

Military Seeking Tiny Moons for Space Platforms

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — The armed forces are sponsoring a sky-sweeping search for tiny earth moons which might serve man as a stepping stone to the stars.

If they exist—and scientists say they have reason to believe they do—the nearly invisible earth satellites also could be used as space platforms to launch missiles in time of war.

Clyde Tombaugh, the man who discovered the planet Pluto, and Dr. Lincoln La Paz, director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, are two of the men engaged in the search for fast-traveling little satellites.

Much of the research is being done at White Sands Proving Ground in southern New Mexico, scene of the United States' missile testing program and the spot where the first atomic bomb was set off.

"Other than the moon, no earth satellites have been discovered to date," Tombaugh said. "But this is understandable." Rapid Orbits Tombaugh said in an interview that the earth satellites may follow rapid orbits near the equator, thus escaping notice by sky mappers in northern countries.

Finding a tiny, fast-moving moon in the sky would be a tough job no matter where they were located. Slowly scanning cameras would be little affected by the little light from the satellites.

The only way to spot them, Tombaugh says, is to track them with cameras moving at the same speed as the satellite and in the same direction. The satellite would then show up as a dot against a background of star streams.

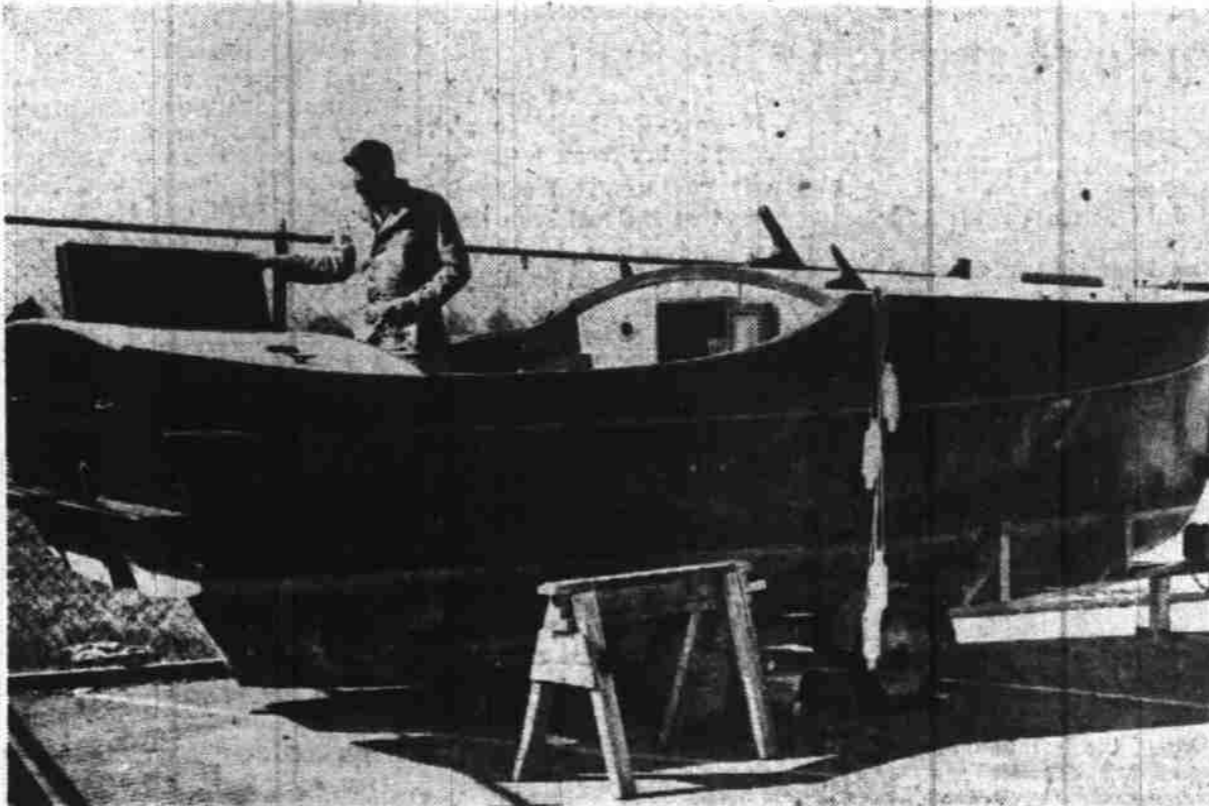
At White Sands Army Ordnance is sponsoring the White Sands sky sweep, although Tombaugh himself is an employee of the Air Force. White Sands has been, for the past few years, a joint Army-Navy-Air Force installation handling top secret weapons testing and training, principally—as far as the public knows—with guided missiles.

Probably one of the most important immediate aspects of the search for a natural satellite may be a billions of dollars saving. Ferrying a man-made satellite out of the earth's atmosphere, if attempted, would cost billions.

Coastal Troller, Boat From Japan Visit Salem



The "Poinsettia"—43 foot deep sea troller now docked here for repairs—is one of the few ocean going fishing boats to travel as far as Salem, and is the first one to do so this year. The boat arrived here from Newport early this week captained by its owner E. J. Loyne, 125 Mize Rd. Loyne has operated the boat out of Newport for the past six years. (Statesman photo.)



Lt. Comdr. W. P. Skinner, in charge of Salem's Naval Reserve Training Center, is shown there with his unusual boat, the "Terrier," 22-foot craft that was constructed in Yokohama, Japan. The boat—which is powered by an outboard motor—was designed by Capt. R. F. Beebe, Skinner's commanding officer aboard the USS Sitkoh Bay and brought back by Skinner on the ship. (Statesman photo.)

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House Group Passes Cut in Excise Taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday brushed aside Eisenhower administration opposition and approved almost unanimously a billion dollar annual cut in about 20 excise taxes.

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JASON LEE, Salem attorney, announced Wednesday he would enter the race for state representative.

Red Cross Blood Donations Today

Red Cross will set up a Blood Center at Salem Army today, with donations of blood to be accepted from noon to 5 p.m.

Mau Mau Leader Posting Peace Pleas in Jungle

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A captured Mau Mau leader is posting peace appeals in secret jungle mail boxes in a dramatic move by the British aimed at ending the anti-white terror in Kenya.

Clerk Stabbed In Portland Hotel Robbery

PORTLAND (AP) — A clerk was stabbed in a \$61 hotel robbery here early Wednesday. Two Ft. Lewis soldiers were arrested shortly afterwards on charges of assault and armed robbery.

Leslie Girl Wins Spell Contest; Parrish Girl Close Second

Pert little Judy Baker of Leslie Junior High took well-earned honors in last night's semi-finals of the Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest.

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IT SEEMS TO ME By Charles A. Sprague

I see where there is a fresh sprig on a fountain pen. It's the same retractable point pen peddled up for the carriage trade. The promotion will give a spurt to the pen business, however, in the interval between Christmas, school opening and Mother's Day.

Kings Valley Store Robbed

CORVALLIS (AP) — Burglars made off with \$400 in merchandise from a store at Kings Valley early Wednesday.

Indochina Reds In Textile City

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French disclosed Wednesday that Vietminh troops had penetrated the suburbs of Nam Dinh, a large textile city 55 miles southeast of Hanoi, in stepped up rebel activity in the vital Red River delta.

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Animal Crackers



Hair of the Dog Bites Hunter

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — "Well, your honor," explained Earl Wayne Brown in Municipal court Wednesday, "I work for the city health department and I was out looking for rabid dogs."

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