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EARTH'S GREATEST SHOW

By Charles V. Stanton

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One bright spot in the international competitions, mostly devoted to means of destruction, is the world's greatest concentrated scientific study, heralded as the International Geophysical Year.

Briefly, it is to be a cooperative, concentrated period of study of every nook and cranny of the Earth we live on and the secrets of the limitless space in which it turns. Some 8,000 scientists in 64 nations have pledged themselves to the greatest scientific research program ever launched. Dr. Joseph Kaplan, chairman of the United States IGY committee sums it up this way:

"Scientists of the world are going to take a long and special look at our Earth — at its wrinkled crust, its hot heart, its deep seas, its envelope of air, its mighty magnetism, its relationship to outer space."

Although it is called a year, it will actually last 18 months, taking in all of 1958. The "year" began officially July 1.

All the approximate 2,000 scientific stations stretched over the globe are closely directed by the headquarters at Uccle near Brussels, Belgium.

Setting aside political casts, at least for the moment, scientists from both sides of the Iron Curtain and in the "grey zone" between are working closely together.

These explorations into the physical world around man will be immensely practical. From them, it will become easier to predict weather. It may even become possible to predict earthquakes. Navigation and communications will be improved by a more thorough knowledge of gravity.

Far From Dull

At first glance, this half billion-dollar project sounds important but dull. Far from it.

The project and its many facets promises to lay the groundwork for man's most staggering fancies.

The most spectacular work is being carried on by Russians and Americans alike. It is the space satellite, a project as fantastic as an airplane would have been in the Middle Ages.

Think of it. A man-made object which will circle the Earth on the same principle as the moon — held in the earth's grasp by gravity and delicately pushed from the Earth by the centrifugal force of its swing.

Werner von Braun, probably the foremost practical dreamer of the forthcoming "Space Age" views it as a step toward man's conquest of the "Buck Rogers realm."

He pictures manned space stations.

Man has been bound to the earth and his frontiers have all but run out. But Von Braun sees new frontiers so vast they can never be explored.

Leading to this establishment of a satellite are the rockets which are regularly poking their educated noses far out into the envelope of atmosphere which surrounds us. Some 400 rockets will be fired during IGY, but the most important will be the one which settles the little satellite 300 miles out on the edge of space and starts it soaring at fantastic speeds around the Earth.

Will Capture Imagination

Not only will the year mark the beginning of a new enlightenment, but it will also capture the imaginations of the millions of onlookers to this world's greatest show. It will be science-fiction come true.

The imagination will be captured without a doubt and great practical knowledge will be gained. But possibly the greatest good may be in the realm of man's salvation.

Perhaps he may be able to recognize the massive benefits to be achieved in working toward a goal for all mankind, rather than toward its destruction. At least one step has been taken in that direction. Scientists recently in Nova Scotia, representing opposing political views, pledged to do everything they could to work for peace. These scientists, the ones who perfected the key to man's destruction, were now more than willing to take a closer look at the weapons of peace.

Whatever the result of IGY, however, it will, without a doubt, be the "greatest show on Earth."

Bruce Blossat

As has been well noted before, there need be no fear that Army Specialist William Girard will suffer unfairly at the hands of the Japanese court which now will try him on a charge of causing the death of a Japanese woman on a firing range.

Japanese courts have a record of marked leniency in trials of American servicemen for offenses committed against Japanese nationals. Convictions have been relatively few and sentences have been light. In Girard's case he will be tried on Japan's lightest manslaughter charge.

The Supreme Court's unanimous decision that the United States has a right to deliver him over to the Japanese was founded on the accepted realities of national sovereignty.

THE COURT said in effect that American soldiers do not take the U.S. judicial system with them when they go overseas to foreign lands.

They take only those constitutional rights which the host country specifically grants to them, since the host land can hardly be expected to suspend the normal protection it gives its own civilians.

In this particular instance, noted the court, Japan has reserved to itself the right to try not only "off duty" offenses of American soldiers against civilians, but "on duty" offenses of "particular importance."

The Japanese concluded that Girard's shooting of a woman scavenging for metal on a U.S. firing range was a case of such importance. After considerable delibera-

tion, U.S. authorities bowed to this judgment and agreed to hand the soldier over.

THE COURT has now said this was a reasonable ruling in keeping with the "status of forces" agreement detailing relations between Japan and our service units.

Some will argue that the decision by the government — aside from the Supreme Court's ruling — was an effort to appease Asian opinion inflamed by our earlier refusal to let Formosa try another G.I. on a serious charge.

Whether or not political expediency entered into the original action, the high court has now decreed that this action had a thoroughly sound legal basis. The real alternative would seem to be to deny the right of sovereign nations to rule their own soil.

FIVE DROWN

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — The deadly Pacific Ocean surf off Point Año Nuevo took five more lives yesterday.

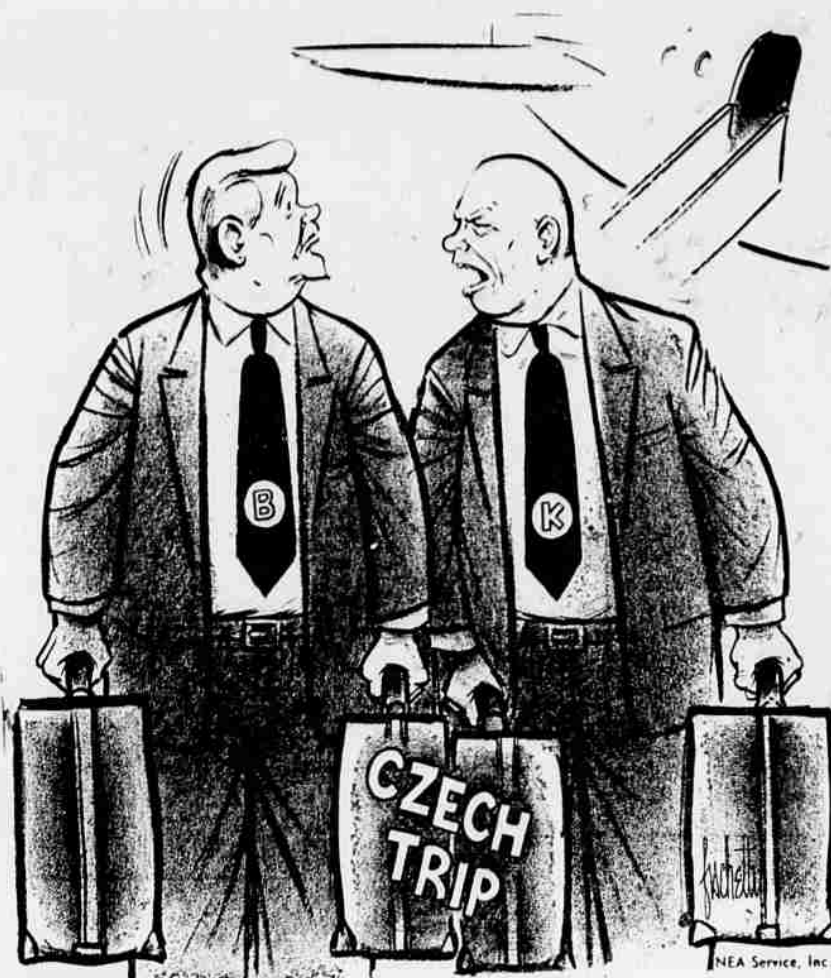
Four men and a woman drowned when their 16-foot skiff dragged anchor and capsized in the same area where two couples perished four days earlier.

MAYFLOWER BUMPED

NEW YORK — A pleasure boat bumped into the bow of the Mayflower II yesterday.

About 30 visitors were aboard the sailing ship at her Hudson River pier. None were hurt. The sturdy oak hull was undamaged.

"Don't Bother to Unpack When We Get Home"



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — Bernard Spero is a man who became rich by giving money away. "I may be a crazy idealist," said Spero, a 63-year-old Chicago business executive, "but I've had the privilege of living a life I believe in—and most people don't get that privilege."

Spero is head of House of Vision, Inc., a midwest optical firm with 23 branches in five states. His "crazy idealism" has consisted of a profit-sharing plan under which he has given away 49 per cent of his firm to his employees. The firm was small and debt ridden and doing only about \$90,000 worth of business a year when Spero, a young engineer, took it over. It had doubled its volume by 1938 when Spero decided to distribute 24 per cent of the stock to key employees as a bonus, and to donate another 25 per cent into a trust fund to benefit all employees.

"I had several reasons for doing this," he recalled. "One was selfish. I wanted to build a good organization, and I decided that a human being, since he is a flexible organism, would work twice as hard as if he felt he was really getting what was coming to him—and not just a living wage."

"Another reason was my feeling that a man who puts a life time into helping build a business really deserves something more than a gold watch after 25 years." Spero's employees contribute 2 per cent of their salary to the fund. The fund itself, in addition to its share of the dividends, gets 20 per cent of the firm's net earnings before taxes.

Mushrooming business — the firm grossed nearly four million dollars in 1956 — has mushroomed the value of the employees' fund with these typical results: A paraplegic worker who joined the firm in 1944 and gets \$90 a week has paid into the fund only \$800, but his share is now \$12,600.

A \$500 a month bookkeeper has contributed \$645 to the fund since 1939 but her share now amounts to \$7,932.

An \$8 a week messenger boy who rose to become a branch manager has paid \$2,474 into the fund since 1939 but now has a stake of \$41,411. If the firm continues its present growth, in another 10 years his stake will amount to \$150,000 or more.

Spero rewards key employees

with annual bonuses, but to keep executives "from hogging the fund" limits their share in it by restricting their contributions to 2 per cent of their first \$10,000 in salary.

He applies the same rule to himself. While he has the largest share in the fund, it comes to only \$68,900.

Spero is hopeful that other firms will adopt similar profit sharing plans because "they would help to make all business sound and healthy."

"This system is an answer to many of our economic problems. It is one way small-business can prosper, compete with big business, and keep peace between labor and management."

Although Spero still owns 51 per cent of his firm, he has pledged that in the event of his death or retirement his survivors will retain only 12 1/2 per cent of the stock, leaving his employees the opportunity to buy actual control.

"This, he feels, is a good thing, too. "I don't think you do people a favor by leaving them too much money," observed the slender, wiryhaired executive, who has two grown children. "I've seen too many kids spoiled by inherited money."

"I've also seen lots of fine firms ruined by family control of the business after the founder died. It's better to leave a small part of a sound business to your family than control of a big business turning sour. In the end the employees who helped build a business ought to have the chance to take it over."

Then Spero, a business philosopher who rarely likes to get sentimental, observed: "One of the best things about this whole idea is the feeling I have that the employees regard me as a friend. You know, over the years, that counts for a lot."

Local Electronics Division Unveils Reserve Program

A new Naval Reserve program for Navy petty officers has been announced by the Roseburg Naval Reserve Electronics Division.

Under the new program, any present reserve or former Navy petty officers of the grade of third class or above, whose release from active duty does not extend beyond three years, may affiliate on a pay status with any reserve unit.

Previously, the Naval Electronics Division could not attach on pay status ratings other and electronic ones. The program permits petty officers to keep up with the latest developments in their ratings and to advance in rating.

Persons may obtain more information about the program at the Naval Reserve Electronics facility, 1614 W. Harvard Ave. or by telephoning OR 3-5102. Information can also be received by attending the regular reserve meeting Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. After July 24, meetings will be held on Monday nights at 7:30.

Firemen Fail To Save Cat, But Put Out Fire

Winston-Dillard rural firemen arrived too late Sunday afternoon to save a cat. Firemen were called to the Green district about 5:15 to rescue a cat from an old well, but the animal had drowned before they arrived.

No loss was reported in a grass fire which burned over approximately a half acre Saturday at 12:45 p.m. The fire was located in about the 300 block on NW Sweetbrier Ave., Roseburg rural firemen who answered the call said. Children playing with matches started the small blaze, firemen said.

College Room Rate Increase To Be Mulled

PORTLAND — A proposal to increase dormitory board and room charges at state colleges and the university will be considered Monday by the state Board of Higher Education.

Under the proposal, the charge for board would go up from \$48 to \$51 a month and room rates would be boosted \$5 a term, Chancellor John R. Richards said. The increase is necessary to offset higher operating costs, he added.

The finance committee will study the suggested increase Monday and present its recommendation to a meeting of the board Tuesday.

Schools affected would be Oregon State College, University of Oregon, Oregon College of Education, Eastern Oregon College, and Southern Oregon College.

Officers will be elected at the Tuesday meeting of the board. Nearly \$400,000 in gifts and grants are to be accepted. This includes \$241,600 for Oregon State, \$74,900 for the university, and \$80,900 for the University of Oregon Medical School.

The board also will act on 40 staff appointments.

Vice Investigation Figure Is Indicted

PORTLAND — Lucille Weeks, a central figure in the Portland vice investigation, has been indicted by a grand jury on a charge of burglary of the home of Raymond Clark last year.

It was the first vice probe indictment under Dist. Atty. Leo Smith, who was appointed to his office after William Langley was removed for conviction on a vice charge.

Miss Weeks, 26, signed an affidavit earlier this year stating the ex-gambler Big Jim Elkins was a narcotics addict. She repudiated this statement later in an appearance before the Senate racketeering investigating committee.

Clark, an employee of Elkins, has recovered the property taken from his house in the burglary.

State's Surplus Tops 48 Million

SALEM — In closing out state accounts for the biennium, Secretary of state Mark Hatfield said Friday the general fund surplus, which at one time was estimated at between 28 and 32 million dollars, is actually \$48,639,325.89, as of June 30, 1957.

In a statement, Hatfield said "As chief fiscal officer for the state, the Secretary of State's records show that actual revenue received for the fiscal year 1956-57 exceeded the revenue as estimated in August, 1956, 'State General Fund Tax Levy Report' by \$21,037,068.44."

Major portion of the over-realization was the result of \$17,700,000 more revenue from income taxes than was anticipated. Receipts from liquor were \$83,445 above estimate; gift and inheritance taxes \$504,090 above estimate; Insurance Department sources \$125,000 above estimate; and interest on state deposits \$775,170 above estimate.

At the time of former Governor Elmo Smith's message to the Legislature in January of this year, the originally estimated 28 million dollar surplus was revised upward to 32 millions, Hatfield said.

GROWERS ELECT

TULELAKE, Calif. — The Newell, Calif., Grain Growers Assn. has named as its new manager Frank Plasse of Hillsboro, Ore.

Newell is six miles south of Tulelake.

HEADS PACKERS

ASTORIA — Ted R. Gamble, president of the Mount Hood Radio and Television Broadcasting Co., Portland, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Columbia River Packers Assn. Friday.

Britain Contends Advances Made In Disarmament Talk

LONDON — Britain declared here that Russia and the West have made "substantial advances" since March in their quest for a partial disarmament agreement.

A white paper laid before Parliament said "there is still a considerable divergence" between Russian and Western views of what should be written into a partial treaty to slow down the world arms race. But the government document added:

Advances Made

"Nevertheless, it is true to say that substantial advances have been made in the present series of discussions (in the five-power subcommittee of the United Nations Disarmament Commission). The prospects of a partial agreement have materially improved since March."

The U. N. group has met 51 times since convening in London March 18. Its members are the United States, Britain, France, Canada and the Soviet Union. It is required to make a report to the U. N. Assembly as of Aug. 1. The white paper summarized the present stand of Russia and the West on the nuclear phase of a partial disarmament treaty.

Nuclear disarmament — The West insists that the first measure should be a controlled cutoff of the production of fissionable materials for military purposes. The West also is willing "to agree on a formula for conditional renunciation of the use of nuclear weapons under which they would be used only for defense. Russia demands a solemn pledge by the big powers never to use nuclear weapons."

Nuclear tests — Russia wants an unconditional ban on nuclear weapon tests even in advance of a partial disarmament treaty. The West considers this by itself "would not stop the nuclear arms

race" because production could continue indefinitely by the nuclear powers and because other nations would be free to try to build atomic and hydrogen weapons. It has therefore suggested linking any ban on tests with other elements in a partial disarmament treaty.

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