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Query No Longer Merely Academic

Some weeks ago, before a missile base had even been mentioned for Oregon, The Statesman Ballot Box anticipated the possibility of such and asked readers what they thought of the idea. Fifty-five per cent of those responding indicated they would have no objection; 45 per cent were opposed.

Within a month after that, Rep. Norblad announced Camp Adair had been surveyed with such a development in mind and now says several other sites in Northwestern Oregon also are under consideration. So apparently a definite program for a missile base somewhere in this area is in the immediate offing.

Likeliest possibility, of course, is a base for the B6mare variety — ground-to-air defense guarding against missile or plane assault from the skies. With its unofficial 300-to-500-mile range, the B6mare from Camp Adair or anywhere else in this vicinity would be, in effect, defense for Portland.

Details of missile bases are not made public to any extent, for reasons of military security. Too, they vary widely in size and equipment. What economic impact one would have on the valley is unknown.

Since the base very probably would not be of the intercontinental-missile type, it seems doubtful it would make us much more of a target area than we are now except in event of improbable invasion tactics. At least we'd have a defense right in our back yard.

We're inclined to go along with the majority in our Ballot Box that there would be more advantages than disadvantages in it. Actually, we'll just have to take what comes anyway.

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Yamhill County will hold a hearing on the question of whether to ask voters to approve an annual tax of about \$60,000 a year for 10 years to provide funds for courthouse construction. Under the inflationary pressures of the past 15 years the dollars accumulated slowly will buy less of building when they are spent. Better to borrow the money, if interest rates are relatively low, and build at once. Unfortunately for counties, they can't issue bonds for courthouse construction, or any other purpose except for roads or to "suppress insurrection or repel invasion." Cities and school districts can issue bonds, but counties and the state are under severe constitutional restriction. Voters, however, have given the state by constitutional amendment authority to issue bonds for highways, veterans' aid, power development, reforestation, and for buildings at institutions of higher learning.

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Oil, like gold, is where you find it. Standard of California has abandoned the hole it was drilling in the Rattlesnake hills of Benton County, Washington. The drill went down 8400 feet, most of it through hard volcanic rock which "revealed nothing of commercial significance." Standard is out \$625,000. We aren't hearing much about the Sunshine well on Grays Harbor, either. Maybe it merely tapped a pocket of petroleum.

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Two airline beacons at points in Douglas County were reported "stuck," that is, not working. No trouble was caused however. The need for the flashing beacons diminished with the advent of the radio beam to give direction to pilots. Also planes fly at much higher altitudes than in the days when the beacons were installed. The light signals serve a limited use, but only limited.

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Reappearance in Moscow of Marshal Suggests New Crisis

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

AP Foreign News Analyst

Nikita Khrushchev may have lost an important round in his struggle to confirm himself as successor to Lenin and Stalin.

The sudden reappearance in Moscow of Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky is suspicious. Rokossovsky is a brilliant Soviet military hero whose reputation and popularity have been second only to those of the recently purged defense minister, Marshal Georgi Zhukov.

The circumstances surrounding Rokossovsky's appointment to the command of the Trans-Caucasus military area adjoining Turkey and Iran suggested Khrushchev intrigue. The announcement came last fall from the Tiflis radio in Soviet Georgia. It was not carried by Moscow radio nor was it published in the Soviet press. Moreover, the announcement gave no reason for sending Rokossovsky to a far-off place.

There was a convenient excuse: the Turkish-Syrian crisis. But that crisis would not have been serious had not Khrushchev himself whipped it up. Khrushchev, by his violent attacks on Turkey and his accusations of a plot against Syria, practically manufactured the crisis.

When an external crisis was no longer necessary, and indeed when it proved as if it might be dangerous, Khrushchev cooled it down. He announced the tension

Temperance Won't Hurt Anyone

We couldn't believe one of those 25-year-olds Sunday even if it was in our favorite newspaper. It said temperance was the grounds for the divorce of a movie star. Now, we've heard of lots of grounds, but not temperance. So we unrolled the great sheaf of copy which was set in type for the Sunday paper to see just what was wrong. What was it? Almost, but not quite, as we expected. We thought a type gremlin had removed the prefix "in" from the word temperance. But it wasn't that vicious a gremlin. This one had only jumbled the letters on the word temperance. But it didn't make the item sound any better. We wish type wasn't so "temperamental."

Reston 'Rocket'

Editors and columnists have their "off days" when ideas are scarce, as well as days, like holidays, when their readers like a change of pace. One who introduces a pleasing variety in his stuff is James Reston, head of the New York Times Washington bureau. Occasionally he gives forth a delightful satire. One such appeared in the Times of Dec. 29th, his version of an "Old Virginia Farmer's Almanac" for 1958. The entry for April was this:

"APRIL: Thessalonian Tompkins, a high school junior from Fiery Run, puts up America's first earth satellite, startles world by announcing his little sister is in it. Moscow reacts furiously, gets new Defense Minister, fires Gromyko, sets up Un-Soviet Activities Committee to investigate 'leaks to the Western imperialists.' Pravda deplores 'loss of scientific and political initiative to Washington' and demands overhaul of Soviet scientific education. 'I just got tired waiting,' young Tompkins tells The Northern Virginia Daily."

The sequence, if you want to know, was that on New Year's eve, Tompkins, by then "Missile czar" brought his rocket back to earth near the capital and Miss Tompkins emerged asking, "Whatever happened to Elvis Presley?"—who had had a succession of deferments through the year.

Common Courtesy

Airplane pilots aren't alone in causing grief and danger to others by not filing flight plans so they can be traced if they turn up missing. Now we have a Bend family of three which set out on a short drive, then decided to go to Los Angeles. In the meantime, a ground and air search was started with resultant waste of time and effort as well as hazard to the searchers themselves. Unless we're trying to run away from something, common courtesy demands we let someone in our communities know of our activities.

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This Madame Maria Callas must be a "torch" singer, one who flares at the slightest provocation. She broke up the show in the performance in Rome of the opera "Norma" when she refused to return to the stage after the first act. Previously she had broken her contract to appear with the San Francisco opera. In the Metropolitan she rowed with a tenor who held his note, in a duet, longer than she. In Chicago she stormed at process servers in a suit brought by her former manager. As if this isn't enough of a record she has Elsa Maxwell, America's party impresario, as her defender in Rome. Milan, though, stands by Mme. Callas.

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Guy Jonas is frank in explaining his resignation as member of the House. The job entails too much sacrifice in time and money for one who must devote his personal attention to his job or business. Jonas has the satisfaction however of being the first Democrat on the Marion County delegation in 20 years.

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Again the FBI and the state police appear to have got their man—only it was two men this time. They are charged with the holdup of the Foster-Powell branch of First National bank of Portland recently. Two other recent bank robberies remain unsolved, but give the officers time!

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



And science is ever-searching, students!... Will man inhabit space? What future marvels will we find in toothpaste? Will a handkerchief that resists stomach acids be discovered?...

IT SEEMS TO ME

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mittie already have voiced opposition to disturbing the present arrangement. It is expected that President Eisenhower will review the defense situation in his address to Congress this week, so comment here will be deferred until he has spoken.

The third grave issue is in international relations. At the NATO conference the Europeans took the bait dangled by Russia and began agitation for more "talks" between East and West. The resolutions adopted indicated a readiness to converse under UN auspices, or in event of Russia's refusal, at foreign minister level. Russia promptly rejected this arrangement and called for a "summit" conference between the U.S. and the USSR—between Eisenhower and Khrushchev. This is reported as "poison" in the view of Secretary of State Dulles, who points out Russia's record of faithlessness in keeping agreements.

Last week Prime Minister Gaillard endorsed summit talks, and Saturday Prime Minister Macmillan of Britain gave his approval for signing a non-aggression pact with Russia which might be followed later with summit talks. This puts Washington right on the spot. No wonder it has taken so many days to draft replies to the letters of Prime Minister Bulganin.

This agitation of Europeans is their reaction to Sputnik and IRBM and ICBM. They do not want to be the battleground in the exchange of nuclear warheads between Russia and the United States. That is why they were skittish about granting bases for NATO missiles. It is a revival of neutralism which was exhibited during the Korean war when Prime Minister Attlee flew to Washington to discourage any use of A-bombs in Korea lest it precipitate war in Europe. Naturally they clutch at the possibility of peace through negotiation.

In the past though they were opposed to two-some talks between the two great powers; and even now Joe Alsop reports they wouldn't trust Dulles in a direct deal with the Kremlin.

Now we can make a deal with the USSR. The latter has spelled out the terms often enough. They would be: withdrawal of U.S. troops with the Soviet Union withdrawing its troops from Central Europe; recognition of East Germany either as independent or as a part of Germany.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Jan. 6, 1948

Oregon Highway Commission set up a 1948 budget calling for \$6,114,000, more than spent last year. Estimated total expenses would be \$22,082,000.

All of 13 persons marooned for days in near-zero weather on a rocky point of the Alaska peninsula were saved by the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard as gale winds and towering seas subsided.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 6, 1923

Calvin Coolidge died today. The 30th president of the United States was until his death the only living former president. He was stricken with a heart attack while alone in his home. A month of national mourning was proclaimed.

During last week in December there were 2,358 new cases of influenza, of which 154 occurred in Marion County.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 6, 1918

The International Hotel, one of the landmarks of Niagara Falls, N. Y., was destroyed by fire, and the International Theater adjoining badly damaged. Loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Salem Fruit Union, through Manager R. C. Paulus, has cleaned out all the 30-40 and 50-70's prunes, packed in 50-pound boxes, and shipments have begun moving to the U.S. government contractor. The deal means about one million pounds of prunes and will bring \$125,000.

pendent or autonomous in a German federation, some agreement on disarmament. On a wider range of discussion Russia will demand "partnership" in the Middle East and the admission of Red China to United Nations.

Such a settlement would really give Russia the victory in the cold war. It might prove just another Munich, later to be blasted as traitorous appeasement. Nor is there assurance that Russia would halt its aggression on such a deal. Hitler didn't, after Munich. Khrushchev and Bulganin violated the spirit of Geneva when they promised to sustain East Germany in a stopover on their return, and started shipping arms to Egypt.

In a way Washington has been outflanked by the series of talks given by George Kennan over BBC. His gist was clearly toward negotiation and Central Europe's neutralization. Lacking the full text of his talks one cannot comment on them, but their effect has been to stimulate the new temper in Britain and on the continent.

Peace through negotiation is what the world wants; but at what price? Concessions may be made; but not to the degradation of the Free World. Summit talks are risky. The NATO conference itself showed weakness within the alliance. Failure at the summit would deepen despair. The time is past for hands of state to bargain with peoples as chips in the game. Progress toward peace will come most surely through patient negotiation through diplomatic channels or through United Nations. We must be ready to negotiate at any time when there is real promise of fruitful results.

Taxi Driver Fools Bandits

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (U)—Two unarmed men who police said participated in a tavern holdup were caught today when the driver of a taxicab they commandeered deliberately sideswiped a passing police cruiser.

Joseph Hopkins, 24, and Donald Peters, 25, surrendered without an argument. Their pockets, in which they held their hands menacingly when they boarded Ivan Wright's cab were empty.

Detective William Donnellan said Hopkins admitted he got \$100 from the cash register of a South Side tavern and Peters admitted he relieved customers of a total of \$15.

Food-Seeking Intruder Charged With Burglary

A transient who said he was looking for food for his hungry family was arrested on a burglary charge late Saturday night after he was found in a rural Salem home, state police said.

Officers identified the man as James Louis Bradford. They said he was discovered in a bathroom at the home of Ray Watkins, Salem Rt. 2, Box 230. Watkins found the intruder on returning home about 11 p.m. and held him until officers arrived, police reported. Officers said Bradford indicated he was trying to find food for his wife and three small children.

French Claim 119 Algerians Killed

ALGIERS, Jan. 5 (U)—French forces today claimed 119 Algerian rebels were killed and 62 captured in a series of violent clashes in the Constantine area of eastern Algeria.

The biggest encounter, the French said, took place near Tebessa where 88 rebels were slain and 51 captured. Three French soldiers were said to have been killed there.

Hunting Museum Due

GHENT, Belgium, Jan. 5 (U)—A hunting museum to feature sports weapons and trophies will open in the spring in ancient Laux-Saint-Anne Castle. Living specimens of Belgian game, such as deer and wild boars, will rove in an adjoining park.

Draft Board Quiet Before Presley Issue

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 5 (U)—The draft board here used to be a rather quiet place. That, of course, was before Elvis Presley was drafted.

Since then—especially after the rock 'n' roll idol was granted an eight-week deferment in order to complete a movie—letters have poured in.

And peppery Milton Bowers Sr., board chairman, is "fed to the teeth" with the outcries of those who think Elvis is the greatest, and those who think he is the least.

"With all due respect to Elvis, who's a nice boy, we've drafted important people who are far, far more important than he is," said Bowers. "After all, when you take him out of the entertainment business what have you got left? A truck driver."

"One woman in a letter yesterday called us a bunch of damn Southern goons. Well, she's the one who's a goon."

"I talk Elvis Presley more than I sleep. A crackpot called me out of bed last night and complained that we didn't put Beethoven in the Army..."

"I told him we put Mr. Eisenhower in the Army and that ought to count for something. Then I asked him how old he was and when he told me he was 52 I asked him how he got so stupid in 52 years."

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Three Cars Collide on Busy Highway

Two cars received extensive damage in a three-car, rear-end collision about 2:40 p.m. Sunday on busy highway on Edwader Street at Cascade Drive NW, Salem police said.

Craig Muir, 13, of Dallas Rd. 3, Box 74, was treated by first aid for a head laceration. He was a passenger in a car driven by Waldo Daniel Nettleton, same address, police said. Other drivers were listed as Milo Jensen, Independence Rd. 71, Box 343A, and Harrison Archie Warthen, 870 Cade Ave. NE.

The gasoline tank on the Jensen car was broken and firemen were called to wash the spilled gas from the busy highway, police said. The Jensen car had to be towed away and the Nettleton car also received major damage, they added.

Ressie DeHut Dies at Salem

Mrs. R. M. DeHut, 2130 Maple St. NE, died late Saturday night in a Salem nursing home at the age of 74 after a long illness. Born March 1, 1883, she moved to Salem from Kansas about 1926. She was employed in several canneries, including Blue Lake Packers and Paulus Brothers Packing Co. She was the widow of Charles DeHut.

She leaves one son, Lawrence DeHut, and two daughters, Mrs. Mae Hall and Mrs. Alma Baker, all of Salem; one sister, Mrs. Jack McManus, Omaha, Neb.; two brothers, Herbert Cox, Ft. Collins, Colo., and William Cox, Cheyenne, Wyo.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Red Education Planners Admit Making Mistakes

HONG KONG, Jan. 5 (U)—Red China's Ministry of Higher Education today admitted mistakes in educational planning.

The ministry, in a directive reported by the New China news agency, said planning for school buildings and equipment were too ambitious and inconsistent with the economy of the nation.

"A considerable amount of national funds has been wasted by extravagant planning of school buildings," the directive said.

It added there are individualism—deviation from Communist discipline—and bureaucracy in its own leadership. The ministry said this must stop. It declared over-staffing and excessive requests for government grants also must cease.

Runs in Family

MONTAGUE, P.E.I., Jan. 5 (U)—Dr. Thomas V. Grant, a general practitioner here for 35 years, has 13 children. Three sons are doctors, one is a dentist and the other two are optometrists. Four daughters are nurses, one is a druggist and another is a laboratory technician.

The other daughter is a professional musician.

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Chamber Council Calls for U.S. Government Economy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (U)—The Council of State Chambers of Commerce today called on businessmen to unite "in demanding economy in the federal government as they did last year."

The council urged its affiliated

state chambers not to be dissuaded from their economy-in-government drive by charges that "our obvious lag in satellite development and the apparent lag in our missile program" were caused by congressional economy efforts last session.

The report said that "special interest spending lobbies" have seized on the Russian Sputniks as a weapon to prevent another economy drive in the session which opens on Tuesday.

The statement drafted by the council's research director, Eugene F. Rinta, said experts blame this country's delay in getting an earth satellite aloft on a decision to give the effort "second-class priority" instead of on insufficient money.

The lag, if any, in missiles has been attributed to several factors. Rinta said, "but money is not one of them."

Tax relief will be delayed for

U.S. Missile Chiefs Argue Proper Course

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (U)—Maj. Gen. Bernard Schriever, chief of the Air Force's missile program, predicted today that the United States will catch up with the Russians in intermediate-range missiles by 1960.

Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, one of the Army's top missile generals, said "we won't ever catch up" if the United States doesn't move at a faster rate than the Russians.

The two gave their views in brief filmed interviews on a 90-minute CBS-TV review — "Where We Stand" — of the Soviet-U.S. race in the fields of science.

Both Schriever and Medaris agreed that the Russians are ahead of this country in the development of the intermediate-range and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Medaris, director of the Army's missile program at Redstone Arsenal, said how far ahead the Russians are can't be measured in miles or minutes. The Russians, he said, won't stand still "and if we wait to catch up we'll have to move at a faster rate of progress" than they do.

Schriever, saying the Soviets are ahead in intercontinental missiles—ICBM—and slightly ahead in intermediate-range missiles—IRBM—called it a "nip and tuck" race. He said he saw "no reason why we can't catch up."

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Idanha Man Injured in Car Crash

Lloyd John Bowers of Idanha was injured in a one-car accident shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday on South River Road a short distance north of Roberts, state police said.

Receiving shiner and head injuries, he was taken by Willamette Ambulance Service to Salem Memorial Hospital where attendants reported his condition as "fairly good" Sunday night.

Police said the southbound car apparently skidded about 400 feet broadside and went over a bank. It required towing. William John Harris of Grants Pass was charged with being drunk on a highway, they added.

3-Dimensional Movies Debut in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, Jan. 5 (U)—Komsomol Pravda reports the first Soviet three-dimensional movie started operating at Kiev New Year's Eve and is an improvement over Western models. It uses 6 projectors, 2 soundtracks, and 30 clusters of loudspeakers.

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Aga Khan, 4 Girls at Party In Wee Hours

GSTAAD, Switzerland, Jan. 5 (U)—The Aga Khan danced with four girls at a party that ran into the small hours of this morning at Gstaad's fashionable Palace Hotel.

Observers said the 21-year-old Aga seemed most interested in Sylvia Casablancas, daughter of a Mexican millionaire living in Geneva.

At the Aga's request, photographers were barred from the room. The glamorous, 17-year-old Sylvia and her parents spent Christmas with the Aga at Kitzbuehel, Austria. The Aga later drove here and spent New Year's eve with 18-year-old London debutante Patricia Rawlings.

But one hour after 1958 was rung in, Sylvia telephoned him from Kitzbuehel to wish him a happy New Year. She returned to her Geneva home Friday, and left almost immediately—alone — to join the Aga's group in Gstaad.

Sylvia and Patricia were both at the Aga's table last night. So was Countess "Bunny" Esterhazy, 19, stepdaughter of millionaire racehorse owner Arpad Plesh, and Bridget Scherz, 20, daughter of Ernest Scherz, owner of the palace.

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State Phone Workers Get Wage Boost

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (U)—Some 5,500 telephone workers in Oregon are covered by a new contract agreed on yesterday at Portland by negotiators for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. and the Communications Workers of America.

Wage increases ranging from \$2 to \$5 a week are provided under the pact, which would run until May 3, 1959. The old contract ran out last night.

Negotiations had been under way since Nov.