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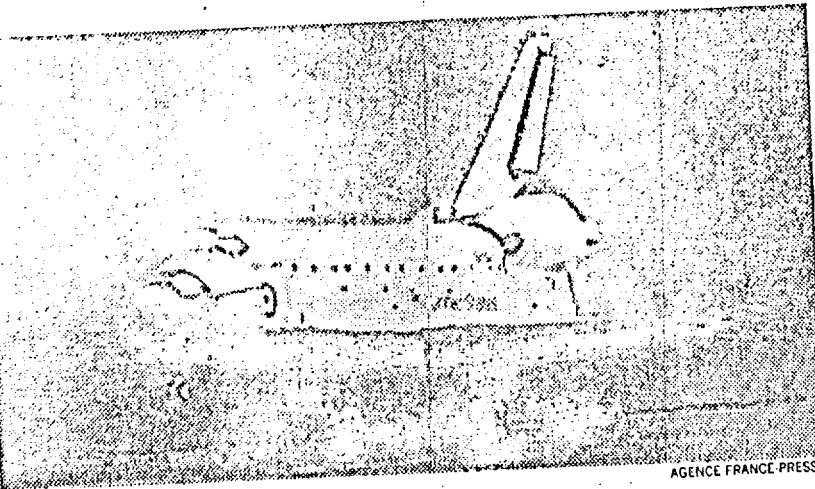
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Discovery Returns 'A Great End to A New Beginning' Mission Called a 'Stunning Success'

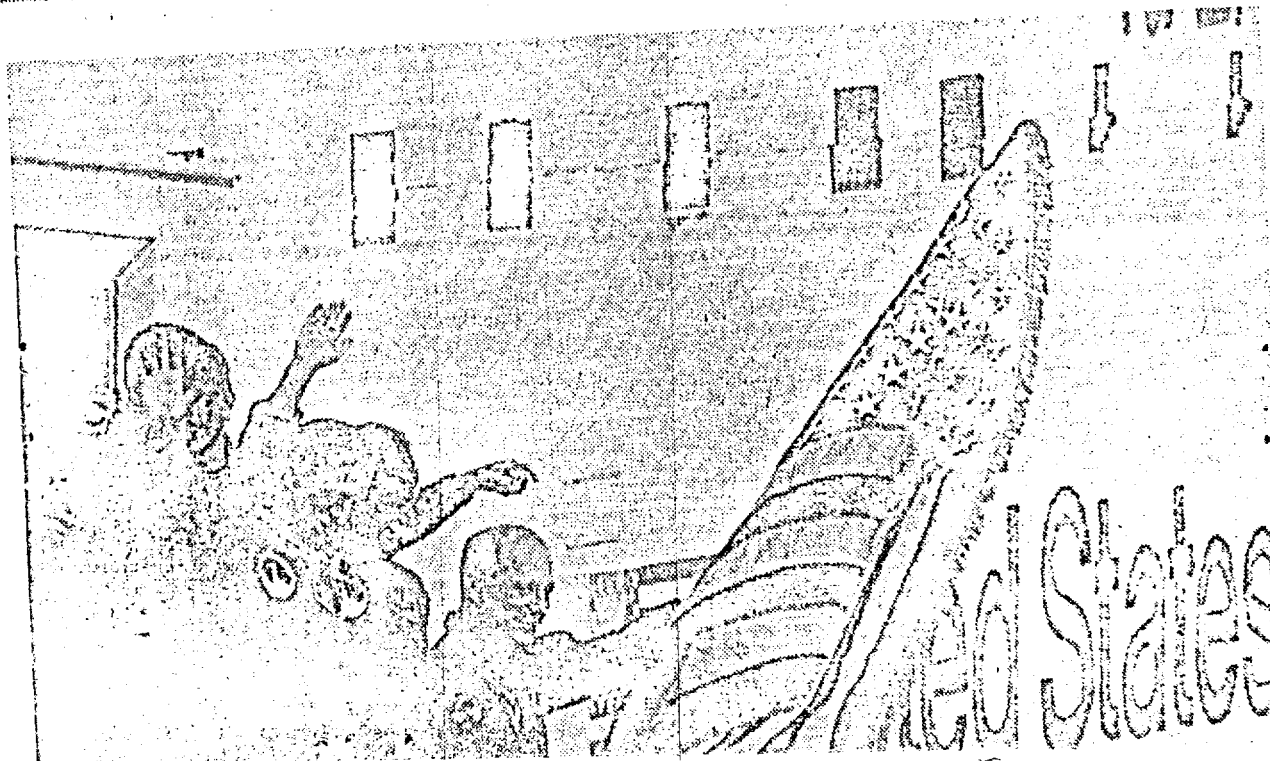
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EDWARDS AIR FORCE
Calif., Oct. 3—The space
Discovery completed a near-
four-day mission today with a
less landing on a striped line
the center of Runway 17.

With a trademark double
boom, the shuttle glided to
and a three-point touchdown
12:37:08 EDT, concluding the
U.S. mission to space since
January 1986 Challenger accident.

The mission was described as
absolutely stunning success
beaming Rear Adm. Richard
Truly, NASA's chief of space
after he and other officials
ing Vice President Bush
greeted the five Discovery
nauts as they emerged from
orbiter.

"Eat your heart out,
Yeager!" commander



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