moon, and Luna 16, which brought back moon soil to the earth. "For the near future they will be the only instruments of direct research of outer space and the planets," he said. He men-