NASA Plans Stamp For Astronauts

A philatelic tribute to the memory of the three Apollo astronauts who lost their lives one year ago will be paid by the Space Center Cover Society.

The Society will issue a special NASA Local Commemorative Stamp and cachet cover on Jan. 27, first anniversary of the tragic deaths of Astronauts Virgil I. Grissom, Edward H. White II and Roger B. Chaffee. The three died in a flash fire that swept through their Apollo spacecraft at the Cape Kennedy Space Center, Fia.

The special NASA Local Commemorative Stamp, featuring the three Astronauts, will be printed by offset in black and sky blue, perforated, and issued in sheets of 12 stamps. The top selvage will have a line reading "1967 — In Memoriam — 1968," and a line on the bottom selvage reading "Space City Cover Society, Houston, Texas."

The special cacheted cover will have a single of this NASA Stamp applied and cancelled with a NASA Local Cancel. The cover will also be flanked with an appropriate U.S. Commemorative stamp and brought to the Main Houston Post Office for a Jan. 27 cancel.

Information as to how one of these Tribute Covers, or sheet of NASA Locals, may be acquired, may be obtained by sending a self - addressed, 6 cent stamped large envelope to Space City Cover Society, P.O. Box 53545, Houston, Tex. 77052.

The covers will be cancelled in Houston because it was the home of the three Astronauts, as well as other Astronauts, and is the Command Control Center of NASA.