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Double Rocket Soars For Miles

LONG RANGE PROVING GROUND, COCOA, Fla., July 25—(AP)—A giant two-stage "bumper" rocket made the first successful horizontal test flight Monday in what was described as a preview of "push button" warfare.

The huge guided missile thundered into the air at 9:28 a.m. trailing fire and vapor. It slanted sharply towards the east and disappeared behind high clouds.

Col. Harold R. Turner, safety officer at this east coast proving ground, said the main part of the missile, a captured German V-2 rocket, soared up 51,000 feet (about nine and one-half miles). At that time it was 15 miles east of the launching point.

Col. Turner said the 700-pound WAC corporal, a small rocket riding in the nose of the V-2, separated from the "mother rocket" and streaked eastward.

At the moment of separation he said the rockets were traveling 2,700 miles per hour horizontally.

The V-2 reached a maximum altitude of 10 miles 83 seconds after the takeoff and then began to nose down toward the Atlantic. When the missile got down to 20,000 feet exactly 140 seconds after the start, Col. Turner pressed a button and exploded the rocket.

He said information on what happened to the little WAC corporal rocket after it left the V-2 was classified and could not be made public at this time.

'Scare Buying' Shoves Retail Prices Up To Highest Notche In 2 Years, Labor Bureau Says

WASHINGTON, July 24 —(AP)— The sharpest retail price rises in two years were announced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Saturday for the May 15-June 15 period — before the outbreak of the Korean War.

The agency said prices rose .9 per cent from mid-May to mid-June, with food prices soaring 2.1 per cent over the figure for the previous 30 days. Meats, fruits and vegetables jumped the highest.

The significance of this announcement is that even before the Korean fighting broke out on June 25, prices were not only going up but were gathering speed in their ascent.

The May-to-June increase topped the .8 per cent rise reported last month—a rise described then as "the greatest percentage increase during any month since July 1948."

Since the fighting began, new and apparently bigger rises have occurred.

President Truman has told Congress he may have to ask for power to control prices. Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.) said after a visit to the White House that Mr. Truman is determined to seek that power "if he can't get them to stop the increases."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in giving out its regular "consumers price index," furnished no figures on what has happened since June 15.

On that topic the announcement dryly said that everyone knows—"additional advances in consumers prices since mid-June will be reflected in the index for July 15."

The new five-year labor contract between General Motors and the CIO Auto workers provides for wage changes every three months if the consumers price index has changed "by certain amounts—but the next change is not due until the July 15 index is ready. The workers are dead sure of some

raise at that time.

In Chicago, the American meat institute spoke a reassuring word. It said that although "panicky buying" had caused some meat prices to go up, the pressure has lessened and "the present price trend is downward."

Liquor Industry Affected
The "panicky buying" reported by the meat institute seems to be going on in the liquor industry, too.

At least six top distilling companies disclosed that they are allocating orders to their dealers, to keep any retailer from getting more than a just share. In New York, Brown-Forman distillers Corp. attributed the action to "apparent hysterical buying," and urged "sane"ness on the part of customers.

Buying of all kinds of things has been going on at a phenomenal rate. The Commerce department reported that retail sales in June outdid any other month in history allowing for seasonal factors that naturally bring up sales—Christmas time, for example.

Total sales of \$11,915,000,000 in June were 10 percent above June of last year, and 6 percent above the peak of the 1948 boom, in August of that year.

July seemed certain to set another record.

Blame For U. S. Reverses In Korea Can Be Put On Shoulders Of Public

BY BRUCE BLOSSAT
As the war in Korea continues to go badly for our side, criticisms are bound to mount. People will be looking for scapegoats.

Some will blame the administration, or particular parts of it like the State or defense departments. Others will jump on General MacArthur, or perhaps his field commanders.

Painful questions will be asked. Why haven't our troops made a better showing? Why haven't they got more and better equipment to fight with? Where are the planes and ships we need to dispatch reinforcements to buck up the outnumbered Yank soldiers?

Superficially, the answers may not seem difficult to find, and they may indeed point to weakness and failure in our government. Not alone in the Administration but in Congress as well.

If the investigators and critics go back far enough, as they ought to do, they will find that when World War II ended we disbanded our huge army and navy with tremendous speed. The war over, we allowed our soldiers to cast aside their weapons and go home.

Into the world vacuum created by the swift dismantling of our military might moved the newly powerful Soviet Union. In the space of a few short years Russia was reaching out to draw within her orbit nations we had thought were safely free. When Czechoslovakia slid behind the Iron Curtain we became alarmed.

Suddenly the call went out to strengthen our defenses again. America's own military budgets were boosted, and soon we began voting money to help arm friendly nations we thought could share the job of standing off militant communism.

Yet never in the two years since the alarm was sounded have we grappled realistically with our defense needs. Big as the U. S. defense outlay has been, it hasn't been large enough to qualify as more than a token of our intent to resist.

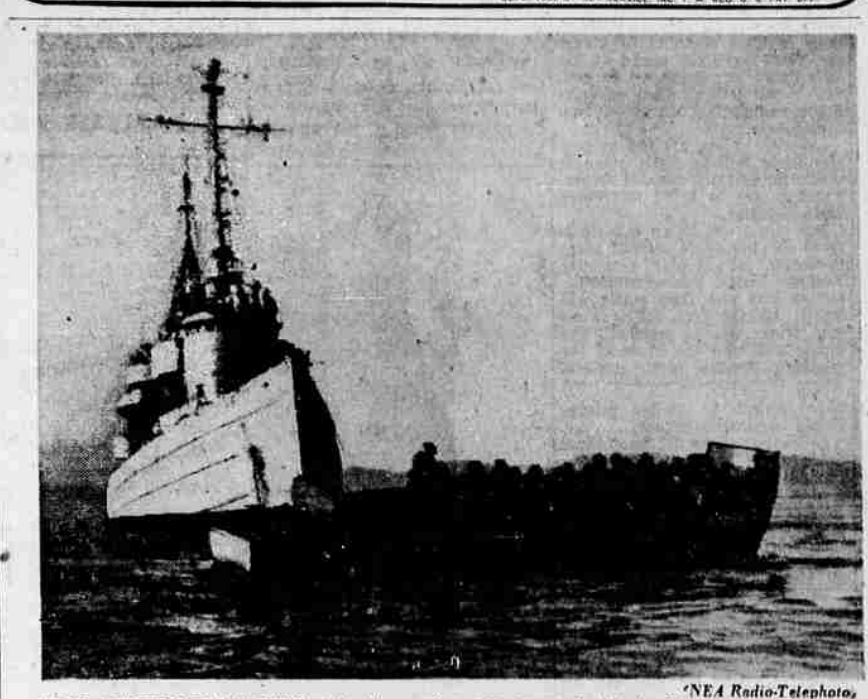
All these decisions, from the whirlwind disbanding of our World War II forces to the economies of 1949-50, can be ascribed either to the present administration or to the Congresses that have served since 1945.

But are they basically to blame? They made those choices not alone in accord with the world realities as they saw them; they acted in response to public opinion as they measured it.

And the inescapable truth is that they did not keep a bigger defense establishment in being, or restore it once it had been broken up, because they did not believe public opinion would support such a program. President Truman and his advisers and the nation's top congressional leaders make a business of judging what the people will stand for. It was their considered view that a really adequate defense was not among those things.

Perhaps these men should have shown the wisdom and courage to lead public opinion rather than be guided by it; but the politicians, generally do not take that course. They follow the people.

It is the American people themselves who have dictated the present state of our defenses. In the face of a clearly great menace from Russia, they have chosen to go on living comfortably, even luxuriously. They have wanted the price of complacency and softness is often high. We're paying it now on the bloody battlefields in Korea. And we'll go on paying until we wake up to the kind of a fight we're in. Russia is playing for keeps, and we'd better learn to do the same.



YANK AMPHIBIOUS LANDING—A landing craft passes command ship in Yonid Bay off Pohang, where the First Cavalry Division swarmed ashore in the first Allied amphibious landing of the Korean War. The troops (motorized infantry) moved inland at once. Photo by Richard C. Ferguson, NEA-Acme staff photographer.

Agriculture Research Saves Many Crops By Development Of Disease-Resistant Plans

By WILLIAM E. POWELL
AP Special Washington Service
WASHINGTON, —(AP)— Research, one of the agriculture department's oldest and most important activities, is undergoing a clinical examination by the House Agriculture Committee.

To the farmers of the west, this departmental function has been exemplified by the experiment stations, identified closely with the land grant colleges.

At these stations, many of the basic crops of the range states and, later, the irrigated areas, were tested and adapted to soil and atmospheric conditions.

P. V. Cardon, administrator of the agriculture research division, told the committee that probably 9,000 persons, all told, are attached to the many phases of the department's research and marketing activities. He estimated that half of these are directly engaged in research.

The efforts range all the way from development of hybrid corn and more nutritious range grasses through processes for better utilization of timber resources and means for mass production of penicillin and rutin.

Woods Waste Utilized
Many new wood products have been evolved from waste from the forest and wood lots.

The breeding of disease resistant plants has saved the sugar beet, cantaloupe and head-lettuce crops, among many.

The commercial production of fruit would be an impossibility without insecticides produced by research. The boll weevil would have taken the cotton fields and the toll of grasshoppers, tree diseases and forest pests would have been much greater but for the work of agricultural scientists.

Research, also, has increased yields of animal products, produced more profitable strains and protected farm animals from diseases. The annual investment in agricultural research is about \$100,000,000 with some 40 percent contributed by the states. Ignoring the unmeasurable and intangible benefits, a monetary value of \$2,000,000,000 a year can be established for the results of the effort.

RED SEEKS SCHOOL POST
SEATTLE — (AP)—Herbert J. Phillips, ousted University of Washington philosophy professor, has filed for the non-partisan post of King county school superintendent. He lost his university job last year after admitting Communist party membership.

The Hawaiian volcano Manua Loa has not caused any known deaths in modern times.

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No Publicity On Troop Movements Is Asked By Army

WASHINGTON, — (AP)—To make things tougher for foreign agents, the army has asked that there be no future state or national compilations of national guard and reserve units being called to active duty.

Maj. Gen. F. L. Parks, the army's chief information officer, asked wire services not to carry such stories and newspapers not to publish those already transmitted.

Such stories have been handled only after governors or national guard officials announced publicly the details of the mobilization orders affecting their states.

There is no legal restriction against preparing or publishing stories or troop movements. But the news services, newspapers and radio stations customarily accede to military requests when the matter of security is involved.

The defense department on July 13 announced that military officers would withhold information concerning troop movements to the far Pacific. This is censorship at the source.

Parks told a reporter a somewhat similar system is being followed in connection with the guard and reserve units. He said governors are being asked to make future announcements only for the localities whose units are being called to duty.

One Dead, Five Hurt As Cars Crash Near Ashland
ASHLAND, July 25 — (AP)—A man died and five were hurt in the head-on collision of two automobiles near Jackson Hot springs northwest of Ashland, Sunday.

Frank J. Kaiser, Burns, died in a hospital here of his hurts. He

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