



**FORTY TONS OF CONCRETE** splashes as it slides from the deck of the atomic-powered submarine Ulysses S. Grant during launching ceremony at the General Dynamics Electric Boat Shipyard at Groton, Conn., Saturday. The Grant is the Navy's 25th Polaris missile submarine. (UPI Telephoto)

## Congress Expected To Put Skid On U.S. Moon Assault

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI)—"Racing to the moon, high up in the midnight sky..."

But probably not for long. America's bid for manned conquest of space, which has borrowed the moon as a sort of "carrot-on-a-stick" incentive approach, is headed for a major shake-up — or "reorientation," as they say — of programs and personnel.

The carrot suddenly lost its taste appeal. Congress, which overwhelmingly endorsed President Kennedy's decision 2½ years ago to make the landing of the first astronauts on the moon a "national goal," has stopped writing blank checks for space research. This year's budget was cut by \$500 million.

"We possess all the resources and talents necessary," indicated some second thoughts of his own with a dramatic proposal in September that the United States and the Soviet Union journey jointly to the moon.

**Khrushchev Won't Bite**  
Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev jerked the rug from under the whole \$40 billion works by stating rather jovially that Russia wasn't interested in competing, and wished the United States "good luck."

If, as some have claimed, Khrushchev's real intent was to lull America into a sense of lunar disinterest, he is off to a good start. Moon racing now seems as faddish as goldfish-swallowing and hula-hooping.

Insiders privately concede that neither the Kennedy administration nor the National Aeronautics and Space Administration can depend much longer on holding up the moon as the prize for space mastery. The public apparently isn't buying — particularly at \$40 billion.

The months ahead are expected to see a slow but detectable withdrawal by the United States from plans for an all-out manned assault on the moon — a strategic retreat, as the Marines would have it, or an attack in another direction.

The question is, which direction?

**Most Likely Move**  
The most likely appears to be a shift toward manned space stations in orbit around earth, the type of program the Soviet Union has said over and over again it is pursuing.

Some of America's top scientists in the federal space agency have admitted off the record that manned space stations would have been a more logical approach in the first place. But present U.S. plans place that sort of program in the "post-lunar" phase — meaning after 1970.

Russia is an odds-on favorite to establish a small space station in orbit around earth by 1965.

Another "reorientation" in the U.S. space program is expected to be a revamping of NASA leadership. James E. Webb is considered on his way out as the space agency's administrator, possibly before the next session of Congress.

**Bitten Several Times**  
Webb, an ebullient North Carolinian with a penchant for organizational genius, grabbed a tiger by the tail when he took over the job of leading the nation's fastest growing federal agency under President Kennedy.

He has been bitten several times, not of his own fault. Webb was caught short when the President made his proposal for a joint American-Soviet lunar expedition. Then along time being, at least,

came Khrushchev's "withdrawal" to shoot the props from under Webb's gallant bid to prevent a reduction in his proposed \$5.7 billion space budget.

Not the least of the burgeoning problems inside the U.S. space effort is the rift between NASA headquarters in Washington and its Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Tex. Houston personnel have been shuffled and reshuffled in attempts to gain better coordination between the two.

Meanwhile, the space agency has become aware that money is getting tight. Last week, it decided to save \$50 billion — and possibly save off further budgetary cuts — by eliminating four Apollo earth-orbiting shots from its manned spaceflight schedule.

Its major task now appears to be in finding a method to recapture public fervor for the national space program. The President made his proposal on one ground rule is that the word "moon" is out — for the lunar expedition. Then along time being, at least,

## Work Contracts Top \$10 Million

SEATTLE (UPI)—Heavy construction contracts in Oregon during October totaled four times the volume for the same period last year, according to a report from Pacific Builder and Engineer, construction trade journal.

Awards totaled \$10,481,131. This included \$5,314,979 worth of highway contracts, several bridges and a \$3,051,811 contract awarded by the Bureau of Reclamation for earthwork, pipelines, reservoirs and a pumping plant for The Dalles project on the Columbia River.

Heavy construction throughout the Pacific Northwest was nearly double that of last October because of the \$50.8 million contract awarded for Wells Dam on the Columbia River.

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## COURT TRAFFIC LIGHTS

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI)—Special lights to let lawyers know when their argument time is up go into use today in the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.

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## Italian Airline Will Buy American-Built Aircraft

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Italian airline, Alitalia, today became the first foreign airline to buy American by making a \$300,000 deposit on three U.S. supersonic airliners.

Britain and France thus lost a round in their race to capture the supersonic market from the United States with their jointly built Concorde.

Alitalia has been promised equal treatment with U.S. airline companies as far as deliveries are concerned.

Alitalia concluded the deal with the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) Friday.

With the placement of the Alitalia order, the United States threatened to overtake Britain and France in the race for the faster-than-sound airliner market.

The British and French companies—Sud and British Aircraft Corporation—have booked orders for 35 Concorde. FAA now has orders, with de-

posits paid, for 33 American supersonic aircraft.

Britain and France expect to make first deliveries of the Concorde a year and perhaps more before the U.S. plane is ready.

Not only has the American aircraft not even been designed yet but the basic decision regarding its speed has not been made.

The Anglo-French Concorde will fly slightly faster than twice the speed of sound.

The United States is still debating whether to build a comparable plane or to go for a bigger one (three times the speed of sound).

The sale of three U.S. aircraft to a foreign airline is regarded as a significant achievement here. The head of the U.S. supersonic program, Gordon Bain, has estimated that foreign carriers will make up about 50 per cent of the potential market for the U.S. machine.

## New Nuclear Sub Launched

GROTON, Conn. (UPI)—The Navy's newest nuclear powered Polaris submarine, the Ulysses S. Grant, was launched Saturday at the Electric Boat shipyards.

The big-punch atomic sub, capable of firing the 2,500 mile missiles, was christened by Mrs. David W. Griffith, of Arlington, Va., the great-granddaughter of the former president for whom the craft is named.

The ceremony at the Electric Boat yards of General Dynamics Corp., marked the 25th launching of a Polaris submarine since the first advanced-type boat went down the ways here four years ago.

Also, it established a yard record of turning out five nuclear submarines in a single year.

Currently the Navy has 12 Polaris ships on station. Five fire the 1,200 mile missile, five the 1,500 mile missile and two are equipped with the recently successfully tested 2,500 mile missile. There are 16 ships with the 2,500 missile range still in various stages of construction.

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## In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

### 40 YEARS AGO

**Nov. 4, 1923**  
The ZR-1 arrived in St. Louis, Mo., after completing a 1,300 mile non-stop flight from New Jersey. The big navy dirigible arrived at the flying field three hours ahead of schedule. The ZR-1 was in the air 24 hours and maintained a speed of more than 55 miles an hour.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
**Nov. 4, 1938**  
A grocery store, for its week-end sale, advertised quality beef roast for 11½ cents a pound; bacon for 25 cents, and hamburger, two pounds for 25 cents.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**Nov. 4, 1953**  
By a margin of more than three to one, Roseburg voters approved a bond issue which provided for a fire station in West Roseburg. This West Side station would give needed extra protection to areas west of the Umpqua River, including newly annexed portions.

Gov. Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia declared that a Supreme Court decision to end racial segregation in Southern schools would be "nothing less than a major step toward national suicide."

### REPORT STRONG QUAKE

**NEW YORK (UPI)**—The Fordham University seismic observatory Sunday reported a "fairly strong" earthquake occurred about 3,000 miles south of here.

The Rev. Joseph Lynch, head of the observatory, said the disturbance, recorded Saturday night, possibly was in or near Peru. He said the first shock was recorded at 10:18 p.m. EST, and the second one six minutes later.

son School, and were placed in quarantine until their throats were cleared up and the epidemic was halted. The situation was believed to be improving as no new cases had developed for several days.

Heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis said, when they told him his next opponent would be John Henry Lewis, "But I don't see how I can fight him. We're too good friends. I watch his fights and he watches mine."

Twenty-one positives, or carriers of diphtheria, were found by the test made in the Ben-

## Off-Year Voting May Reflect Impact Of Civil Rights Issue

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Voters elect governors in Mississippi and Kentucky and a mayor in Philadelphia Tuesday in off-year balloting that may reflect the political impact of the civil rights issue.

Political strategists were watching these contests with particular interest because Negro demands and white reaction to them have been of major concern in all three races.

Hundreds of other elections for state, county and city offices will be held across the nation, but state and local issues appeared predominant in most of them.

Major cities holding municipal elections include Cleveland, Columbus, Youngstown, Akron, Canton, Toledo and Dayton, Ohio; Boston; San Francisco and San Diego, Calif.; Rochester and Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Indianapolis, Ind., and Tucson, Ariz.

**Congressional Election**  
One congressional seat also is at stake Tuesday. Pennsylvania's 23rd District is holding a special election to fill the term of the late Rep. Leon M. Gavin, a Republican. Albert W. Johnson, the GOP candidate, is heavily favored over Democrat William T. Hagerty.

The Philadelphia mayoralty race took on special significance because President Kennedy visited the city last week and closely aligned himself with the Democratic battle to retain control of the city hall.

Democratic Mayor James H. J. Tate is running for his first full term against Republican James J. McDermott. Tate has accused McDermott of making a "play" for the white vote. McDermott has accused Tate of faltering action that prompted racial unrest.

The election is being watched for the reaction of both Negro voters and those white residents who may feel that the Negro has been pressing his demands too fast.

Tate is favored to win but by a smaller margin than Democrats have compiled in recent years.

**Kentucky Situation Similar**  
A similar situation prevails in Kentucky, where Republican Louie B. Nunn opposes Democrat Edward T. Breathitt Jr., for governor. Breathitt is backed by retiring Gov. Bert Combs.

At issue in Kentucky is an executive order issued by Gov. Combs this year which forbids racial discrimination in all business establishments licensed by the state.

Kentucky Republicans have said they have a chance to win the election, although they are outnumbered 3 to 1 in voter registration.

In Mississippi, Republicans and Democrats have vied with each other in denouncing the Kennedy administration's civil rights stand. Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson is the Democratic gubernatorial candidate opposing Rubel Phillips, a Democrat-turned-Republican who now favors Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., for president.

Phillips has contended that Johnson and retiring Gov. Ross Barnett, who cannot succeed himself, gave only token resistance to the admission of James Meredith, a Negro, to the University of Mississippi last year.

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