

Nuclear Ship Sails On Maiden Voyage

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ABOARD NUCLEAR SHIP SAVANNAH—This 22,000-ton vessel—the world's first known atomic-powered merchant ship—shoved off Monday on a maiden voyage which signaled the opening of a new era in commercial passenger and cargo hauling on the high seas.

The 24-day voyage from historic Yorktown, Va., to Savannah, Ga., also will mark an American advance in the technological race with the Soviet Union. The Soviets have built a nuclear-powered icebreaker, but their plans to enter the nuclear-powered merchant ship field are believed to be still in the blueprint stage.

The Savannah is not expected

to enter regular commercial service for about a year and a half. Meanwhile it will make demonstration trips and possible take on some paying passengers for trips between American ports.

Atomic Energy Commission officials said the vessel is not expected to operate at a profit because it is the first ship of its kind "and costs of such a prototype are necessarily high."

Among passengers aboard the Savannah, Ga., were Georgia Gov. and Mrs. Ernest Vandiver, Rep. and Mrs. G. Elliott Hagan of Georgia, and Mayor and Mrs. Malcom MacLean of Savannah.

The ship was named in honor of the 320-ton sailing vessel with auxiliary steam power that first crossed the Atlantic in

1819 using steam power part of the way.

Earlier Sea Trials

Although the Savannah has undergone previous sea trials, the present trip marks her first excursion to a regular commercial port.

The ship has vast capabilities. With a single fueling of its mammoth atomic furnace, it could cruise for 3½ years, for a distance of 300,000 miles—much farther than the distance between the Earth and the Moon.

It is fueled by 17,000 pounds of uranium oxide, the power equivalent of 90,000 tons of fuel oil.

The ship's designed speed is 20 knots—about 23 statute miles per hour—but she already has done up to 24 knots in trials off Yorktown.

Representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission and the U.S. Maritime Administration of the Department of Commerce were all smiles before sailing time. The two government agencies jointly developed the Savannah, which is operated for the government by States Marine Lines.



(AP Wirephoto)

'It Doesn't Hurt'

Annette Guarcello, 5, was braver than her mother as she received a smallpox vaccination at a New York board of health station in Manhattan Monday. Mom just couldn't look. Annette had been at New York's Idlewild airport when a Canadian smallpox victim, James W. Orr, 14, flew in from Brazil over a week ago. Story Page One.

Fingerprints Found On Robbers' Signs

BOSTON—The discovery of additional fingerprints was disclosed Monday by one of the chief investigators seeking the bandits who took part in the nation's biggest cash robbery in Plymouth last week.

William F. White, chief New England postal inspector, told newsmen the prints were found on road signs used by the robbers to detour traffic while they emptied a mail truck of \$1,551,277.

The prints were sent to FBI headquarters in Washington.

Previous Discovery

Investigators earlier found

fingerprints on at least one of the automobiles used in the precision-planned robbery on Route 3 last Tuesday night.

The money taken represented shipments from Cape Cod banks to the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston.

The biggest previous cash haul in the nation's crime annals was the \$1,218,000 Brink's robbery in January 1960, for which eight men were sentenced to life.

White said investigators are not looking for any specific suspects by name at this stage of the investigation.

"We just don't know, as yet," he said, "who actually was involved in the robbery."

White said investigators at this time can see no connection between the robbery and a man spotted in Buffalo Sunday in a car carrying a revolver, a rifle and a submachine gun.

White said there are indications five men and a young woman were in the team which ambushed the money-carrying mail truck.

Flights Continue

Helicopter flights, meanwhile, continued along Route 3 and surrounding woods. White said the flights were undertaken on the possibility the robbers ducked into woods to cup up the sealed money bags and divided the money before going off in separate directions.

He said the money pouches are of gray canvas with a leather strap at the top and sealed with a lock. Those bags contained smaller money bags with the marking "Federal Reserve Bank of Boston." None have been recovered.

Fire Crews Battle Blazes In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS—Flames engulfed the old eight-story Carson-Union-Nation-May-Stern Building at 12th and Olive Sts. in downtown St. Louis Monday, starting a series of fires that threatened several blocks of the central business district.

Nine firemen were treated at city hospital, most of them for smoke inhalation. Fire Chief James Mullin, who suffered from smoke inhalation, and one other fireman were admitted to the hospital as patients.

The flames quickly spread to the old Post-Dispatch Building across the street, and a stiff wind scattered burning embers over an area of several blocks, starting several other fires.

Blazes were started on the roofs of the Statler-Hilton Hotel, the Scruggs-Vendervoot-Barney department store and the Merchants Mart.

The fires at the Statler and Merchants Mart apparently were controlled quickly.

Postal Union Opens Parley

PORTLAND—Postmaster General J. Edward Day Monday announced a "new look" for 30,000 clerks in the nation's first and second class post offices.

Day addressed the convention of the United Federation of Postal Clerks, AFL-CIO, which opened here Monday.

Day said by Christmas most of the window clerks will be wearing the new uniforms, which will have blue jackets for men and women.

The Post Office now has about 175,000 uniformed employees, including carriers, messengers and guards. The department spent some \$16.4 million on uniforms last year.

The convention runs through the week.

Sunday night, the union's national legislative director, John F. O'Connor, said the union has won Senatorial support in its effort to collect union dues at post offices.

The Post Office Department banned such collections earlier this month.

O'Connor said Sen. Olin Johnson, D-S.C., chairman of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, has taken the matter up with postal officials.

Man, 52, Bitten By King Cobra

MIAMI, Fla.—William E. Haast, owner of the Miami Serpenterium, was reported improving after being bitten by a king cobra Sunday.

The deadly 14-foot reptile struck Haast in full view of 145 persons who were watching him extract the snake's venom at the serpenterium.

Haast, 52, was rushed to Variety Children's Hospital and given massive doses of serum. It was his 79th snake bite but his first by a king cobra.

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Eugene N. Reesley, board chairman of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Assn. and president of the Eli Lilly drug firm, said: "In the emotional atmosphere which surrounds drugs today, there will undoubtedly be pressure from some for hastily conceived action which could produce more harm than good."

Committee Okays Stiff Drug Controls

WASHINGTON—The Senate Judiciary Committee Monday unanimously approved legislation designed to make sure that the drug Americans buy will be safe and effective.

The 15-member committee, reconsidering a bill written before baby-deforming thalidomide swept Europe, voted to give President Kennedy practically everything he asked in the way of stiffer drug legislation, an administration aide said.

If approved by Congress, the committee's bill would subject drug manufacturers to the tightest federal regulation imposed on any industry.

Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., whose earlier reform proposals had been sharply revised by the same committee, called the bill a "very good measure."

The legislation would apply both to new drugs and those already on druggists' shelves. A drug already on the market could be withdrawn after a hearing for a variety of reasons, including lack of substantial evidence that it works as advertised.

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'Swim Along With JFK' Puts Agents in Mild Shock

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LOS ANGELES—President Kennedy, weekending here, decided to take a swim in the Pacific—and was almost swamped by a throng of 1,000 admirers.

The scene was reminiscent of Coney Island on a muggy

Fourth of July. The Secret Service, to a man, was in a mild state of shock.

Bystanders walked into the sea fully clothed as the President strode into the ocean in front of the Santa Monica beach home of his brother-in-law, Peter Lawford.

Film stars Doris Day, Janet Leigh and a bikini-clad Sue Lyon (the film's "Lolita") watched the President's swimming jaunt, but weren't in the presidential party and stayed clear of the mob scene which ensued.

It started when the President, apparently without any prior warning to his security guards, emerged from Lawford's beachfront home and set out for the surf 100 yards across the sand.

The house fronts on a public beach at nearby Santa Monica. Some 100 bathers, who had been waiting for hours for just such an appearance, let out a wild cheer.

The cheers brought other bathers from out of the sand, from under blankets, from everywhere. They closed in on the smiling chief executive, many trying to shake his hand. Affably, he obliged for many.

He dived under a big breaker. Most of the throng followed him in—including one fully dressed woman and one fully dressed news photographer.

For 15 minutes he swam vigorously. The crowd swam with him. The Secret Service, late in catching up, watched helplessly on the beach.

The guards didn't breathe easily until a hastily summoned life guard patrol boat cruised up near the swimming President.

As he emerged from the water, the mob scene was repeated. By this time there were 1,000 persons there.

It was a climax to a day of relaxation for the President. A rocking chair was delivered to the Lawford home just before his arrival. Mostly, the President just sat around the pool. Occasionally he got up to toss a football with Lawford.

It also was a day of good home cooking and plenty of it. Mrs. Delia Bradley, the Lawford's Negro cook, said the President had second helpings of creamed chicken en deluxe on rice rings, vichyssoise soup, hot fudge sundaes, plus an added bit of Polish ham and Boston baked beans.

Earlier the President attended Mass at the nearby Church of the Good Shepherd. Usher Larry McHugh said the President dropped a \$100 bill in the collection box.

"Even in Beverly Hills," said McHugh, "this is noticed."

(Picture, Page One)

New Rocket To Be Built For Pentagon

WASHINGTON—The Defense Department Monday ordered development of a new space booster rocket believed to be twice as powerful as those used by Russia to orbit its cosmonauts.

The department said it would be able to carry out "a wide range of manned and unmanned space missions during this decade."

The booster is called Titan III. Martin-Marietta Corp. was named as prime contractor for the "workhorse" launch vehicle. Development work is expected to cost between \$500 million and \$1 billion.

Officials Hail New Route

PACKER'S MEADOW, Idaho—State and federal officials hailed the Lewis and Clark Highway Sunday as a great economic achievement for Idaho, Montana and the Pacific Northwest at dedication ceremonies attended by 4,500 persons.

Gov. Robert E. Smylie of Idaho and Gov. Tim Babcock of Montana sawed a log to climax the ceremonies in a wilderness meadow, a mile from the Idaho-Montana border at Lolo Pass.

The still unfinished shortcut route from Missoula, Mont., to Lewiston, Idaho, opens a new transcontinental route, followed more than 150 years ago by the explorers William Clark and Meriwether Lewis.

Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., and 10 other speakers sketched the history of the highway and paid tribute to those whose efforts made the road a reality.

Other speakers included Edward Cliff, chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C.; Baird M. French, U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, Portland, Ore.; and Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho. A 50-man Portland delegation attended.

Airman Survives 200-Foot Fall

PORTLAND—A Portland-based airman survived a 200-foot fall down a cliff on Larch Mountain here Sunday and was pulled to safety by two companions.

Airman 4th Class Raymond R. Iverson, 20, Janesville, Wis., suffered minor injuries when he fell as he reached for a model airplane lodged in the rocks.

Two companions rushed to a nearby ranger station and got a rope.

One lowered himself down the rock face to Iverson who was stranded on a three-foot ledge atop a 500-foot dropoff. The other pulled them to safety.

All three are airman stationed at the Portland Air Base.

Hatfield Visits Roseburg Fair

ROSEBURG—Gov. Mark Hatfield had a busy weekend schedule in connection with the Douglas County Fair.

He was grand marshal of the fair parade Saturday morning, then toured the fairgrounds with his wife and two children and attended an informal lunch at the 4H Club dining room.

Later he complimented Douglas County citizens for their efforts on the annual festivities, then attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new wing of a Roseburg hospital.

He remarked that it seemed odd to him that millions being spent on space exploration could not also be spent on medical research.

Then the governor browsed through the Joseph Land Pioneer Museum before leaving the area.

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Three Cabins Burn At Mt. Hood Resort

GOVERNMENT CAMP—A fire swept through part of this winter resort town on the slopes of Mt. Hood Sunday, burning three cabins to the ground.

Cause of the fire and the value of the destroyed buildings has not been determined. For a time the blaze threatened the Ole Langerud Ski Shop, but it was stopped in time.

No one was injured.

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