

U.S. Moon Failure Deals Stunning Blow to Prestige

(Story also on page one.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—The U.S. failure to launch an earth satellite today dealt a stunning new blow to American prestige in the world. This came in the final stage of buildup for the Allied summit conference at Paris, where American leadership faces severe tests.

Mistrial Ruled In Grants Pass Murder Case

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 6 (AP)—Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard today declared a mistrial in the first degree murder trial of Felix J. Brame, 46, retired U.S. Army major accused in the fatal shooting of his estranged wife.

After a conference in the judge's chambers, Defense Atty. Robert Duncan, Medford, joined in the motion for the mistrial and it was granted.

Judge Millard then granted a change of venue in the case, moving to Douglas County Circuit Court at Roseburg.

Duncan, asking for the change of venue, wanted the trial moved to Jackson County. A similar request from Duncan had been denied earlier.

Brame was indicted last September by a Josephine County grand jury on a charge of first degree murder in the shooting of Mrs. Marguerite Brame on a Grants Pass street July 10.

Thunderous Gas Blast Still Mystery

VILLA RICA, Ga., Dec. 6 (AP)—What triggered a thunderous natural gas blast that smashed four stores and killed 12 people—may be more than a mystery today and may always be one.

"We know it was caused by escaping gas," said Mayor C. M. Griffin, of yesterday's flaming explosion. "But... I don't think we will ever know for certain the exact details."

The details may be forever buried with three of the victims of this West Georgia town's shattering holocaust. These were Oscar Hixon, superintendent of the municipal gas system; O. T. Dyer and his son, Johnny, plumbers, who had been called to check on the odor of escaping gas detected in one store as early as three days ago.

Among the likely guesses of what touched off the pooled-up gas were a lighted match, an electric spark or a cigarette butt. Whatever it was, it produced its deadly result within minutes after the three men arrived in a drugstore to search out the gas line leak.

Leveled were the drugstore, a dime store, a dress shop, a jewelry store—all housed in a two-story brick building at the town's center.

Late today—some 20 hours after the blast—12 bodies had been identified.

Prince Charles To Get Space Toy For Christmas

LONDON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Prince Charles, gawking a pencil today over term-end examinations at Chesham School, has a Christmas present in store for him as modern as tomorrow.

This morning his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, quietly slipped into a London department store and bought the 9-year-old heir to the British throne a toy space cruiser which throws off a satellite. She also got him a plastic construction kit for a model plane.

For 7-year-old Princess Anne she bought a set of miniature packaged groceries for playing store. She also bought Anne a fair-haired doll complete with clothes.

Prince Charles will spend Christmas with other members of the royal family at Sandringham.

Peddler of Dope Sentenced to Pen

PORTLAND, Dec. 6 (AP)—Ulysses E. Williamson, 38, Portland, today was sentenced to eight years in prison following his conviction on charges of selling and possessing heroin.

Urgent than ever for President Eisenhower to make the Paris trip if he is at all able physically to do so.

News from Cape Canaveral, Fla., about the rocket failure hit the State Department with a sickening thud. Officials had been watching for two or three days the ridicule in Europe of the satellite test-launching.

The best they could hope for was that even with a moon that was too little and too late by comparison with Russia's big orbiting objects, the United States would at least show itself in the running.

The explosion of the rocket blasted that hope for the time being.

Project Nonsecret
It was a misfire that could hardly have occurred under worse circumstances. By contrast with almost everything else that the United States has done in the rocket field, the Vanguard project is nonsecret.

Some papers viewed it solemnly. Britain's top space-watcher, Prof. Alfred Lovell of the Jodrell Bank radio telescope station, said on TV that people shouldn't worry too much over the failure in Florida.

Lovell said the Russians may have had similar trouble before getting their Sputniks in space.

NATO Secretary General Paul-Henri Spaak, a Belgian, was told of the failure as he prepared to make a speech in Luxembourg, and he said: "I do not like at all to see Europeans laugh at the American failure."

Perfectly Sure
"I am perfectly sure that the United States will launch some time in the near future—in a week or in six months—their satellite."

Then Spaak added, smiling: "But what about a European Sputnik? We must be very far in decline as nobody thinks any more to make Europe participate in the Sputnik competition."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—The widely publicized failure of the Vanguard satellite rocket was mourned by Democratic members of Congress today as a "grievous" and "humiliating" blow to American prestige.

It led to immediate suggestions that the action be supported by Streeter, portrayed by Daniel Feller, a pilot also in search of the reasons of society, and Inspector Flanning, portrayed by John Knapp. Laurel Tiller plays Nanny, a serviceman, with Stephen Hone as Shang, the ghost of a Chinese mechanic.

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Judge Taylor said he would sentence after the first of the year five others who changed their pleas before Rupp's trial started Monday.

They are Ron Garvin, 21, Salt Lake City, and William Arnold, 28, Winslow, Wash., who pleaded nolo contendere; William Garvin, Ron's father, of Prescott, Ariz.; Ira Phelps of Medford, Ore.; and E. J. Montague of Shreveport, La., who pleaded guilty to conspiracy. Ten other counts against them were dismissed.

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Officials said they did not know whether the relatives of the imprisoned men actually would be admitted by Red China. They did report that some relatives have received invitations from Peiping within the past year.

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Search for Belief Play Viewed at WU
By RON REEVES
Staff Writer, The Statesman

The plight of a man who withdrew from the world during tensions preceding World War II to a lighthouse in northern Lake Michigan and his search for a belief that a future exists for mankind were enacted Friday night by Willamette students.

"Thunder Rock" by Robert Ardrey, produced in cooperation with Willamette University's Christian Resource Week, summed up its philosophy in the terms of an immigrant Viennese doctor—"men may fail, but mankind never."

The production will be presented again tonight at 8:15 at the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Ably Portrayed
Action centers around David Charleston, ably played by Robert Higbee, who forms his own world by bringing to life five immigrants killed in a shipwreck 90 years before.

The ship captain, played realistically even to the roll of sea legs by Lucian Baker; Mr. Briggs, an English immigrant played by Ross Stephens; Wayne Haverston as Doctor Stefan Kurtz and Catherine Lund as his wife, convince Charleston that the world has a chance and that there is never any real retreat from problems.

Sheila Grigaby presented a very fine performance as the spirited daughter of the doctor, Miss Kirby, an embittered English old maid was done by Mary Beth Van Cleave.

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PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6—Approximately 140 Southern Oregon housewives arrived here to campaign for the improvement of Highway 42, a primary link between Coquille, Ore., and Highway 99 south of Roseburg. Shown here are a group of the housewives bearing signs for their mission. (AP Wirephoto)

No Chance Of New Road, Wives Hear

PORTLAND, Dec. 6 (AP)—A brigade of housewives today was told there is no chance for reconstruction of Highway 42 between Coquille and Winston in the near future.

A spokesman for the 150 housewives said they will carry on the fight for improvement of the highway at every meeting of the Oregon Highway Commission.

It was at a jammed commission meeting here today that the commission doused the hopes of the women for immediate improvements on the piece of highway in Southern Oregon.

Chairman Charles Reynolds said, however, the project might get quicker authorization if the next Legislature would boost the gasoline, tax and motor vehicle license fees.

Reynolds told the "Housewives for 42" that the gasoline tax should be upped from six to seven cents a gallon and the license fee from \$10 to \$15.

The spokesman for the women, Mrs. Robert Powrie of Myrtle Point, said the delegation may carry the proposals outlined by Reynolds to the next Legislature.

Mrs. Powrie told the commission today that the 70-mile stretch of highway is about in the condition it was 60 years ago.

"We aren't after anyone's hide," she said. "We will attend all the highway commission meetings, learn how roads are built and how the money is allocated."

Williams Explains
Williams explained at the meeting today that the Southern Oregon district receives 21.38 per cent of the state's highway money.

The state has 20 million dollars a year to spend on highway construction, he said, besides that received from federal funds.

Snark Missile Test Successful
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—The Defense Department said today a Snark intercontinental guided missile successfully flew its full range after launching last night.

The Snark, while slower than an intercontinental ballistic missile, has essentially the same range—5,000 miles. The Air Force has accepted it as an operating weapon and is planning to establish the first squadron armed with Snarks this month.

In the present test, the Snark was launched about 11 p. m. EST yesterday from the missile test center, Cape Canaveral, Fla. The missile, which is essentially a pilotless, swept-wing jet bomber, flew its full range and landed in the selected target area in the South Atlantic; the department said.

It did not announce the time of landing, saying this information is secret.

MAN HOSPITALIZED
E. O. Trout, Woodburn, was under treatment Friday night at Salem General Hospital for facial lacerations suffered in a traffic accident, attendants said. Details of the accident were not available.

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DAYTON LEGION HALL
Music by LYLE and the WESTERNAIRES
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Theater Time Table

ELLSINORE
"BOMBERS B-52": 3:30, 6:34, 10:18
"JOHNNY TROUBLE": 2:10, 5:34, 8:58
HOLLYWOOD
"THE OKLAHOMAN": 7:00, 10:30
"DINO": 9:00

Teamsters Got Car Sale Profit--Beck

SEATTLE, Dec. 6 (AP)—Dave Beck was quoted in court today as saying he turned over to a union bookkeeper \$1,900 the state charges the Teamsters' Union chief pocketed from the sale of a union-owned Cadillac.

A witness in Beck's trial on grand larceny charges was William F. Devin, Seattle attorney, who was chief counsel for the grand jury which indicted Beck last summer.

Devin, testifying over defense objections, said Beck told the grand jury the car was sold while he was in Florida and that upon his return he found the money deposited in his account in the B&B Investment Co.

The witness said Beck added that he then gave the money to Fred Verschueren Jr., union bookkeeper, and told him to apply it to the proper union account.

Beck gave a similar explanation when he testified in defense of his son, Dave Jr., last month.

Sheep Shearing Champ Crowned

CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (AP)—Chester F. Baker, 19-year-old Virginia Bible student, today clipped an animal clean of its wool in 3 minutes and 58 seconds to become the new national 4-H sheep shearing champion.

Baker, who has shorn approximately 8,000 sheep, resides in Palmyra, Va., and is a freshman at People's Bible College, Greensboro, N. C.

He piled up a score of 92.95 points, one of the highest overall ratings in the history of the shearing contest.

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Salem Man Dunked, Held In Car Theft

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 (AP)—A Salem, Ore., man just out of the Army was held by police today on suspicion of car theft after he got a soaking in a duck pond.

Officers Stan Fogler and Marvin Darnell said they had chased two speeding cars along El Camino Real and finally forced one into a hedge at Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

But by the time the policemen got to the car the driver had disappeared. Hearing a loud squaking of ducks on a pond in front of the cemetery, they searched for some time and then went back on patrol.

An hour later they found Ivan Gomez, 21, sitting on a nearby curb. He was sopping wet and cold. Gomez went with the police after explaining he had driven into the cold pond in an attempt to escape.

He had been released from the Army only yesterday.

Stratojet Falls; 4 Lives Lost

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 6 (AP)—A B-47 Stratojet bomber crashed and killed all four occupants late today while taking off from the Barksdale Air Force Base during a driving rainstorm.

The dead were three crewmen and a crew chief.

Names of the dead were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The Stratojet, airborne only seconds before the crash, immediately burst into flames.

The bomber was assigned to the 352nd Bomb Squadron of the 301st Bomb Wing of the Strategic Air Command at Barksdale.

After taking off, the aircraft said, the plane's commander radioed he would attempt to "abort the mission."

The plane came down, ran off the runway, broke its landing gear and then nosed into the ground and exploded. It was carrying a full load of fuel.

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Jury Awards Man \$5,280 In Road Suit

FOSSIL, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—A jury today awarded Carl Ringsteyer of Mitchell \$5,280 in his suit against the Oregon Highway Department.

Ringsteyer contended in the suit that a flash flood last year in Mitchell resulted from the Highway Department diverting Bridge creek from its natural course.

As a result of the flood, he said, some of his property was damaged. Ringsteyer had asked \$7,000 in the suit.

Earlier this year, Circuit Judge E. H. Howell awarded Mrs. Lena Sigrit of Mitchell \$15,000 in a similar suit against the Highway Department.

A number of other suits stemming from the flood also are pending. They ask a total of \$290,000 from the department.

League Names Conservation Man of Year

PENDELTON, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—The Oregon Wheat League tonight named Larry Starr of Summerville, Ore., its state conservation man of the year.

Starr farms 2,067 acres near the small town in Eastern Oregon's Union County.

The league said it gave Starr the award because of his good farming practices, timber management and grass and ditching procedures.

Stubble mulching is used to control wind and water erosion on his farm, the league said.

In addition, the league said grass is grown on steep, hilly land and alfalfa is seeded to restore nutrients to the soil.

Starr also maintains seven miles of drain and diversion ditches. Earlier, Starr was named the county's conservation man of the year.

Four More Bodies Pulled From Train Wreck in Britain

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 7 (AP)—Four more unidentified bodies were pulled early today from the wreckage of the two trains wrecked in fog near St. John's Station.

They brought the death toll of Wednesday night's disaster to 97. Railway officials said they believed all the bodies now have been recovered.

An official casualty list showed 110 persons seriously injured and 67 others hurt.

CARS COLLIDE
Two cars collided at the intersection of 5th and Belmont streets NE about 7:45 p. m. Friday, city police reported. Police said the cars were driven by Robert Gene Wier, 620 23rd St. SE, and Scott Dale Gordon, 1925 Childs Ave. NE. No one was hurt, officers said.

The Weather		
	Max.	Min.
Astoria	55	44
Baker	40	31
Band-Redmond	55	34
Eugene	54	43
Klamath Falls	45	38
North Bend	54	46
Portland	57	43
Salem	57	43

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	Max.	Min.
Anchorage	20	16
Albuquerque	47	33
Albany	40	37
Boston	38	23
Boston	48	25
Chicago	48	25
Cleveland	51	39
Denver	47	31
Detroit	54	39
Fairbanks	6	18
Fargo	21	18
Fort Worth	41	26
Galveston	70	64
Honolulu	85	76
Los Angeles	68	54
Las Vegas	62	34
Los Angeles	66	46
Miami	70	52
Mpls-St. Paul	39	25
New Orleans	79	54
New York	41	27
Omaha	33	20
Phoenix	61	38
Reno	49	18
Salt Lake City	54	32
San Diego	66	51
San Francisco	58	41
Washington	48	24

Today's forecast from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers today, rain tonight and early Sunday. Becoming showery with partial clearing Sunday afternoon. High today near 52, and low tonight near 44.

Willamette River: -0.6 feet. Temp. 12:01 a. m. today 49.

Salem Precipitation		
Since start of weather year	Normal	Sept. 1 to date
To date	9.00	12.44

Tide Table (Taft, Ore.)		
	High	Low
Dec. 7	Time 11:48 a. m.	Time 5:47 a. m.
8	Time 11:48 a. m.	Time 5:47 a. m.
9	Time 11:48 a. m.	Time 5:47 a. m.

Top Lane County GOP Officials to Resign Positions

EUGENE, Dec. 6 (AP)—Top officials of the Lane County Republican Central Committee said today they plan to resign at the end of this year.

An election was scheduled at a Jan. 7 meeting to name successors to Roland K. Rodman, chairman, and Mrs. Howard Boyd, vice-chairman.

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Oregon Fish Board Director to Quit For Alaska Job

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—John I. Hodges, acting director of the Oregon Fish Commission, will leave his position Jan. 7 to become chief of Alaska fisheries for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Hodges, who became acting director when Milton James retired a year ago, will have his headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Harold Johnson, commission chairman, said the commission probably will have a successor named by the time Hodges leaves.

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