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## Taft Memorial

When some two years ago it was proposed to erect a 115-ft. marble tower on Capitol Hill in Washington as memorial to the late Robert A. Taft this newspaper protested, feeling that the memorial was being overdone. Little was heard of the project in the interval, but word now comes that the shaft of Tennessee marble will be erected soon. Also comes some belated rumblings of fears that the Taft precedent will be followed with other memorials to senators until that historic ground may get the "cluttered aspect of the battlefield of Gettysburg." One observer is quoted as saying:

"If the Gaians put up a million dollar monument to Taft just think what the Texans are going to want to build some day for Lyndon Johnson."

The Taft tower will cost around \$900,000, and according to Rep. Carroll Reece of Tennessee, president of the Taft Memorial Foundation the fund-raising has come along well and the work of construction may start this fall. The tower will rise as high as the roof of the Senate office building a block away.

Bob Taft deserves a memorial, for he was a great leader of conservative forces in America, at a time when conservatism was needed to prevent flying off into the extremes to which liberalism inclines. But his memorial should have been of smaller dimensions, and perhaps differently placed. Since Congress in a burst of sentimental respect for this great American voted to approve the memorial, it would take an act of Congress to withdraw that consent—and that is not likely to happen. Perhaps, though, when the Taft tower is erected, Congress may conclude that one such memorial to a senator is enough for the immediate environs of the capitol.

## Veach Is Retired

Governor Holmes has replaced the three members of the state fish commission, though one, O. H. Hinsdale, Gardiner, had previously resigned. The others now retired are John C. Veach, Portland, appointed in 1925 and Robert L. Jones of Clatsop County, appointed in 1941. Replacements are Harold T. Johnson of Astoria, Charles W. Mehaffy, Coos county, and Omar C. Palmer, Portland.

Holmes who comes from fish-conscious Astoria, stated in his announcement: "I am sure the new commission will institute a vigorous program for the rehabilitation of our valuable commercial fisheries." If that is to imply that the former commission has neglected its task it is in serious error. For the commission has labored with great diligence to preserve the commercial fishing industry, and that against such adverse factors as limited funds, power dams, stream pollution, irrigation diversion, and competitive sports fishing. It has drawn on the best scientific brains available, and has expanded and enlarged fish propagation in hatcheries.

Special tribute is due to John C. Veach who has served—most of the time as chairman—on the commission for 32 years, under 12 governors, a record unmatched, we believe, among all gubernatorial appointees. He has been a zealous advocate of fish conservation, and has worked with numerous interstate or international agencies for saving commercial fishing as a worthy food industry. He richly deserves an Award of Merit from the people of Oregon.

## Evidence Mounting That Russ Satellite's Eyes Scanning U.S.

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—There is a mounting body of evidence, taken most seriously in the Washington intelligence community, that the Soviet satellite is not blind, that Sputnik has eyes to see. If this is so, it means that Sputnik, which is certainly a major propaganda and scientific triumph for the Soviets, is a great military triumph as well.

Last Wednesday, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, a Soviet scientist, Dr. Aleksandar Sherban, left what looks like a very big and ugly cat out of his bag. Dr. Sherban, who is vice president of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, said proudly that Sputnik carried certain "elements" which made it possible in effect to record the terrain of the earth below.

If what Dr. Sherban said is true—and there are strong reasons to believe that it is true—President Eisenhower's hopeful statement that Sputnik has no military significance, "in itself" is nonsense. On the contrary, if Sputnik has eyes to see, Sputnik represents a major triumph of Soviet intelligence, with immense military significance.

To understand the real implications of Dr. Sherban's boast, you have to understand one of the strangest and in some ways the most difficult of the problems facing the missile-makers. An intercontinental missile, to do its grisly job, must be able to travel thousands of miles, and land within five miles of a specified target. This is a tough enough job in

any case. But what makes it very much tougher is the curious fact that all existing maps are unreliable. The reason is simple. Map makers use an instrument called a transit to determine latitude and longitude by celestial observation. The transit contains the equivalent of a carpenter's plumb bob, used to determine the vertical. In theory, the plumb bob points to the center of the earth. In fact, it is slightly diverted by local geographical formations, like high mountains. Moreover, it is slightly inaccurate anyway, since the earth, being flattened at both ends, is not a true sphere.

That is why all existing maps are inaccurate. And that in turn is why Dr. Sherban's boast was so immensely significant. For one might have supposed that the Soviets, wishing to zero in, for example, on a strategic Air Force base in Maine, would simply locate the base on a good map, and aim their intercontinental missile accordingly. In fact, given the enormous distances involved, the inaccuracy of existing maps would mean an error of several crucial miles.

As first reported in the New York Herald Tribune, high intelligence officials suspected, even before Dr. Sherban's boast, that "the satellite is mapping the United States with infra-red devices to locate targets in America." It is possible to use infra-red devices to locate cities, rivers, coastlines, and the like, by measuring the intensity of light. Telemetering instruments can then be used to communicate this information by code.

When it became known that Sputnik contained telemetering devices which were sending

## Galaxy Travel

Some say five years, some 40 years, but whenever the day comes it appears we're in for some strange-looking time tables in future years.

So far, we haven't even mastered the accordion-paged time tables put out by our land-bound railroads, and the more simple ones of the airlines also throw us for a loss at times. But just think of an encyclopedia-sized one of galaxy travel which might start out with something like this:

Leave Earth—2 10 79—2 p.m. PST (204,530 UT)  
Arrive Moon—2 12 79—7 a.m. PST (211,239 UT)  
Leave Moon—6 29 80—8 p.m. PST (263,574 UT)  
Arrive Saturn—5 3 81—4 p.m. PST (310,833 UT)  
(UT—Universal Time)

(Passengers will be placed in coma free, but Trans-Universal Space Lines cannot be responsible for awakening.) If circumstances force schedule cancellation prior to passengers' return, Trans-Universal will pay families up to \$100 for private funeral rites. Ticket prices include Earth tax, 20¢. Moon tax, 9¢. Sister clubbers, and Saturn tax, 4¢. 190 candelabras. Round trip passengers: see page 31, 91¢ for return schedule.

All we hope is if Aunt Julia moves to Saturn, mama doesn't get the idea of taking the kids there for a summer vacation. There's enough trouble getting the family to the beach and back.

Rosecoe Drummond, reporting from Vienna to the New York Herald-Tribune, says that by the end of 1957 some 16,000 Yugoslavs will have shipped over the border into Austria. The reason is that economic conditions in their homeland are so wretched they run the risk of being caught by the border guard—emigration is illegal—hoping to find asylum in Austria or elsewhere. Whatever brand of Communism Tito operates, even with a measure of free enterprise mix, it has failed to satisfy the essential needs of the people. Political freedom is restricted, and fleeing the country seems the only way of escape.

Now it's the Braves that make Milwaukee famous—which doesn't hurt the sale of that product which previously claimed that distinction.

## Editorial Comment

### Lighting the 'Long Shadow'

Over the world's northern regions the "long shadow" lengthens now. Autumn in Norway or Iceland is a prelude to another way of life for country dwellers and even some city folk.

The short summer weeks were made precious by the unfamiliar warmth of sunshine, visits to woodlands and streams and lakes, but most of all by the leanness of summer days on the northern calendar. That was a time for staying out of doors. In Norway politics comes to a standstill for two months in July and August. And all business is conducted on the basis that other things can be just as important at that time of year.

In Iceland the summer may be chiefly, as the British call them, "bright periods." But even a rainy day has its almost endless twilight. A man can ride overland northward on a good horse and not be too concerned about roads or their absence as he wanders among strange lava formations or seeks a camp site.

But the winter's shadow grows as long as the Scandinavian summer twilight. And then thought turns toward the well-warmed room and the glow of lamplight. The Norwegian renews his practice of handicrafts, perhaps weaving or woodcarving. The Icelander too finds winter a time for useful and artistic hobbies. But above all he finds it the season of versatility. In the old sod houses, with animals bedded down, Icelandic families used to spend evenings after evening composing poetry with a most complicated system of alliteration, inner rhymes, end rhymes. Today almost any Icelander is expected to turn out a passable verse extemporaneously as occasion demands. To the endless nights of winter Iceland owes perhaps its most characteristic national art.

But wherever the long shadow falls one finds people who have learned to do more with time than kill it while waiting for the lighter days. For them, one may be sure, some of the brightest moments have suddenly bloomed out of the longest and darkest night. (Christian Science Monitor)

## QUAKE-PROOF CONSTRUCTION



## Comes the Dawn

We've received a lot of mail recently concerning the Russian satellite. The public, it seems, not only want to know more about Sputnik but they want to know how to watch for it and how to listen for it. There was the local man for instance who wrote in to ask how big a flashlight he needed to watch for Sputnik at night, and a Salem woman wrote in to say she stepped out of her front door the other night to watch for the satellite. She said she stood there gazing upward into the darkness for a half hour before she realized she was staring at the porch ceiling. In order to prevent similar tragedies we are running below some of the questions received and our answers.



Q—I am a man 90 years of age. I belong to a moon watching and listening organization called the "Lunar Ticks." Every night we put on our space helmets, hook up our anti-gravity belts and go out looking for Sputnik. My question is this. If my anti-gravity belt is red and my space-gun holster, blue, should I wear my sky-blue radar helmet or the green one?

A—The big question here is: Who is watching you?

Q—The other night I stepped onto my front lawn to look for that new moon. Sure enough, over in the western sky I noticed a spark of light. It grew bigger and suddenly burst into flame. Turned out it was my neighbor's chimney. Well, we put out the fire, but my neighbor isn't speaking to me anymore. He claims if I had minded my own business and not sneaked out to ogle that satellite his chimney would not have caught on fire. Is he right?

A—If he is, this is the first case of Russian flue on record.

Q—I'm strictly a moon listener. But so far I haven't got one single beep out of that Russian moon. I've tried everything from ear horns to empty vodka bottles. I have one plan left. What do you think would happen if I went out tonight, laid down on the ground with one ear to the turf (for possible echoes) and the other pointed straight up?

A—You'd probably get an earful of rain.

Q—Is there any connection between Sputnik and all that rain we had recently?

A—No. That was caused by the H-Bomb testing. Sputnik is responsible for those high taxes.

Q—Is there any available literature on satellite watching?

A—Yes. A government pamphlet, "Satellite Watching—Utopia or Myopia?" is a must for the amateur gazer. A new book, "Planning Your Planet," describes in words and charts how to build your own satellite tracker for only \$3,500,000. "Who Are You Watching?" is an interesting volume listing the many legal pitfalls awaiting the beginning moon watcher. It warns against such things as pointing your telescope at the neighbor's windows, and launching your own moon from your backyard. Another government best seller, "Why Russia Will Never Launch A Satellite," has been recalled.

## Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

Oct. 13, 1947

All of High Street was open to traffic as widening of three blocks from Chemeketa to Ferry Streets was completed, making the street 70 feet wide.

An immediate door-to-door census of Salem School District was approved by the school board. Results of that survey and a subsequent study will be used to determine future school building needs, which directors indicate would require a \$2,000,000 bond issue.

25 Years Ago

Oct. 13, 1932

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From The Statesman Files

Turkey has conferred on Emperor William the diamond star of the Hichar order, Turkey's highest war decoration.

TV Breakdown Costs Service Company

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Alfred Peavot indignantly testified his TV set broke down last Dec. 1 and a firm he had engaged to keep it in shape ignored repeatedly to come around and fix it. Judge John Blagden awarded him the \$140 he sued for as compensation for loss of use and enjoyment of his set for nine months.

35 Years Ago

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## Safety Valve

Contributions to the Safety Valve must be signed by the contributor, giving along his address. This is necessary to insure authenticity and responsibility. Contributions should be limited to 300 words.

### "Slow Up a Little"

To the Editor:

There is a very charming Russian fable about a large landowner who offered an acquaintance a chance to secure a part of his vast estate. In brief, the landowner said: "Tomorrow morning bring your horse to my house. Then, at sun-up, begin to ride around my huge estate, and all of the land that you encircle by sundown you may keep for yourself." His friend was overjoyed, because he was poor and this was his chance to "strike it rich."

Anyway, the next day the friend rode feverishly all day, watching the sun and clicking off the Russian versts as fast as he could. Then, at sundown, he glanced at the sun and saw in the distance the home of his landowner friend. In a final burst of speed, he arrived at the home just at sundown.

However, his avidity and greed had exhausted his energy, and he fell dead at the feet of his friend. But, strange to say, he did get some land, but it was a very small piece—six feet plus four and to a depth of six feet.

Is there a modern parallel. The car owner spends, for payments, depreciation, and maintenance, a cautious estimate of \$1800 per year. And the national average wage is \$4200. A TV tube costs \$50. Deep freezers, vacuum cleaners, lawnmowers, etc., are a must, and even conservative bankers admit most families fall behind \$500-\$600 per year, and each year, too.

But this is where the parallel between the Russian fable and the American dream changes: the Russian hero got his reward immediately. Modern medicine, the psychiatrist's couch, and the four different types (and colors) of tranquilizers, merely delay our reward.

I can't help but think that the steady-state stars, unswerving beacons of sobriety and patience, are pliantly offering their help to our enigmatic challenge. And the voice of the forest and meadows whisper softly: "C'mon."

Gentle into That Good Night," which appeals both to sound and sense:

"Do not go gentle into that good night,  
Old age should burn and rave  
at close of day;  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light."

"Though wise men at their end know dark is right,  
Because their words had forked no lightning then,  
Do not go gentle into that good night."

"Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright  
Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,  
Rage, rage against the dying of the night."

Dylan, as his widow tells us, did not "rage" against the coming of the night. Rather he seemed to welcome it, and much of poetry carries a morbid strain.

"As they down, the chime travels:  
Sweetly the diver's bell in the steeps of spindrift  
Rings out the Dead Sea scale;  
And clapped in water till the Triton dangles,  
Strung by the flaxen weed-wood,  
From the hangman's rail,  
Here they the salt grass breakers  
and the tongues of burial."

Dylan Thomas's candle did not burn long, but it burned with a consuming brightness, the glow lingers to illuminate the scene.

## Statesman Sunday Quiz

Russia's moon stole most of the limelight last week but lots of other things still happened. Most of the following questions are easy, but a few may be slickers. Any score of more than seven correct should warrant being brought your slippers.

1. Canada is entertaining what royal personage?
2. What was score of final World Series game?
3. What noted actor was married Friday?
4. Did number of '57 statehouse visitors set record?
5. At what cabinet member did South Dakotans hurl eggs?
6. What did Jack Benny do on \$84,000 Question?
7. What major baseball team will move to Los Angeles?
8. What European nation threw out Red government?
9. In what Oregon town did man die in postal robbery?
10. Did N. Y. stock market finish week up or down?

(Answers on Page 5)

now, slow up a little. Enjoy all of me—not just six feet by four—by six deep."

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### Traffic Control in Space

To the Editor:

When scientists and little boys take off for the moon their windshield may be bashed in by jay-walking meteors or test-out rockets. Should the taxpayer now spend another 2 million for traffic lights and traffic cops?

J. M. CAMPBELL,  
Dallas, Ore.

### Self Control

To the Editor:

A good way to practice self-control is to turn on your TV set, settle back in your easy chair and watch the seventh game of a world series from the first pitch to the final out.

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## Archbishop Hits Idea of Going Steady

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Oct. 12.—Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe, in a Columbus Day address here today, warned that boys and girls in Roman Catholic schools of the archdiocese who persist in "going steady" or "keeping steady" company soon will be faced with the threat of expulsion.

Addressing several hundred Catholic men at a Columbus Day breakfast, Archbishop Byrne said he would send directives to all Catholic schools in the state next week outlining the program against "pagan ideals."

There are about 70,000 parochial school students in the archdiocese. "We Catholics must understand that we cannot go along with pagan ideals," Archbishop Byrne told the meeting. "Our boys and girls are in great danger of following ideals and principles that are not of God."

The Santa Fe archdiocese covers 26 of the 32 counties in New Mexico.

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