

Army Scientists Thwarted In First Moon Shot

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Hearing Starts In Alabama Vote Inquiry

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—A Tuskegee Negro leader told the Civil Rights Commission today that only 4 per cent of the Negroes in his county are registered voters but that the percentage among white residents runs as high as 60-70 per cent.

William B. Mitchell, who recalled that he was rejected as a prospective voter until he filed a court suit 13 years ago, was the first witness called to testify in the commission's historic inquiry into Negro voting complaints in the South.

The commission opened its first public hearing in a crowded U.S. courtroom. Judge Richard T. Reeves, in whose courtroom the hearing is being conducted, represented Tuskegee registration officials in contesting Mitchell's lawsuit in 1945. That was before he became a judge.

A showdown was delayed on the threatened refusal of Alabama officials to produce voting records from six Alabama counties which were subpoenaed for the hearing. The commission said it would hear testimony from complaining Negro witnesses first.

Circuit Court Judge George C. Wallace of Clayton, Ala., who has impounded voter registration files in two of the counties, failed to answer when his name was called as a witness. What action might be taken by the commission was not decided.

Mitchell, who is secretary of the Tuskegee Civic Assn., which has spearheaded the Negro registration efforts in Macon County, told the commission only 1,110 Negroes are registered as voters out of a Negro population of approximately 27,000. He said something over 14,000 of them are of voting age.

Chairman John A. Hannah and Vice Chairman Robert G. Storer issued prepared statements at the outset of the investigation, emphasizing that the hearing will be what they termed a fact-finding inquiry and nothing more.

The commission gave defiant Alabama officials a new chance to answer charges of discrimination against prospective Negro voters.

But as the hearing opened, there was no indication that subpoenaed voter registration records in six counties would be surrendered to the commission. Hannah and Storer withheld comment on what action might be taken if the witnesses persisted in their threatened refusal to produce records.

Instead, they said the hearing offered officials a chance to disprove the Negroes' charges, if they can, and expressed hope they would take advantage of that opportunity.

They said they had received a substantial number of complaints that Negroes have been denied the right to vote because of race.

Myrtle Creek Boy Hurt When Struck By Auto Sunday

A 3-year-old Myrtle Creek boy was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital over the weekend for observation after he was struck by a car Friday in a Myrtle Creek trailer court.

Michael Leon Wilson, son of Mrs. Ann Wilson, City Center Trailer Court, received an apparent concussion, scalp and ear lacerations and abrasions, Myrtle Creek police told correspondent Mrs. Ruth Evans.

Driver of the car was Mrs. Mary Catherine Willis, 18, City Center Trailer Court. She told police Saturday that she had pulled up behind another car near a butane tank where butane bottles are filled.

She drove ahead when the second car pulled away and didn't notice the Willis child in front of her car. The boy apparently was knocked down, then struck by the rear wheels of her car.

YOUTH ARRESTED
A 16-year-old Roseburg boy awaiting action on a McLaren School parole revocation was arrested by Roseburg police early Sunday morning and lodged in the county jail on a curfew charge. Police said the boy was with a 17-year-old who reportedly was on his way to work.

Gas Pipelines May Raise Their Prices Without FPC Okay

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court today decided natural gas pipeline companies may raise their prices without waiting for approval by the Federal Power Commission.

The decision was given on an appeal by the commission and three pipeline companies from a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals here that gas suppliers could not do so unless their customers agreed to the rate increases.

Justice Harlan delivered the 5-3 decision. Justice Douglas wrote a dissenting opinion in which Chief Justice Warren and Justice Black joined. Justice Clark took no part.

The high court ruling is of far-reaching importance to the gas industry. The lower court decision, in what is known as the Memphis case, had depressed the industry's earnings outlook and, industry men contended, threatened to retard needed expansion.

Harlan's majority opinion took recognition of the argument that expanding would be harmed if the lower court ruling was permitted to stand.

"Business reality," Harlan said, "demands that natural gas companies should not be precluded by law from increasing the prices of their product whenever that is economically necessary means of keeping the intake and outgo of their revenues in proper balance; otherwise procurement of the vast sums necessary for the maintenance and expansion of their systems through equity and debt financing would become most difficult, if not impossible."

Pipe lines which were parties in today's case were the Texas Gas Transmission Corp., Southern Natural Gas Co., and United Gas Pipe Line.

On the customer side of the litigation were the Mississippi Valley Gas Co., a local gas distributor, the City of Memphis, and the city's light, gas and water division.

Until the lower court decision, it had been the practice by pipe line companies for some years to file new rates with the FPC, then to begin collecting the higher charges six months later. The increases were subject to refund if the commission eventually rejected the new tariffs.

Washington Paper Strike Settled

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Washington Evening Star prepared an expanded Monday edition, complete with Sunday supplements, today following settlement of a three-day strike of editorial and commercial employees.

The paper had published only a limited edition Friday, and none Saturday or Sunday, because of the strike called by members of the American Newspaper Guild. Most mechanical workers had refused to cross the picket lines.

Settlement of the strike was reached Sunday with a compromise calling for higher wages and a slightly reduced work week. Federal mediators helped work out the agreement, which later was ratified by the striking employees.

The three-year contract calls for increases of \$4 to \$7 a week for the first year, \$2 to \$4 for the second year and \$2 to \$3 for the third year. The \$14 weekly increase for reporters and photographers over the three-year period will raise the present top minimum of \$127 a week to \$141, compared with a \$140 figure now paid by the Washington Post.

The agreement cuts 15 minutes from the regular work day effective Feb. 1, and another 15 minutes a year from now, when employees will start working a 37½-hour week of five 7½-hour days.

Military Police Repell Pacifists Second Assault
SWOFFHAM, England (AP)—Military police repelled a second assault Sunday by a pacifist band of men and women on a secret base being built near Swoffham for American rockets.

The demonstrators tried to hold up work on the launching pads being built for Thor missiles the United States is supplying the Royal Air Force. About 50 of them tried it Saturday but were driven off with fire hoses.

RAIN IN STORE
Rainfall in Roseburg and vicinity will average more than normal with little or no rain Thursday or Friday, according to a five-day weather outlook issued today by the U.S. Weather Bureau. Total rainfall is expected to be between one and two inches with high temperatures in the 50s and lows in the 30s.

SIDE OF CAR DAMAGED
A hit-run driver damaged the side of his parked 1955 pickup truck, Alfred George Farley, Myrtle Creek, told Roseburg police Sunday. He said the vehicle was parked on the 400 block of Main St. when struck.

DOG POISONED
A Collie dog belonging to Edward Karcher of South Deer Creek Road died of poisoning about 4 a.m. Friday. A veterinarian said symptoms pointed to strychnine poison. Mrs. Charles Forrest, News-Review correspondent, reports.

Effort Success In Measuring Of Radiation

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
WASHINGTON (AP)—With a second space shot ahead, Army scientists set out today to correct troubles that thwarted their first effort to hurl a tiny package of instruments into orbit around the sun.

The space probe Pioneer III — first of two assigned to the Army — met its flaming end over North Africa Sunday afternoon.

Fired aloft by a four-stage rocket early Saturday, the 13-pound cone reached an announced peak altitude of 66,654 miles before falling back and burning in the terrific heat generated by atmospheric friction.

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ARMY'S LUNAR PROBE FAILS — Dr. Werner von Braun (right), the Army's chief missile scientist, is all smiles in Washington at press conference on the firing of the Juno II lunar probe rocket. Later it was announced the rocket, shown at left blasting off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., was too slow and too off course to reach the moon. It was expected to reach a peak altitude of 64,830 miles before falling back to the Earth.

De Gaulle Puts Another Damper On Extremists

By ANDREW BOROWICZ
ALGIERS (AP)—French Premier Charles de Gaulle has put another damper on the hopes of French extremists in Algeria who have called for the territory's speedy integration with France.

Ending a five-day tour of Algeria and the Sahara, De Gaulle called Sunday night for the realization of "liberty, happiness and dignity" for Algeria's nine million Moslems before any political settlement.

In a recorded three-minute speech broadcast as he left by plane for Paris, he also avoided saying he will integrate Algeria politically and economically with France.

Every man and every woman here should have their liberty, their happiness and their dignity," the Premier said.

"As this is being done, we will see much better revealed the living personality of Algeria on the one hand, and on the other the nature of things which unite it with France."

"It is when this is done that the so-called political solution will appear, practically and reasonably."

His remarks indicate he intends to go ahead with his ambitious five-year social and economic development plan before trying to solve Algeria's political problems.

De Gaulle's tour of the new Sahara oil and natural gas fields brought to light new estimates of their recoverable reserves, which now are expected to supply France with vital fuel for 80 years.

France at present consumes about 25 million tons of oil yearly. By 1962 Sahara fields and the Gabon fields in Equatorial Africa are expected to produce 40 million tons of crude oil yearly.

Meredith Wilson Bids High For Mortuary
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sale and title insurance were delivered.

In his bid, Purdy stated, "As a full partner in this business I wish to place a bid to protect my financial interests in this property in the amount of \$78,296, according to the balance sheet, . . . presented on Nov. 12."

Ganz submitted three alternate bids: \$75,015 to be paid over a 15-year period with interest at 6 per cent; \$70,000 over a 10-year period with six per cent interest, or \$67,500, with \$22,500 cash down payment.

Purdy brought suit against his partner after Powers and his wife Marietta were indicted for conspiring to defraud Purdy by means of forged checks. They received 18-month prison terms.

Money received from the sale of the business will be held by the court pending final settlement of the lawsuit. It will then be divided between Purdy and Powers with the amounts to be set by the court.

Snow, Ice, Wind Strike Northwest Paralyzing Blow

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Whatcom County and lower British Columbia, dealt a paralyzing weekend blow by snow, icy rain and winds, braced Monday for more bitter weather expected from a new storm bearing down on the region.

All Whatcom County and Bellingham schools were closed indefinitely Monday.

Roads radiating north and east of Bellingham were coated thickly with ice and many were blocked by a tangled maze of broken utility poles, trees and power and telephone lines.

Sixty miles farther north, Vancouver, B.C., dug out from 10 inches of snow deposited in the worst snowstorm in nine years.

The new storm approaching from the Pacific brought the forecast of more snow for lower British Columbia and light snow or freezing drizzle from the Bellingham area northward. The storm was due to hit late Monday.

Difficulties created by the weekend silver thaw in northern Whatcom County and the expected new onslaught caused the superintendent to order all schools in the county closed until further notice.

Only Western Washington College of Education at Bellingham remained open.

One person, as yet unidentified, was killed when a car plunged off the Hope-Princeton highway near Hope, B. C., during a blinding snow storm Sunday and landed on a river bank 1,000 feet below.

Four others, also not yet identified, were critically injured.

Many communities in Whatcom County were reported without power since late Saturday night. Telephone service to Lynden, Blaine and other communities in the area was interrupted. Long distance lines to the San Juan Islands also were out.

Snow drifts several feet deep were reported on secondary roads that were turned into sheets of ice by freezing rain that fell earlier.

The State Patrol said there had been no major auto accidents but crews were still busy late Sunday night pulling motorists from ditches into which their cars had slipped from the slick roads.

Border communities were struck by the silver thaw before midnight Sunday. It reached Bellingham during the early morning hours.

GASOLINE STOLEN
Theft of about five gallons of gasoline from a truck parked at West Coast Building and Supply Co., 948 S. Mill St., was reported to Roseburg police Saturday by William Clark Neighbors. Police who investigated said the fuel had been siphoned into a leaky can and poured into a car.

Boy, Girl On Date Find Something Definite In Common

PORTLAND (AP)—On their first date, Dorothy Manewal, 16, and Richard Gillett, 22, liked each other.

And then they found that they really had something in common—they were brother and sister, parted 10 years ago.

After they were introduced by a friend last week, Dorothy said "I sort of liked Dick and we made a date for Saturday night."

"We were sitting in a car and talking when I just happened to say that Dorothy Manewal wasn't my real name, that it was Sara Esther Aldridge."

And then he said that Dick Gillett wasn't his real name either. And then he said "Well, I'm your brother." We just sat there for a moment. We could hardly believe it," Miss Manewal said.

The pretty, dark-haired high school girl said they were adopted into separate homes after their mother died in 1948, and hadn't seen each other since.

Gillett, whose real name is Michael Charles Aldridge, said that he knew of his sister's existence, but never had tried to find here.

"I remember him when I was a little girl," Miss Manewal said, and added that she never had attempted to locate him, either.

Gillett, a factory worker in nearby Oregon City, spent yesterday helping his new-found sister make Christmas decorations.

"We talked about the old times and things that we used to do when we were kids," Miss Manewal said. "I think we'll be good friends."

SHOWER SET
Wilbur community will hold a household shower Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. for the Bill Tolliver family at the Methodist Church.

The Tolliver home, on Coles Valley Rd., was destroyed Thursday by fire. There are five children, four girls, ages 6, 5, 2 and 3 weeks, and a boy, 3.

Effort Launched To End Gasoline War In Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—An effort to end the gasoline price war in three counties got underway here today and a dealers' spokesman said he was hopeful of success.

It will be late in the day, however, before it will be known for sure whether the old prices have been restored widely, enough to mean the end of the price cutting.

J. S. Baker of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Assn. said a hundred dealers are driving through Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties today, urging station operators to go back to the higher price level.

The price war, under way for weeks, has resulted in regular gasoline selling as low as 23.9 cents a gallon and almost universally no higher than 26.9. The usual price before the cutting started was 33.9 to 34.9.

The dealers' association proposed, at a series of weekend meetings, to make the effort to restore the price level in the three counties.

"If it is successful," Baker said, "we expect it to spread."

The price war has been under way in many areas all up and down the coast.

West Berlin Rejects Communists In Election

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which had only 127 seats, the Socialists held 84 for a majority of one.

The Soviet Union is proposing that the French, British and American troops leave West Berlin within six months and turn it into a free city independent of both West Germany and Communist East Germany.

Brandt, Adenauer and Allied officials have denounced the plan as a Soviet trick to grab West Berlin.

The Christian Democrats announced they stood firmly behind Brandt.

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