

U.S. Plans More Tests

Soviet Ships Leave Area

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WASHINGTON—Four Russian instrument ships which spied on U.S. nuclear tests for weeks in the Pacific steamed away after the 200-mile high shot on July 9, it was disclosed Wednesday.

That high altitude test of a hydrogen device over Johnston Island was believed to have given U.S. scientists — and perhaps the Russians — important information on the effects of such a mammoth explosion on communications and radar. Such data is considered vital in developing an antimissile system.

The test also may have given the Russians significant clues on U.S. progress in perfecting nuclear weapons.

An informed source said the Soviet vessels pulled out of the test area July 10 or July 11.

This was either a day or two after the only successful high altitude explosion so far in the three-month old U.S. test series.

It was considered possible that the four Red ships may have been recalled to observe the new series of Russian nuclear tests that the Soviet Union has announced it will undertake.

U.S. patrol planes had kept watch on the Russian instrument ships since the first three appeared near the test zone in early May, shortly after the current test series began. On June 12, the Pentagon reported a fourth Russian vessel had joined the spy mission.

The disclosure that the snooper fleet had departed came a day after the United States had indicated it would hold further high altitude tests after repairing a launching pad. The launching pad was heavily damaged when a Thor rocket was destroyed July 25.

Officials said it might take as much as eight weeks to put the lone launch pad on Johnston Island in usable shape. President Kennedy will make the final decision on whether to proceed with the high altitude shots.

Originally, three or four of this type were planned. But if one more is held, it may be the last of the series.

The Russian vessels took in as many as 27 U.S. nuclear test explosions. Most of the devices were dropped from airplanes and most released the blast power of less than a million tons of TNT.

Since the Russian ships were in international waters, the United States could not order them away.

Byrd plans to use as one of his main arguments the contention that the bill as it cleared the committee will cost the Treasury an estimated \$750 million a year.

As it passed the House, the bill was figured to provide a \$120 million surplus.

Byrd passed his vote as the committee approved the bill 9-2 Tuesday after struggling with it through hearings and executive sessions since April 2.

Administration Senate leaders have said they may hold up the tax measure until the President decides whether to seek a cut in personal income tax rates this session.

Chances Seen Slim

Byrd succeeded during his committee's consideration of the bill in knocking out the biggest revenue-producing provision in it—a tax withholding plan on dividends and interest.

The Treasury had estimated this would pick up at least \$650 million in taxes.

The administration's chances of restoring this on the floor appeared slim.

The committee also softened the President's proposals to tighten up on the expense account deductions and to increase levies sharply on foreign incomes of U.S. corporations. Kennedy's backers believe they have a chance to win stiffer provisions in a floor fight.

Damage Plea

Turned Down

SALEM—The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that when a state employee is negligent, the state can't collect damages for negligent acts caused by another person.

A state car driven by Roger Morley, an employee of the State Military Department, collided in Salem with a car driven by Jerry Milo Shinkle. Damages totaled a few hundred dollars.

The State Department of Finance and Administration sued Shinkle for damages. It contended that if Morley were negligent, the state still could sue Shinkle if he were negligent, too.

But the Supreme Court, with Chief Justice William McAllister dissenting, said the contributory negligence rule applies to the state just like it does to anyone else.

The court, upholding Circuit Judge George A. Jones of Marion County, denied damages because it found that Morley also was negligent.

Justice Kenneth O'Connell wrote the opinion.

Postal Employees To Have Unions

Eugene Postmaster Ethan L. Newman announced Tuesday that recent nationwide bargaining elections favoring union representation for postal employees will affect local branches.

The National Assn. of Letter Carriers and the United Federation of Postal Clerks, both AFL-CIO, represent these classifications of postal employees.

The exclusive representation allows these unions to negotiate on all matters with the exception of wage rates. Wages are set by Congress in appropriations to the Post Office Dept., Newman said.

Newman also said that the type of matters that may be negotiated include working hours, shifts, job assignments and the payment of mileage for use of private vehicles.

Oil Company Halts Drilling

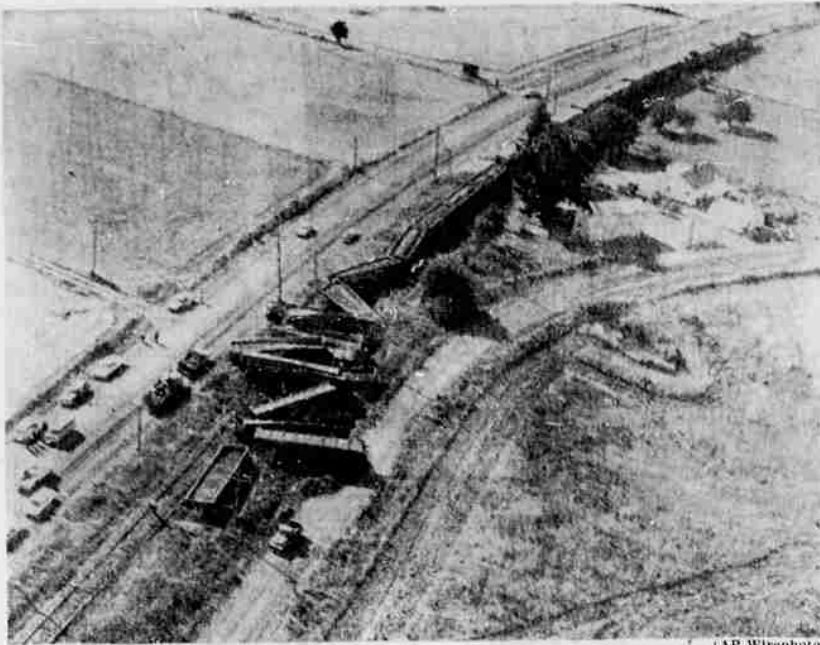
SALEM—Humble Oil and Refining Co., has ceased drilling operations at its well about eight miles east of Silverton on Wickes farm, the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries said Wednesday.

Hollis W. Dole, director of the department, said Humble notified the department it had stopped drilling at the 7,800-foot level and was plugging the well.

Humble started drilling operations at the site about a month ago, Dole said. It has taken leases for the purpose of oil exploration elsewhere in the state, but had no other wells being drilled, he said.

Two other companies are presently drilling test wells in the state, one near Lebanon, the other near Vale, in Eastern Oregon, Dole said.

No trace of oil deposits was found in the drilling, Dole said.



Spill

Derailed cars of a Southern Pacific freight train sprawl alongside U.S. 99W south of Amity. Had the cars spilled to other side of the tracks, they would have blocked the highway. No one was injured in the Tuesday accident.

U.S. Lofts 2 Monkeys By Balloon

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif. (AP)—The United States launched a huge balloon Wednesday with two monkeys and two hamsters aboard in an effort to determine the effects of cosmic rays on the animals.

A spokesman at the Ames Research Center here said the 380-foot high balloon carried a 450-pound payload on a planned 54-hour flight from Goose Bay, Labrador, to Edmonton, Alberta.

The balloon is the second in a proposed series of four launches that are expected to provide basic research data on radiation problems applicable to manned space flight.

The payload contained three separate capsules which were to be exposed to about 50 per cent of primary cosmic radiation at 128,000 feet altitude.

Flour beetles, an assortment of seeds and nerve cells were in a second capsule and an emulsion pact for the National Research Council of Canada in a third capsule.

The project is conducted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Ames center here, the largest of NASA's research centers in the West.

Webb Haymaker, research scientist, said the first flight on July 14 was 90 per cent successful, but animal and insect passengers died on the trip.

Concert Thursday On UO Campus

A concert that will feature the combined performances of the University of Oregon summer session chorus and orchestra will be offered at the university Thursday. Max Risinger, associate professor of music, will direct the concert.

The orchestra will open the concert with two movements of Aaron Copland's "Rodeo." The orchestra will play "Saturday Night Waltz" and "Hoe-Down."

The chorus and orchestra is made up of regularly enrolled summer session students, university music school staff, and interested local musicians.

The Thursday night concert will be open to the public at no charge. It will be in the ballroom of the Erb Memorial Union at 7:00 p.m. standard, 8 p.m., daylight.

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Court Bans Threatened Plane Strike

NEW YORK (UP)—A federal court restraining order has banned a threatened strike by the Transport Workers Union against Pan American World Airways at least until next Monday night.

The TWU, which represents about 8,000 ground and cabin crew personnel on the airline, had threatened to go on strike at midnight Friday.

Federal Judge Walter Bruchhausen, sitting in Brooklyn, granted Pan Am the restraining order it sought. He set a hearing for Thursday on a preliminary injunction against a strike.

The TWU contract with the nation's largest overseas carrier expired May 31, but members continued on the job while negotiations went on. The union charged last week that Pan Am was stalling in the negotiations.

Pan Am's vice president for industrial relations, E. M. Goulard, denied the charge and replied that the airline had offered the TWU wage increases and other benefits comparable to those in an agreement between the TWU and American Airlines concluded last week.

Bruchhausen's order also prohibited slowdowns by the TWU.

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3-Year Pact Ends Nuclear Boat Strike

GROTON, Conn. (AP)—Construction of 11 nuclear submarines resumed Wednesday as production workers at General Dynamics' Electric Boat Division returned to their jobs after a 13-day strike.

Work had been at a standstill in the sprawling yards of the nation's leading producer of nuclear submarines since the 8,700 workers walked off their jobs July 19 in a dispute that centered on seniority rights in event of layoffs.

After rejecting two previous contract offers, the workers accepted a three-year contract providing 23 cents an hour in wage increases by a 3-1 margin Tuesday.

The agreement was worked out in Washington last Friday after Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg intervened in the dispute.

76,000 Man-Hours

The company estimated the strike cost 76,000 man-hours of production. It also forced postponement of the Aug. 4 launching of the Polaris submarine Alexander Hamilton. A new date must still be set.

The Navy was deeply concerned about the strike, and some of that concern spread to Congress, where requests were made for a quick settlement.

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