

Skies Clear For Thursday Orbital Shot

Officials Optimistic
About Weather

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Twin threats of weather and forest fire smoke dissolved Tuesday and Project Mercury officials were optimistic that astronaut Scott Carpenter could be launched on his orbital flight Thursday.

Weather experts said smoky haze from two widely scattered fires was not settling in this area as feared Monday. They said there probably will be some haze in the launching area Thursday but it should not interfere with camera tracking of the Atlas booster rocket.

The fires are in the Everglades, south of Cape Canaveral, and in a marsh 15 miles to the west. The latter was reported only smoldering Tuesday.

Possibility of heavy clouds above the Cape on Thursday apparently vanished overnight when a storm front in the Midwest shifted direction to the north-northeast. The storm earlier was pushing the clouds toward Florida.

There was a possibility of winds and waves in the Atlantic recovery areas, but officials believe conditions will be acceptable on Thursday.

A spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said that based on the present weather forecast, there is a 60-40 chance of achieving a launching Thursday, barring further technical difficulties.

The odds are encouraging. The standard figure by NASA was 50-50 at weather briefings before the space flights of astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr., Virgil I. Grissom and John H. Glenn Jr.

The spokesman said it is hoped a high pressure system will push the smoke completely out of the area.

The NASA spokesman said there were no technical problems. He said repairs on a heater had been completed and re-installed on the Atlas rocket, with checks proving satisfactory.

In general, the spokesman said, all checks to date are satisfactory for the intended three-orbit mission of the 37-year-old Navy lieutenant commander.

Kiwanians Given Customer Tips

Credit, advertising and special are among the techniques merchants can use to keep customers at home, members of the Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club were told Monday.

Garland Read, of Salem, personnel director of Credit Bureau Inc., discussed merchandising, and the problem of local residents shopping in nearby large cities.

Credit is a particularly valuable tool, Read said. An established account keeps the customer coming to the store, he said, and he will probably buy more expensive merchandise. "If a person can say 'charge it,' he's not as conscious of price," Read said.

Eugenean Wins Special Awards

Michael G. Parsons, of Eugene, a University of Michigan student, has received three special awards for outstanding work in the university's Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps.

Parsons, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Parsons, 3735 Bell Ave., has received the Ford Motor Co. award, Chicago Tribune Silver Medal and the Society of American Military Engineers Award. The awards recognized Parsons for scholarship, military achievement and character.

Upon completion of his training, Parsons will be commissioned ensign in the U.S. Navy.



(AP Wirephoto)

Border Fence

A Chinese refugee girl climbs on iron pole of barbed wire fence and extends her hand to receive food given by farmer residents on Hong Kong side of border fence. She is one of thousands of refugees fleeing Red China, but stopped by fence at Hong Kong border.

Formosa Planning For Refugee Flood

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TAIPEI, Formosa—Vice President Chen Cheng met with the Nationalist Chinese government's special refugee committee Tuesday to begin planning for the resettlement of refugees from Red China who are willing to come to Formosa.

President Chiang Kai-shek's government set up the committee Monday after a storm of criticism because it had offered a haven to only a comparative

few of the thousands of refugees British officials are barring from overcrowded Hong Kong.

It was generally believed, however, that most of the refugees want to remain in Hong Kong, close to their homeland, rather than come to comparatively remote Formosa. Many of the refugees have relatives in the British crown colony, which has given haven to more than 1.5 million Chinese since the Communists conquered the mainland 14 years ago.

Security Screening

Officials said that to expedite the flow of those willing to come to Formosa, security screening to weed out Communist agents would take place after they reach the Nationalist island.

Newspapers in Formosa threw their support behind the government's decision and also backed up the government's appeal for assistance from other non-Communist countries.

Officials of the Hong Kong government had no official comment on the Nationalist offer, leaving that to their parent government in London. Privately, however, considerable skepticism was expressed.

"We can't be sure when or how many will be taken by Taipei, if, indeed, any are taken in appreciable numbers," said one source.

A Million Refugees

"We have a million refugees now. Fifty thousand more have tried to come in the last month alone. If we start letting them in, there will be 100,000 next month and 200,000 the month after that."

In Washington, Rep. Francis E. Walter, D-Pa., said Nationalist China should admit at least some of the refugees and the United States should help feed them.

This, Walter told the House, could "deal an almost mortal blow" to the Chinese Communists by dramatizing the Red regime's inability to feed its people.

Four Bullwhipped

ADDIS ABABA (AP)—Four Ethiopians were bullwhipped with 25 lashes each on the public market place for spreading false rumors about a subversive movement, the semi-official newspaper Voice of Ethiopia reports. A new law permits bullwhipping of convicted rumor mongers.



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New Charter Given UAR By Nasser

CAIRO (AP)—The United Arab Republic's new national congress began detailed study Tuesday of President Gamal Abdel Nasser's proposed charter which states that revolution is the only means for freeing Arabs from their "shackles."

The 10 chapter "National Charter of Socialist Principles" is to be the basis for a popular revolutionary government in this country which has known only one-man rule since the revolt which ousted King Farouk in 1952.

Nasser presented the charter Monday to the opening session of the Congress of Popular Forces, taking five hours for the reading. The congress now must debate the draft, and may substitute or amend provisions before adopting it.

Nasser said the peasants and workers must have half the seats in all political and popular organizations. The new congress is composed of 1,500 elected and 250 appointed delegates.

Referring to the union of all Arab people which Nasser long has sought, the charter said:

"Revolution is the only means whereby the Arab nation can free itself from its shackles, and get rid of the dark heritage which burdened it."

"The elements of suppression and exploitation which long dominated the Arab nation and seized its wealth will never willingly submit."

Portuguese Return

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—About 2,000 Portuguese soldiers and sailors returned home Tuesday from Goa. They had been interned when India overran the Portuguese Indian territories last December.

Girlie Show Reopens At Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—The "Girls of the Galaxy" show got a new lease on life at the World's Fair Monday after a preview by Ewen Dingwall, vice president of the exposition.

"It now measures up to expectations," he said, "and we wish it every success."

"... it now is a good show for the money."

The show was closed May 13 when revision of earlier production numbers did not satisfy officials of the fair.

"The show has included several new acts," said Dingwall. A disorderly conduct charge against Jose Duarte, comedian and master of ceremonies of the show, was dismissed Monday.

City Atty. Bruce McDougall asked in Municipal Court that the charge be stricken after Peter K. Steere, attorney representing the fair, said all differences between the fair and the show management had been smoothed out.

Duarte was arrested May 14 when he tried to get past guards with coffee for the Galaxy cast after the show management defied an order from officials of the fair to close.

Envoy Expelled

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP)—Iceland's government has expelled Czechoslovak trade envoy V. Stochl, charging he tried to get an Icelandic pilot to collect information on the kind and number of U.S. military planes at the Keflavik base.

King-Anderson Bill Supporter Calls AMA Blast 'Empty'

A doctor's televised speech against the proposed King-Anderson medical care bill was as "empty as the seats in Madison Square Garden from where he spoke," one of the measure's supporters declared here Tuesday.

Gladys Sharon, of Veneta, state director of organization for the Oregon Social Security League, said the American Medical Assn. failed to give convincing arguments against the medicare plan in its Monday night television rebuttal to President Kennedy's Sunday television speech.

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