

Letter From Washington

By Harris Elsworth

This is written just prior to my departure for Oregon. It will probably be printed after I am home. The special session is ending, but the next regular session will begin immediately after the first of the year. Any unfinished business will be delayed only a couple of weeks by the adjournment.

The President called this special session to consider and act on interim aid for Europe. The aid bill was passed and the appropriation made. He also asked that something be done to curb rising prices and inflation. Most of us think that portion of the special session call was pure politics. He lifted the weight from the shoulders of the Administration and tossed it to the Republican controlled Congress, knowing full well, I am sure, that Congress could not complete action on two such important problems in the few short weeks of the special session. In the House we (the Republicans) did make an effort to adopt the first four points of his ten point program with a promise that consideration would be given the remainder later. The effort was defeated. Not one single member of the Democratic side of the House voted for the bill.

I have lately picked up some seemingly reliable information regarding Russian development of high velocity rocket missiles. Strangely enough this development might be the solution of

the almost forgotten mystery of the "flying saucers".

The Russians are reported to have developed a rocket of amazing speed and almost limitless distance. It is propelled by a series of explosions occurring several seconds apart. Each successive explosion shoots the missile forward at increased speed. Apparently the charges are packed separately and are held apart by metal discs. As each charge is fired, the metal disc is discharged like an empty cartridge shell is ejected from an automatic rifle. The discs are made of thin metal and possibly disintegrate in the air not long after they are ejected.

Could it be possible that the mysterious flying saucers were in fact metal discs from one of these super-speed rockets? If so were the rockets experimental ones fired by our own scientists, or if you really want to stretch from non-explosive rockets fired from non-explosive rockets firer from Russian proving grounds?

This weekly letter from Washington will be resumed in January. Meanwhile my best wishes to all for a happy holiday season and a cheerful New Year.

Smith River News

(LAST WEEK'S NEWS)

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at Roeder Funeral Home in Crescent City for Mrs. Hattie Bales who passed away at the home of her daughter in Smith River, on December 19th. Rev. E. C. Hicks of the Smith River church officiated. Mrs. Bales was

born at Oldwine, Iowa, July 19, 1858, and was 79 years old at the time of her death. She was married to Abraham Bales in Iowa, Sept. 29, 1887. Six children were born to their union. Two sons preceded their mother in death. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Maas and Miss Flossie Bales of Smith River; two sons, Leo and Wayne Bales of Lampasses Texas. The Bales family spent several years in southern Oregon and resided for a time in Smith River, later moving to Texas where the husband passed away in 1934. Mrs. Bales returned to Smith River in 1944 and has made her home with her daughter. Following the service at Roeder Funeral Home, the remains were shipped to Lampasses, Texas for interment with her husband.

Mrs. Palmer Westbrook entertained a group of little girls at her home on Thursday afternoon honoring her daughter Julie, who celebrated her 3rd birthday. The little playmates enjoyed a jolly play together with dainty refreshments served to conclude the afternoon which included a birthday cake aglow with 5 candles. Guests enjoying the afternoon were Jane, Joan, Kay and Jennie Westbrook, Sharon Clemons, Jan. Hight, Pamela Barnum, Doris Wells and the honor guest.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hight are the proud parents of an 8 pound 5 ounce baby boy, born Saturday evening, December 20. The young man who has been named James Robert has three little sisters.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Browns over the Christmas holidays were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horn and children, and their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browne of Klamath Falls. A brother of Mrs.

Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith and two children of San Francisco were also guests.

Local News Items

Herb Mason and son Quentin, left Monday afternoon for Petaluma, Calif., where they will be during the winter months and where Mr. Mason has a few houses to build. They said before leaving that they expect to be back sometime this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Tillotson and daughter returned Sunday night from Los Angeles where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Tillotson's parents. They report that the heat "almost prostrated" them.

Members of the local Masonic lodge, Sunday evening, attended Baptist Community Church in a body, in observance of St. John's night. Rev. N. N. Neufeld delivered the sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Kessler were Christmas visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pitts, at Whiteson, near McMinnville.

Clay Kau, cousin, and Chancy McTimmonds, brother of Frank Hassett; Lloyd Hassett and family, nephew of Mr. Hassett, of Bonanza, were holiday visitors at the Frank Hassett home over the holidays.

Mrs. Lynn Hampton and daughter, returned Sunday evening from Newberg, where they spent Christmas with her parents. Mr. Hampton and older son Dean, remained here over the holidays.

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