

### Over Test Failure

# U. S. Team Red-Faced

HONOLULU (AP)—U.S. scientists at Johnston Island were pictured officially as taking in stride the second failure in two tries to explode a nuclear device at high altitude.

Privately, however, sources said the science and military team responsible for America's Pacific nuclear test series was embarrassed by flopping twice while the world looked on. The Soviet Union jumped at the opportunity to make propaganda hay.

The second test late Tuesday night involved the biggest shot this spring—officially classified as more than one million tons of TNT but probably 10 times that size. The Thor missile carrying the warhead to a firing altitude

of 200 miles went awry and the missile and nuclear device had to be destroyed.

There was no nuclear detonation. Some of the debris fell on Johnston and a nearby "Sand" island, the remainder in the open sea "well within the safety area."

#### Public Announcement

The two Johnston attempts have been the only pre-announced public tests of the series to date. Firing times have been issued and countdowns have been carried on open radio frequencies. Delays and postponements, as happened both times, have been relayed fairly promptly.

Had the shots been successful, the flashes and, in the case of the second one, the fireball would have been visible 750 miles away in Hawaii.

Joint Task Force 8 said the failures would not change plans to announce future Johnston tests in advance.

Twenty-one successful lower level detonations have been announced at Christmas Island, far to the southeast of Johnston. Most of these tests involved devices dropped from airplanes.

#### Missiles Blamed

The blame for the Johnston Island failures was placed solidly on the Thor missiles. The tracking system malfunctioned on the first try, June 4. The trouble Tuesday night wasn't disclosed, but officials said it was in the missile.

Officials indicated it might take 10 days to two weeks to prepare the single Thor launching pad at Johnston Island for another shot.

Radio Moscow was quick to comment on the second blowup at Johnston. The Soviet broadcast spoke of imperfections in U.S. rockets and suggested a runaway missile could endanger mankind by carrying a nuclear device over inhabited territory.

For the record, the U.S. government denied all and said a malfunctioning rocket can be destroyed by radio orders after it leaves the launching pad.

## Judge Denies Estes Motion

EL PASO, Tex. (AP)—Defense lawyers failed Wednesday in efforts to lock further investigation of Billie Sol Estes by the federal grand jury which first indicted the West Texas promoter.

U. S. Dist. Judge R. E. Thomason denied motions to dismiss the 23 jurors or to permit private questioning of each to determine whether they were prejudiced.

Estes sat in the courtroom as one of his lawyers, John Cofer of Austin, claimed newspaper, magazine and broadcast accounts had led to biased opinions about the Estes case.

Cofer also asserted President Kennedy and Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy both had voiced opinions concerning the guilt of Estes although there has been no conviction.

The grand jury indicted Estes and three other men in March on charges of fraud through mortgages on nonexistent chemical fertilizer tanks. It reconvened Wednesday for further investigation of Estes' affairs.

Cofer asked the court to instruct members of the panel to consider only sworn testimony and evidence, disregarding newspaper and magazine articles.

Judge Thomason denied the motion but said Cofer could submit the proposed instructions as an exhibit for the grand jury.

## Convention To Hear U.S. Official

PORTLAND (AP)—Assistant Secretary of Interior John Carver will speak Thursday night at an Izak Walton League convention dinner and is expected to defend vigorously policies of the Bureau of Land Management.

These came in for sharp attack Wednesday from L.C. Jack Binford, Portland, a member of the league's executive board.

He told the league's 40th annual convention that the record of the BLM under the Kennedy administration has been disappointing.

Binford, who was expected to be elected president of the league Thursday, said there were encouraging signs in the early days of the Kennedy administration, but "so far it's big talk and little do."

Binford noted that President Kennedy had said in a special message to Congress in February, 1961, that he was instructing the Interior secretary to launch a sweeping program to control use and raise the productivity of federal grazing districts.

Despite this, Binford said, "overuse by grazing continues on much of the Bureau of Land Management lands. I can find no situation where the use has been limited except by the consent of the permittee."

## Nurse Given Job Back

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y. (AP)—A practical nurse, who figured prominently in the case of six babies who died of salt poisoning, says her reinstatement by Binghampton General Hospital makes her "just feel like shouting."

"I prayed it would turn out this way," said Lillie Mae Colvin, a licensed practical nurse who expects her fourth child in September.

Hospital officials have said Mrs. Colvin apparently got salt, instead of sugar, last March when she went to the city-owned hospital's main kitchen to refill the sugar canister used in preparation of infants' formula.

A total of 14 babies received salt-laden formula. Six of them died in the space of four days. The others survived.

Mrs. Colvin, who has insisted she made no error, was notified Wednesday of her reinstatement.

Mrs. Colvin, the hospital said, will receive back pay for the period from March 11, when she was suspended, to May 27. She went on maternity leave, without pay, as of May 27.



## Sad Outlook

All the cares of the world seem to be resting heavily on the shoulders of this orangutan, pictured Wednesday peering through an opening of its shelter hut in Brookfield Children's Zoo in Brookfield, Ill.

(AP Wirephoto)

## Snow Clogs Recovery Effort

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—Snow up to five feet deep on one of the highest mountains in the Continental Divide of Central Montana hampered efforts Thursday

to recover the bodies of four members of a Washington state family killed in the crash of their light plane last Friday.

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crash landing. The flaps on the wings were down part way to slow the craft, and the pilot's hand still was on the throttle.

Wreckage was identified by Dick Munroe of the Montana Aeronautics Commission, who had directed the aerial search. He read the numbers on the plane's wing.

Munroe said he assumed the plane crashed about 12:45 p.m. Friday. It had stopped at Plains, about 80 miles east, and refueled, leaving about 11:55 a.m. He said if the plane were traveling at its normal 130 miles an hour, it would have reached the rugged peak, 9,185 feet above sea level, in about 45 minutes. Scapegoat Mountain is one of the highest in the region.

Bodies of the four victims were identified late Wednesday by Dave Middlemas, sheriff-cum-coroner of Lewis and Clark County. He flew in a Montana Fish and Game Department helicopter to the crash site, more than 9,000 feet up the east slope of Scapegoat Mountain, 65 miles northwest of here.

Aboard the plane were the pilot, L. V. Richards, a prosperous turkey farmer, and his wife,

both in their 60s, from Outlook, Wash., and their son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Smith, both in their 20s, from Sunnyside, Wash.

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# Kennedy Greets Students Of Glen Lake High School

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy greeted graduates of Michigan's Glen Lake Community High School at the White House Thursday and told them "no group of high school students has ever been more welcome in Washington or at this house."

The 33 students received special acclaim because they decided to give up their long-planned class trip to Washington and use their savings to help pay the medical bills of an ailing classmate. An outpouring of gifts from other sources enabled them to make the trip anyway.

#### 'Learned Lessons'

"All the lessons that a trip to this capital and this house might have taught you, you learned in your own hometown," the President said.

Speaking to the group in the rose garden of the White House, Kennedy told them "this house belongs to you. Many of the people you've read about in your history books lived here."

Kennedy called to his side Duane Richardson, 17, the class member whose illness brought about the generosity of his classmates.

He shook hands also with other class members and promised to sign diplomas and other items "if you'll leave them at the White House, and I'll send them to your hotel."

#### Guided Tour

The visit with Kennedy climaxed an hour-long guided tour

of the White House, to which the students had looked forward eagerly.

The 21 boys and 12 girls earned national acclaim this month when the word spread that they had voted to turn over \$700 in class funds—earmarked for the traditional Washington trip—to classmate and star athlete Duane Richardson, 17.

Richardson has cancer. His classmates decided to help pay the medical bills.

#### Funds Pour In

But Washington heard about the big-hearted youngsters from

the upper reaches of lower Michigan and decided they should have their class trip. Funds came in from many sources—including senators, representatives and a local radio station.

The students were rounded up from their summer jobs—all said their employers were glad to let them go—and bundled on the train for Washington.

They arrived Wednesday to a warm welcome at Union Station, free lodging at a motor hotel, and the use of an Air Force bus to take them sight-seeing.

## Ethel Makes Splash At Plush Poolside Party

WASHINGTON (AP)—"In the social swim" usually describes someone who's making a splash on the champagne and caviar circuit.

It means something more at the Robert F. Kennedy's now. It means making a splash in the Kennedy swimming pool—sort of a formal splash in evening clothes, dancing shoes and the rest.

It happened the other night at an outside dinner-dance for about 300 given by the attorney general and his wife, Ethel, at their Virginia estate. And the hostess was the first to get a dunking.

Betty Beale, columnist for the Washington Evening Star, said it happened this way:

At the party—for Actor Peter Lawford and his wife, a Kennedy sister—the dance floor extended from a back fence right to the edge of the swimming pool.

One small table was perched on a plank that stretched across the pool with the three chairs around it only inches from the edge.

Mrs. Kennedy occupied one chair, Astronaut John H. Glenn Jr. was in the second and the third was for Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White, who apparently judged the position was untenable and took a stand on firmer ground.

It was bound to happen and it did. Mrs. Kennedy tumbled in and was drenched but Glenn remained dry, just as he did when his space capsule plopped into the ocean after his three orbits around the earth.

Before the evening's end two other guests somehow also ended up taking a dip fully clothed—Mrs. Spencer Davis, a friend of Mrs. Kennedy, and Presidential Assistant Arthur Schlesinger.

## Official Named To Committee

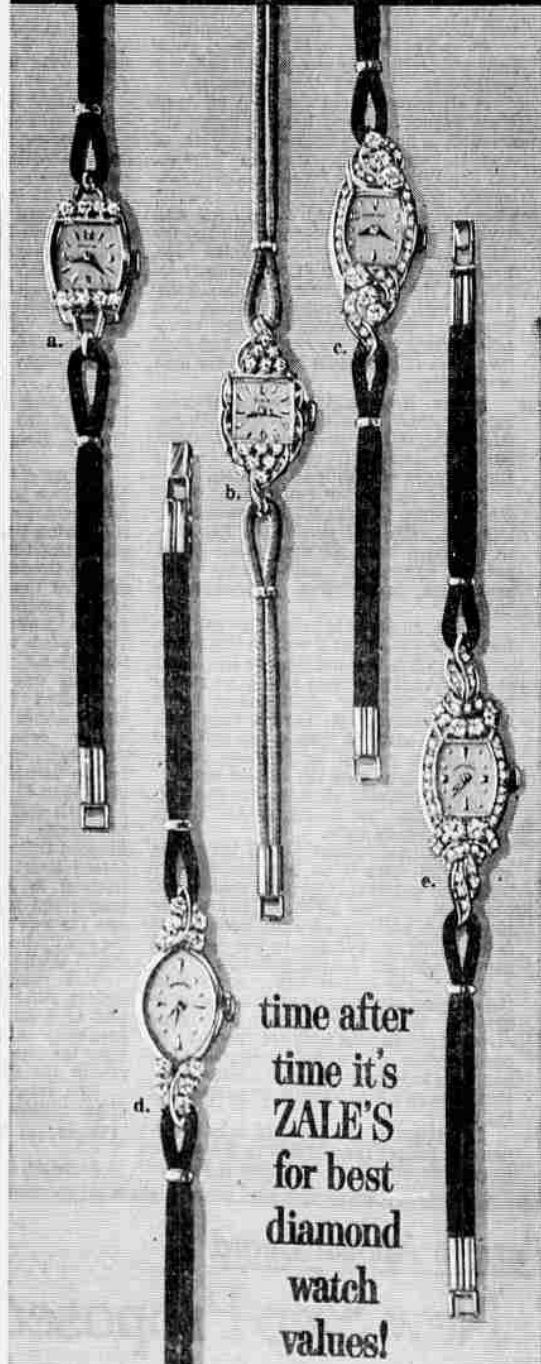
SALEM (AP)—Jack Summerfield, Douglas County public welfare administrator, has been appointed to a national work simplification committee of the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the state Public Welfare Commission announced Wednesday.

The committee, which will meet in Washington, D.C., June 28-29, was formed to reduce paperwork required in the public assistance program.

## General Dies at 82

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. John L. DeWitt, Ret., commander during World War II of the Western Defense Command died Wednesday of a heart ailment. DeWitt, who retired in 1944 after 49 years in the Army, was 82.

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