



**VOLCANO ERUPTION**—Rivers of molten lava stream from Kilauea Iki Crater on the island of Hawaii in this photo taken within 30-minutes after eruption began. Lava flows from top of crater to bottom where river of fire is formed (lower left).

## U.S. Astronauts Not Frightened By Failure To Recover Capsules

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Air Force's failure to recover space capsules from Discoverer satellites has not discouraged the seven U.S. astronauts. In the following exclusive interview they tell why.

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**LANGLEY FIELD, Va. (UPI)**—America's seven astronauts are convinced that if they were launched in a space capsule now they could bring it back safely from an orbit around the earth.

They are not worried about failure of efforts to recover capsules from orbit but feel success will be attained once man is shot into space in such a vehicle.

Those space pioneers involved in "Project Mercury" say you can't rely on automatic devices alone to do the job and that man himself will provide the reliability that has been lacking.

### Judge McCormick At Salem Confab

Union County Judge C. K. McCormick represented this area at the recent Association of Oregon Counties meeting at Salem.

Judge McCormick presented the panel topic discussion on county weed control activities.

The judge said that highlights of the confab included consideration of the county role in timber and grazing land management; county home rule and budget problems; suburban street construction; investment of county fund balances in U. S. government obligations; and county civil service and labor relations.

Every one of the astronauts is confident that even if all the automatic devices should fail he could operate manual controls to slow down the orbiting vehicle and bring it back.

#### Man Gives Reliability

"It's a misconception that you have to build a system that is perfect automatically before you can put a man in space," Air Force Capt. Donald K. Slayton told United Press International. "Actually, it's the man aboard that gives you reliability."

Slayton pointed out that automatic instruments are available to fly planes but that no commercial airline would think of relying on the instruments to the exclusion of human pilots.

It is no secret that each of the astronauts, who have been training at this base for six months, hopes he will be the first man rocketed into orbit.

But they are trying to de-emphasize "firsts." Each is training either to make the flight himself or to support in some special way the man who is selected for the space attempt.

Slayton believes that reliability in manned space flight may be about doubled as compared to all-automatic orbital recovery operations.

#### 99 Per Cent Reliable

"I don't know just what the figures would be," he said, "but I can easily imagine that if a system were 99 per cent reliable automatically it might be 99 per cent reliable when you add a human pilot at the controls."

Slayton's statements were made in an interview with four of the astronauts, all test pilots, who were picked from the military

services by the Civilian National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Backing his views were Air Force Capt. Gordon Cooper, of Shawnee, Okla.; Navy Lt. Comdr. Walter M. Schirra, of Hackensack, N.J.; and Navy Lt. Comdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr., of East Derry, N.H.

Two others, Air Force Capt. Virgil I. Grissom of Mitchell, Ind., and Marine Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, of Cambridge, Ohio, were in St. Louis for tests of a new pressure suit. The seventh, Navy Lt. Scott Carpenter of Boulder, Colo., was unavailable.

### 2 Americans Die In Plane Crash

**BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)**—An Afghan airliner crashed in flames onto a hilltop near Beirut Saturday night, killing 24 persons including two Americans. Three passengers survived.

The Americans were listed as Gordon Hay Clark, 48, a Nebraska physician, en route to Kabul from Rome and Frank William Shepherd, 51, an accountant en route from London to Kabul.

Both Americans were reported employed in Afghanistan. Their hometowns were not immediately available.

Most of the passengers were from Turkey, Czechoslovakia, Afghanistan and India.

#### SPIES TO DIE

**AMMAN, Jordan (UPI)**—Five persons were sentenced to death Monday in a state security court trial of six persons charged with espionage for Israel. The sixth was acquitted.



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## Ivy League School Presidents Rap Student Loan Plan Clause

**WASHINGTON (UPI)**—The language in the national defense act which the presidents of Yale and Harvard Universities have found to be distasteful and unacceptable stipulates certain things.

It stipulates that no person may participate in the Federal Student Loan Program unless he "has executed and filed with the commissioner of education an affidavit that he does not believe in, and is not a member of, and does not support any organization that believes in or teaches the overthrow of the U.S. government by force or violence or by any illegal or unconstitutional methods."

That is the stipulation. The student must swear to all of that before he can qualify to obtain a loan from the taxpayers to help finance his education. Dr. A. Whitney Griswold, Yale, and Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, Harvard, have withdrawn their universities from participation in the Loan Program.

#### Break For Taxpayers?

This could be a good break for the taxpayers, of course, on the theory that every little bit helps. A loan program usually gets its money back if it is well administered, but the truth is that the taxpayers are short of cash themselves, and have not the money to loan. Acting through

the U.S. Treasury, the taxpayers borrow the money to loan to the students and for other public purposes.

They must borrow it, that is, so long as the U.S. government operates at a deficit which has been most of the time, now, for about 30 years. The annual cost of paying interest on the money borrowed on behalf of the taxpayers and spent or loaned for good works is edging up toward \$10 billion a year, a heavy load.

If the taxpayers feel pretty deeply the brushoff of their Student Loan Program by Yale and Harvard Universities, the situation could be remedied by act of Congress. The taxpayers could

gang up on their Congressmen to demand that student borrowers be relieved of the loyalty oath affidavit which the presidents of Yale and Harvard universities find both distasteful and unacceptable.

#### Would Be Neat Trick

That would be a neat trick if the taxpayers could bring it off, assuming that they desire to entice Yale and Harvard back into the Loan Program, which is not likely if it can be assumed that Congress pretty accurately represents the viewpoint of the taxpayers, it must be assumed, also, that the taxpayers do not give a hoot if Yale and Harvard stand aside.

This latter assumption is based on the fact that the requirement for that anti-Communism oath was written into the law in the first place and since has withstood efforts to write it out of the law. Sen. John F. Kennedy

**RICE IN EYE GROWS**  
**FUKUOKA, Japan (UPI)**—A doctor here reported today he had removed from the eye of Ucheki Saki, 71, a grain of rice that got stuck and took root. He said the root had grown to a length of about a third of an inch in 10 days.

(D-Mass.) introduced a repealer in the last session of Congress. It was approved by the Senate Labor Committee and for two days was debated in the Senate.

The repealer was sent back to the labor committee and rested there. It will come up again next session. A majority of senators seem reluctant to repeal something which is known to friends and foe alike as:

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