

Dirksen Calls For 'Close Scrutiny' Of Test Ban Agreement In Senate

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 WASHINGTON (UPI) — Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman today started the three-nation test ban agreement on its long path through the U. S. Senate.

Tax Exemptions For War Disabled Tops \$1 Million

County Assessor Leland Svarverud reports that this year's total of tax exemptions for disabled war veterans and veterans' widows has climbed over the million-dollar mark.

The total this year of \$1,054,450 is nearly 10 times the amount exempted in 1945, Svarverud says. It is an increase of \$91,500 in assessed value over the previous year.

War veterans with a 40 per cent or more disability or widows of war veterans can claim exemptions on their homes up to \$7,500 true cash value. Claims for exemptions must be filed by April 1 of each year, except when a veteran acquires property after April 1 and up to July 1. Between these two dates, the veteran has 10 days after acquisition of the property to file claims.

The 1963 legislature broadened the period of service for World War I veterans. Those who served at least one day between April 6, 1917, and Nov. 11, 1918, and had a total of at least 90 days service are now eligible, provided they have a 40 per cent or more disability. Widows of such veterans are also eligible.

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New Space Chief Doesn't Want Race With Russians

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The new chief of the U.S. program to land astronauts on the moon before 1970 said today he does not like to think of the task as being "a race with the Russians."

"I don't think our main motive should be trying to get to the moon first," said Dr. George E. Mueller, who will head what is perhaps the most ambitious research and engineering enterprise ever undertaken by man.

"Naturally I think the United States should be pre-eminent in space, and I think we can. But I don't regard getting to the moon as a race."

Sound Program A Must
 "I think we must have an ordered, sound and well conceived program," said the bespectacled 45-year-old space executive who has had 23 years experience in missile guidance, deep space communications, microwave research and space payload design. "We must think primarily of doing the best job we can."

Mueller, vice president for research and development at Space Technology Laboratories, Los Angeles, acknowledged that "of course we must always keep an eye on what the Russians are doing."

But he added: "I believe we should concern ourselves chiefly with the job we are doing. The real purpose is the accomplishment itself."

Mueller, a quiet and exacting man, was named a week ago to succeed D. Brainerd Holmes as chief of the U.S. Apollo program. He will take over the \$21,000-a-year post Sept. 1.

His duties include spending \$10 million a day economically for the next eight years and overseeing 30,000 persons in 280 plants across the nation.

Around the Space Technology Laboratories he is known as "cool and calculating" by his associates, who say he "uses up a lot of shoe leather."

"He is the shoe leather type,"

said an associate. "He constantly walks from laboratory to laboratory, keeping abreast with what's going on."

"And he has instant understanding. Mueller can merely look at a problem and get a grasp of what's involved. He has striking powers of appraisal."

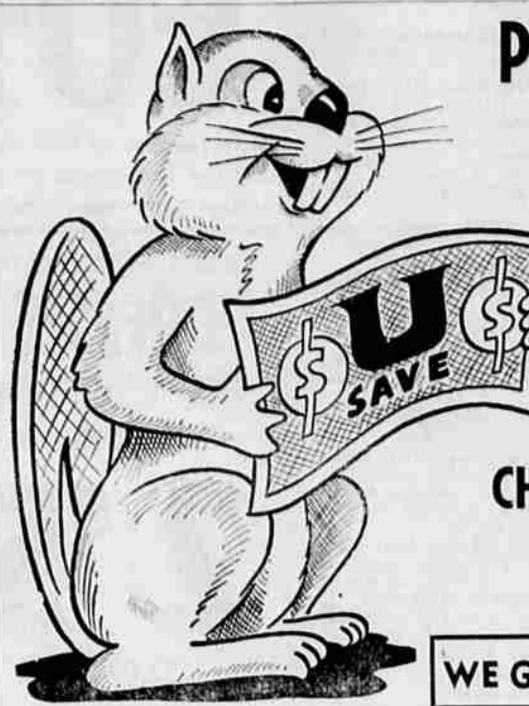
He is married to Maude Mueller and they have two daughters—Karen, 19, an exchange student in Germany, and Jean Elizabeth, 16, a high school senior.

The new Apollo project director studied electrical engineering and physics at Purdue, Ohio State and Princeton universities.

He foresees no technological problems to landing a team of American astronauts on the moon by the end of this decade and bringing them back alive.

"I consider getting to the moon extremely important," Dr. Mueller said. "But let's be realistic. It's only one step in exploring space. I'm not interested in just a single victory. I think we should look to the over-all conquest of space."

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