

American Rocket 'Pioneer' Soars Into Space

U.S. Weapons Boost Nationalist Strength

TAIPEI, Formosa. (UPI)—The U.S. Army's 2nd Missile Battalion installed its first launcher today and began assembling the first of

Propellor Shatters; Rips Home

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI)—A heavy aircraft propeller shattered Friday sending one of its knife-like sections dangerously close to 600 children in a school yard and the other ripping into a home and landing near the crib of a sleeping baby.

Mrs. Grace Hall, 26, said the propeller along with a section of the plane's engine crashed through the roof of their house.

"I hurried inside and saw the wreckage of my livingroom, just next to Janet's crib," Mrs. Hall said. "I screamed and ran to the baby who by some miracle was not even awakened by the noise. Spattered all over the walls was thick oil, plaster was everywhere and the partition off the nursery was a wreck."

A 50-pound propeller section plunged to earth in the playground of St. Cornelius Parochial School where children were playing during a recess.

Pilot Don C. Brown said he was giving instructions to another man when the accident occurred at 4,000 feet. He managed to glide the plane to safety at Long Beach Airport.

It was the third close call residents in the south portion of Los Angeles County had this week with aircraft.

Thursday a giant jet liner nearly crashed into roof tops at nearby Inglewood when one of its altitude instruments failed. Hundreds of persons ran to the streets as the huge craft skimmed over homes.

And Tuesday a heavy canopy from a jet fighter plane was accidentally detached and plummeted in the streets here, again dangerously close to a school.

No injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

Bob Tippet Will Speak At Chamber Meet Wednesday

Bob Tippet, candidate for State Representative, will be a guest of the Chamber of Commerce "Meet Your Candidate" meeting next Wednesday noon. Reservations for the luncheon may be arranged by calling the Chamber office.

The Chamber meets Tuesday noon for a similar meeting with Don McKinnis, candidate for State Representative.

These meetings are designed to learn the candidates' thinking on legislative issues.

its potentially atomic Nike-Hercules missiles.

The launcher was bolted to a concrete pad on a mountaintop by U.S. and Chinese soldiers racing against time to get the battalion's four batteries ready for action within two weeks.

Several miles away, men of the battalion uncrated and bolted together the four tubes of a "booster"—in effect, a giant skyrocket which gives the powerful anti-aircraft missile its initial push. Sunday they will connect the booster to a missile, readying it for use.

The giant five-ton rockets being placed here have a considerably greater range and punch than the Nike-Ajax missiles which guard most American cities against air attack.

Meanwhile, U.S. and Chinese military authorities told UPI Correspondent William Miller that the big guns, troops and supplies poured into the Quemoy islands during this week's lull in the Communist "artillery blockade" had made them stronger than ever before.

Earlier today, Gen. Peng Meng-chi, commander of the Chinese Nationalist army, had declared that the delivery of additional U.S. weapons to Quemoy helped the Nationalists win the first round of the battle for the offshore islands.

Peng told American-Nationalist military ceremonies here that the weapons had greatly increased Nationalist strength. Even as he spoke, new American guns arrived on the island in the largest convoy to reach Quemoy since the Communists launched their bombardment six weeks ago.

The deliveries were made during a Communist ceasefire which ends Sunday at midnight. There was speculation whether the Communists would extend it.

Peng spoke at ceremonies in which Maj. Gen. Leander L. Doan, senior U.S. Army commander in Formosa, presented him with a model of a 155-mm. self-propelled gun, which Doan said was symbolic of the weapons which the United States has turned over to the Nationalists.

The delivery of new American arms to Quemoy coincided with an apparent Communist buildup on the mainland.

The Defense Ministry said that during the past two days some 7,720 men and 2,150 trucks were working on Communist fortifications across from Quemoy.

It said observers counted 450 men and 150 trucks at Red positions opposite Matsu, the Nationalist outpost islands 140 miles north of Quemoy.

Maj. Gen. William Thames, chief of the U.S. Army combat surveillance section, flew to Big Quemoy Friday with a team of artillery counter battery fire officers and a civilian missile expert.

However, Thames said there was no plan to establish missile bases on the offshore islands at the present time. Missile expert Dr. Joseph E. Body of the University of Michigan said he was a scientist "working on this sort of problem (Quemoy)."



WORK FOR DEFENSE—Boy Scouts from La Grande distributed throughout the city today the Office of Defense and Civilian Mobilization Pamphlet, "Handbook for Emergencies." The book covers both civilian and wartime emergencies. Cub Scout Pack 112 is shown above receiving the books and instructions from Cub Master Ed Craig, before moving out to perform their duty. (Observer Photo)

U.S. Cruiser Aids In Rescue Of Chinese

HONG KONG (UPI)—The U. S. cruiser Helena, flagship of the 7th Fleet, arrived here today with 116 Chinese rescued by helicopter from a Norwegian ship that struck a reef while en route from Communist China to Singapore.

The 3,405-ton motor ship Hoi Wong ran aground in the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea Monday. Hong Kong tugs made two attempts to free the ship before the master of the Hoi Wong called for American aid.

The Helena broke off gunnery practice in Subic Bay in the Philippine Area Thursday and reached the stranded vessel Friday morning.

Vice Adm. Frederick N. Kivette, commander of the 7th Fleet, said two helicopters making 27 flights picked the Hoi Wong's passengers off the deck and carried them to safety on the Helena.

"The rescue was spectacular," he said, during the Helena's four-hour stopover here. "It certainly was the biggest helicopter rescue anywhere."

"The 7th Fleet in the Far East has a humanitarian role as well as keeping the peace," he said. "When human life is at stake we make no distinction between political beliefs, and stand ready to offer assistance to people of all nations."

American Legion, Auxiliary Slate Convention In Baker

The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual District Seven conference in Baker Tuesday, officials of the groups reported this morning.

Department officers of both groups will be present, in addition to district and post commanders, adjutants, and finance and service officers.

District Seven includes Legion and auxiliary members from La Grande, Union, Imbler, Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph.

Grant Holland, district commander, and Lucy Mosher, district president, will preside at the conference meetings. Charles L. Kenyon, Post 41 commander of Baker, will be in charge of the meeting.

A social hour will be held prior to the dinner scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall, Second and Church Streets.

Brief talks will be presented by department commander George O. Nelson, adjutant Joe McDonald and department president Gertrude Dickie.

All members of the Legion and auxiliary are urged to attend and hear proposed plans for the year covering membership, child welfare, rehabilitation, community service and other projects.

Cow Killed On Highway

A black angus cow, owned by W. C. Ramey, Rt. 1, La Grande, was killed last night, on highway 30 about 14 miles east of La Grande, when a car driven by William M. De Groot, Jr., Wallowa, hit the animal, according to state police.

No injuries were reported to any of the passengers in the car.

Cardinals Set Date For Election

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The princes of the Roman Catholic Church will meet here at 4 p.m. Oct. 25 to elect a successor to the late Pope Pius XII, it was announced today.

From the sorrowing Vatican also came official announcement that the burial ceremony for the Pope will start in St. Peter's Basilica at 7 a.m. p.s.t. Monday. The ceremony is expected to last about four hours.

Like Names Top Level Delegation To Papal Funeral In Vatican

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—President Eisenhower's appointment of a top-level delegation to Pope Pius XII's funeral was regarded here as an indication of increasingly closer ties between the United States and the Vatican.

The United States will be represented at the papal funeral by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, former Ambassador to Italy Clare Boothe Luce and AEC Director John A. McCone.

The President's designation of Dulles as chief delegate was regarded as a sign of Eisenhower's deep respect for the late pontiff, whom he met several times while he was commanding Allied armies in Europe.

Relations between the Vatican and the United States strengthened considerably during the reign of the late Pope, despite the setback suffered by ex-President Truman

when he proposed formal diplomatic relations with the Holy See. Vatican observers believe it will be some time before the opposition of non-Catholic Americans has relaxed sufficiently to make U. S. Vatican diplomatic relations possible.

Myron C. Taylor was stationed here from 1939 to 1950 as the personal representative of President Roosevelt and later of Truman, but he never held formal diplomatic status.

In October, 1951, Truman nominated Gen. Mark Clark for the post of U. S. ambassador to the Vatican, arguing that "direct diplomatic relations will assist in coordinating the effort to combat the Communist menace."

The appointment stirred a storm of Protestant opposition. Clark asked that his name be withdrawn, and the matter was allowed to drop.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Civil Aeronautics Board has authorized Pacific Airlines to extend its service from Northern California to Portland and West Coast Airlines to extend its service from the Northwest to San Francisco and Sacramento.

The CAB Friday granted Pacific Airlines the route from Crescent City, Calif., to Portland, and West Coast permission to fly from Salem, Bend-Redmond and Newport-Toledo, Ore., to San Francisco-Oakland and Sacramento.

West Coast was also authorized to fly into Salem.

A request by Pacific Airlines to serve Reno on its San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento run was held for further study.

Two-Car Collision Damages Vehicles

A two-car collision at the intersection of 4th street and N avenue caused minor damage to the vehicles, city police reported.

One car was driven by Larry Dean Johnson, 2007 Oak street, and the other by Gene Anthony Noland, 705 M avenue.

Marines OK Buddy System Of Enlistment

The present Marine Corps policy authorizes enlistment of five friends under the "Buddy System." When young men enlist under this program, they will be assured of going through basic training together.

Sgts. Jefferson and Pond will be in La Grande Post Office Wednesday, Oct. 15, to interview prospective Marines.

Pentagon Says Rocket May Not Reach Moon

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)—An American rocket named Pioneer soared out of the clutch of earth's gravity today in the first free flight through space but there were some doubts whether it would make its planned rendezvous with the moon.

Five and a half hours after the rocket was launched majestically from Cape Canaveral, the Pentagon announced that it flew on a slightly higher trajectory than expected. Therefore, the Pentagon said, it will be late this afternoon before scientists can determine firmly whether Pioneer is actually on course and on target and will approach the vicinity of the moon.

In the firing, at 11:42 p.m. p.s.t. Friday, all three main stages went off successfully. This hurled a 75-pound payload out into the void on a fantastic lunar mission.

If all goes well, Pioneer should reach the vicinity of the moon late Monday. If it obtains the desired orbit around the moon, it would stay within 40,000 miles of it for seven days, the Defense Department said.

But at midmorning the Pentagon suggested the possibility that the shot might miss the moon.

"Current data indicates that the Pioneer flew on a trajectory slightly higher than expected," a statement said. "It is, therefore, not possible to determine if the Pioneer will approach the vicinity of the moon."

The rocket achieved an escape speed of something less than the expected 25,000-mile an hour peak velocity. Its traveling speed

through space is considerably less than that. The 221,000-mile trip to the moon will take about 2.6 days.

If it goes into orbit, officials said that at the end of the seven-day period, Pioneer might stray off into endless space or might come back under the earth's gravitation and complete a figure eight. If it should come back toward earth, it would burn up in the atmosphere.

One hour after launching, it was announced the payload had broken free of the earth's gravity pull and was streaking through space.

Five big stations across the globe and nine minitrack stations were tracking Pioneer. Their data was funneled to the Space Technology Laboratory in California for reduction to show just where Pioneer was headed.

At 6:47 a.m. p.s.t., Pioneer was about 38,600 nautical miles above the earth, the highest ever attained by any manmade vehicle, the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division announced in Los Angeles.

The announcement said: "It appears from data being received from the worldwide communications and tracking stations that Pioneer may be departing from the intended trajectory."

The statement said all of the experiments aboard the Pioneer were operating "extremely satisfactorily."

The main objectives of the moonshot were:

1. To get the rocket payload out of the earth's gravitational field. This was accomplished, and was a historic achievement. It is the first time man is known to have overcome the earth's gravity with an object in space.
2. To collect scientific data during the 221,000-mile flight to the moon—and around it, if orbit is achieved.
3. To control the rocket so that the scientific payload will reach the vicinity of the moon, possibly within 50,000 miles.
4. To achieve proper powered flight performance of the rocket.
5. To put the payload in orbit around the moon, with resulting scientific benefits.

Several things could happen when Pioneer reaches the vicinity of the moon—if it does. It could go into orbit around the moon, caught by the moon's gravitation. It could score a direct hit on the moon. Or it could score a near, or not so near, miss and wander into space.

This was a crowning day of triumph for the Air Force and for missile men everywhere. For even if Pioneer did not reach the moon, it had achieved one of the major breakthroughs in space research.

The total weight of the instruments was 30 pounds, compared to 25 pounds in the lunar robot that the Air Force attempted unsuccessfully to launch Aug. 17.

The overall weight of the payload was 84 pounds, but this was reduced to 75 pounds when vernier rockets on the payload itself were fired at 800 miles to stabilize it.

A scanning device to take an electronic picture of the back side of the moon's magnetic field was retained.

The Pentagon said the moon satellite was thoroughly sterilized with chemicals and radiation before the firing to avoid contaminating the moon if it should strike it.

The most important remaining operation will be the firing by remote control of the "retro-rocket," when the robot is nearing the moon.

If Pioneer continues on course, its ultimate success will hinge largely on whether it receives a signal from an engineer in Hilo, Hawaii, to fire the small reverse rocket that it is hoped will ease the satellite into an orbit of the moon. This impulse also could be sent from Cape Canaveral, if the position were better at the time.

But the payload package also is equipped with a timer to fire the reverse rocket if it fails to receive the signal from earth.

The 88-foot rocket rose from its launching stand with a red splash of exhaust and a throbbing roar. Providing the initial boost for the rocket was a standard intermediate range Thor missile, the part that blew up in the first try.

Mounted atop the Thor was the modified second stage of a Vanguard satellite launcher, which ignited at about 50 miles above the earth. Then a newly developed Vanguard third stage took over to give the payload the boost necessary for free flight at 80 miles up.

Legal Action May Be Filed In Fish Case

SALEM (UPI)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today he was considering the possibility of legal action against Idaho Power Company for alleged destruction of salmon and steelhead at the firm's Oxbow dam site on the Snake river.

Thornton said that "from my information it would appear that the loss and damage to fish was caused by the collapsing of the foundation of the fish trap constructed on the Oregon side of the river, necessitating lowering the normal flow in the main channel of the river to about 2,000 cubic feet per second. As the result of low flow the fish were either trapped in pools above the fish trap or they perished below the main coffer dam."

Thornton said that from his examination of legal authorities the state may be in a position to bring action against the power company for destruction of fish. He said both states have concurrent jurisdiction on the river but that this could be solved by Oregon and Idaho joining as plaintiffs in either the state or federal courts.

P. W. Schneider, Oregon game director, said loss of fish at the Oxbow site would be felt for years to come. He said at least 2,000 chinook salmon and numerous steelhead were lost during the change-over from the emergency trapping and hauling operations at the site to the regular trapping facilities. The regular trap is now back in operation.

Doctor, Wife Hurt In Separate Accidents

WALLOWA (Special)—Dr. A. J. and Mrs. Hockett, both injured in separate accidents this week, are reported in good condition and resting well.

Mrs. Hockett, now at home, was injured when she caught her heel on a screen door and fell down the back stairs of her home last week.

Dr. Hockett was returning from La Grande after conferring with doctors there on Mrs. Hockett's X-rays when his car skidded on the new highway south of here.

He suffered a fractured right wrist and multiple lacerations and contusions when his car overturned. He is in Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande.

ADMIRAL LEAHY DIES

NEW YORK (UPI)—Rear Admiral Lamar Richard Leahy, 78, died Friday at New York Hospital. He retired from the Navy in 1939, but returned to duty during World War II.



WILL SPEAK—Principal speakers at the District Seven conference of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary on Tuesday of next week, includes from left to right, Dept. Commander George Nelson; Dept. Adjutant Joe McDonald; Dept. President Gertrude Dickie and Dept. Secretary Nota Francis.