

# Scientist Planning to Fire Missiles Into Outer Space

(Editor's Note: How far in the future is a rocket to the moon? Not far, says a top-ranking scientist. Here, in one of the most significant stories of the year, is his plan.)

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PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—A ranking American scientist says he will be ready in a few months to shoot projectiles into outer space—missiles which never will return to earth.

omar Mountain and Mt. Wilson observatories.  
He is the discoverer of supernovae, the almost unbelievably violent explosions in which stars destroy themselves in a few days. He says of his plans:  
1. Some of the rockets may strike the face of the moon, causing vivid flashes which can be seen through large telescopes.  
2. Others may reach and set fire to the combustible atmosphere of the planet Jupiter, more than 400 million miles away. Some may be shot out to Venus or Mars, which are much closer. Still others may go angling off in the upper atmosphere to become short-lived satellites of the earth.  
3. Many of these man-made meteors will flash through the skies close to earth, much as do natural

meteors, giving astronomers hitherto unobtainable data about the upper air and the earth's magnetic and electric field.  
4. These things will be the little cousins—and forerunners—of space rockets.  
5. The know-how and the means of doing all this is already at hand—there need be no waiting for other inventions or discoveries. All he needs is a little time and a little money to buy the necessary materials.  
Dr. Zwicky has commitments which will keep him busy for another six months or so. Then, given a few high altitude balloons and a minimum of \$10,000, he says he will be ready to go.  
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## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Those who know their Oregon history know that the first official charting of the Northwest coast was done by Lieut. Charles Wilkes of the United States Navy in the year 1841. That, however, was only a minor incident in the voyage of the expedition he commanded which spent four years in scientific exploration, much of it in Antarctic regions. The story of his rather turbulent and in some respects disappointing career is given in a fresh biography, "The Hidden Coasts," by Daniel Henderson (William Sloane Associates, N.Y.).

One event which brought Wilkes into prominence was his action as commander of the "San Jacinto" in the early part of the Civil War, stopping the British ship Trent and removing from it the Confederate emissaries, Mason and Slidell and their families. This became an international incident, bringing threat of war with Britain. President Lincoln resolved it by putting the way-laid commissioners aboard a British ship in a Maine port. Wilkes then was assigned to aid in the blockade of Southern ports but missed his big chance when he failed to locate and sink the British-built, Confederate-operated raider, the "Alabama."

The Wilkes expedition was a naval parallel to the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804-06, except that the vast store of information it accumulated related only in

## Editor Probe Suggested By McCarthy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) called on a group of newspaper editors Saturday to investigate his charge that James Russell Wiggins, managing editor of the Washington Post and a critic of McCarthy, has "proselytized and endangered" freedom of the press.

Wiggins immediately issued a statement saying nothing would please him more than to have a study made of the Post's "full, accurate and fair news coverage and editorial comment on the public career of Senator McCarthy." He accused McCarthy of "evading the issues."

Wiggins was chairman of a special committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) which studied the question whether McCarthy's "closed-door questioning of James A. Wechsler, editor of the New York Post, threatened freedom of the press."

The 11-member ASNE committee issued a report earlier in the week saying in effect that, after two months study, they had failed to agree on any clear-cut answer.

However, four of the editors, including Wiggins, submitted a separate statement calling the interrogation of Wechsler a definite threat to freedom of the press.

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## TUNNEL DEMOLITION

MADRAS (AP)—Army Engineers soon will begin tunnel demolition experiments at abandoned shafts west of here. The work, which will continue two to three months, will be in tunnels formerly used by the Oregon Trunk Railway Co.

## BASEBALL

Western International  
At Victoria 6-3, Salem 13-11  
At Spokane 7-10, Chicago 1-4  
At Edmonton 0-8, Calgary 4-7  
At Vancouver 6, Tacoma 11  
At Lewiston 2, Tri-City 0

Coast League  
At Hollywood 4, Portland 3  
(13 inn.)  
At Seattle 5, Oakland 4  
At San Francisco 3, Sacramento 4  
At San Diego 4, Los Angeles 1

American League  
At Philadelphia 9, New York 8  
At Detroit 3, Chicago 4  
At Boston 2-2, Washington 5-4  
Only games scheduled.

National League  
At Brooklyn 14, Pittsburgh 6  
At Chicago 0, Milwaukee 2  
At New York 4-3, Philadelphia 4-2  
At St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 4

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## A New Substitute for Statehouse Coffee Time?



It got awfully hot this past week. Statesman Photographer, John Erickson, cruising around town, discovered that two statehouse girls thought so too. And they couldn't think of anything more cooling than lounging on the capitol steps in swim suits, eating watermelon. The two girls are Sally Jo Grimm, left, Willamette University student and capitol tourist guide, and Faye York, state employee. (Statesman Photo)

## Radar to Spot All Planes in North Oregon

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—An improved radar system that will spot the location and flight path of all aircraft flying within a 30 to 60-mile radius already is in operation in San Francisco, Oakland and Portland, Ore.

Other Western airports to be equipped with the new system are Seattle, Salt Lake City, Anchorage, Alaska, and Honolulu.

Charles T. Haist, General Electric radar equipment specialist here, explained the new system Saturday. At Oakland its operators already have brought planes in safely in adverse weather conditions.

Haist said the new system will assist Civil Aeronautics Administration controllers in directing each plane via radio through a safe and efficient traffic pattern. During periods of poor visibility the new radar can be operated with an airport's precision approach control aids.

The system presently is in use only at the Norfolk, Va., Municipal Airport.

Haist said the new system helps the control tower to space and control the arrival of inbound planes so they can be fed into the precision approach control system at the safest, most efficient rate.

Only moving aircraft show on the screen of the new radar. This prevents images of stationary objects such as tall buildings or mountains.

## Man Drowns in Mill Pond

PORTLAND (AP)—A workman drowned Saturday in the mill pond of the Coast Veneer Co. here.

He was S. B. Albertson, 40. Fellow workmen did not see him fall into the water. When they noticed his cap and pike pole floating on the pond dragging operations were begun. The body was recovered half an hour later.

## Ocean Breeze Cools Valley

Cool ocean air moved in over the mid-valley Saturday giving relief from high temperature to the tune of 22 degrees in Salem.

Friday the mercury rose to 94, but Saturday it had cooled down to 72 degrees. Similar readings in the low 70's are forecast for today.

Yesterday's clouds are expected to hang over for most of today and the possibility of light showers is seen for this afternoon, according to the Weather Bureau at McNary Field.

Clearing is predicted for Monday afternoon coupled with a rise in temperature.

## PW Son Wins Race to Greet Dying Father

RUSKIN, Fla. (AP)—With a "God bless you" on his lips, a dying father Saturday night embraced his son who was released as a prisoner of war by the Communists on Monday.

Sgt. Lawrence Buzbee won his race against time to see his father, L. E. Buzbee, whose every thought and hope this week has been that he could see his soldier son before he dies.

The elder Buzbee is suffering from a heart ailment and a kidney disease. The elderly man has said repeatedly he would die happy if he could just see his son.

Sgt. Buzbee was led into the half darkened room where his ailing father lay motionless on the bed. They embraced after the soldier's mother said "Here is Bobby."

They patted one another on the shoulder and conversed in low tones. The son told his dad "Take it easy" and in response to questions from the father, he replied "I'm fine."

## Sec. Benson Pledges Fair Wheat Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson promised the nation's wheat producers Saturday that he will carry out the rigid control program they have voted for next year's crop "in an equitable and constructive manner."

Benson, who has indicated in the past a preference for a different approach to farm surplus problems, issued this public pledge of cooperation after preliminary returns from Friday's nationwide referendum showed that wheat farmers favored strict marketing quotas on the 1954 crop by a 7-1 margin.

The tabulation by the agriculture department showed that 361,392 farmers voted for the controls, while only 53,252 registered disapproval.

The agriculture secretary said he feels the farmers "have made a wise decision—a decision in their own best interests."

He emphasized that his department furnished the farmers with all the necessary facts on which to base a decision and that this was done "objectively and without trying to influence the vote."

That top-heavy 82.2 per cent favorable vote set a new record for wheat referenda. It also was well above the two-thirds majority required by law.

## Italy Finance Boss to Make Cabinet Try

ROME (AP)—Italy's post-war financial recovery boss, Giuseppe Pella, agreed Saturday night to be a short-term premier with a soft-pedal on politics to pull the country out of its budget crisis.

He acknowledged that his new government would be short-lived.

Premier Pella named a Cabinet that omitted former Premier Alcide De Gasperi, who had been expected to be his foreign minister.

# Agreement Near On Seating Russ In Korean Parley

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The 16 United Nations Allies who fought together in Korea reached virtual agreement Saturday on a formula to seat Russia at the Korean peace conference.

A three-hour harmony meeting on the question broke up with a formal announcement of substantial progress.

From some sources, however, it was learned agreement was so near that delegates were cabling home to their governments Saturday night to approve their ratification of it at another meeting of the 16 Sunday.

It was learned that a series of resolutions on the makeup of the peace conference has been decided on.

Invite Nations  
A U. S.-backed resolution, in which most of the others would join, would invite any of the 16 U. N. members and South Korea—all of whom had fighting forces on the Korean front—to be members of the peace conference, representing the U. N. side.

A second resolution would invite countries to serve as conference members in their individual capacities. Separate clauses would cover Russia and India and let the entire 60-nation U. N. Assembly make a final decision on each.

The United States would not appear as a sponsor of this kind of resolution.

Near Agreement  
Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief U. S. delegate, told newsmen "we are rapidly reaching an area of agreement on many subjects."

He declined to discuss details of the near-agreement but he left an impression that the United States had backed down on insistence that the Russians must be nominated by the Communist side.

Selwyn Lloyd, British minister of state, and Maurice Schumann, French undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, flanked Lodge at the brief news conference and appeared to be in smiling agreement with him.

## Rainmakers Used Salt as 'Element X'

MEDFORD (AP)—Two pilots who have been spraying clouds over the Rogue River Valley for five years to prevent hail, have revealed the nature of their "element X."

It is common table salt.

Harvey Brandau and Eugene Koser have been spraying it into thunderclouds that threatened to drop hail on the region's multi-million dollar pear crop.

They have kept it secret for five years, saying they were using a mysterious "element X."

They were forced to reveal what it was by a weather control law passed by the last Legislature which required the operator to state "the method and type of equipment and type and composition of the material that the applicant proposes to use."

## Portland Pair Injured as Car Climbs Rock

DETROIT—A Portland couple was injured when their car went out of control on Santiam Highway and careened onto a large boulder in one of two accidents near here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hegy were in Santiam Memorial Hospital, Stayton, Saturday night, but hospital attendants said they were not seriously hurt.

Mrs. Hegy suffered severe cuts of the head and body bruises and her husband received lacerations of the face.

The accident occurred about 3 p.m. in front of the Big Cliff Cabins. The Hegy's car rode up on top of the boulder and then slipped backward into a ditch. The car was badly wrecked, witnesses said.

About 7 p.m., a car rolled over on the highway near Detroit after it swerved to avoid an oncoming vehicle. One woman was slightly hurt.

## Trusty Leaves Prison Annex

State Penitentiary trusty Virgil L. Crace, 37, escaped from the prison annex sometime between 3 and 6 p.m. Saturday. Warden Clarence T. Gladden said.

Crace, sent up from Washington County for five years for larceny by bailie, was working at the dairy barn when he made his getaway. Gladden said he was missed at the 6 p.m. count.

He is described as 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, 158 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair and slender build.

Crace was received at the prison March 28, 1951.

## Iran Military Coup Smashed By Mossadegh

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Premier Mohammed Mossadegh early Sunday smashed a military coup led by a top officer of the Shah's imperial guard.

The plotters held Mossadegh's right-hand man, Foreign Minister Hossein Fatemi, and two other top officials 6 1/2 hours before surrendering them.

The Mossadegh forces overwhelmed the plotters without bloodshed on either side, according to Tehran Radio. It added that a number of ringleaders have been imprisoned in the Tehran army jail. (Iran story also on page 8, section 1.)

## Burglar Takes Over \$1,000 in Jewelry, Bonds

Theft of over \$1,000 worth of jewelry, government bonds and valuable papers, including a marriage license and property deed—from the Joe H. Brown home, 1640 N. Capitol St., was under investigation by Salem police Saturday.

Stolen was: a \$300 woman's silver ring with four diamonds; a man's gold ring worth \$75; a man's wrist watch valued at \$50; nine books of Green Stamps valued at \$20; a metal document case containing \$600 in government bonds, marriage license, property deed and insurance papers; and several rare American, Spanish and Mexican coins.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry and the house had not been ransacked. All but the Green Stamps were taken from a bedroom dresser.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown said they both worked days and had been home every night this past week. They said the theft must have occurred sometime during the past week.

## Utilities Tell of Higher Profits

PORTLAND (AP)—Increased profits for the 12 months ended June 30 were reported Saturday by Portland's two electric utilities.

But the companies said the profit did not come from the controversial surcharges, a 20 per cent charge added to light bills earlier this year. They said the surcharges in fact did not offset the cost of steam production of power last winter.

Portland General Electric reported gross revenues of \$29,239,192 compared with \$25,472,648 the previous year. Net income was reported as \$5,634,970 compared with \$3,801,747 of a year previous.

Pacific Power & Light reported operating revenue of \$22,679,290 and a net income of \$4,526,326 compared with \$20,483,562 in the 12 months before.

## Ex-Multnomah GOP Chairman Faces Suit

PORTLAND (AP)—William C. Robison, who resigned as Multnomah County Republican chairman last month, and his former real estate partner, Saturday were given until Sept. 4 to settle a civil suit pending against them.

Circuit Judge R. Frank Peters postponed a hearing on the suit in which Mrs. Edna Mae Cavney contended that Robison and Bernard Asheim pocketed \$27,500 she paid for a house, but never cleared a \$12,000 mortgage or gave her a deed.

Don Walker, attorney for Asheim and Robison, told Judge Peters Asheim now is liquidating some holdings in order to pay off the mortgage and deliver the deed.

The judge granted them time to do this and set Sept. 2 as the date for a hearing to determine that it had been settled.

Robison did not apply for renewal of his real estate license.

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