

# Mars Drawing Near to Earth, But No Saucers

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(United Press Science Editor)  
New York, March 21 (UP)—The planet Mars is making its closest approach to earth in 10 years, but scientists insist that it's no basis for the new report of flying saucers.

Mars has been making these neighboring visits every so often, and on the current approach the copper-colored planet will be as near as about 44,000,000 miles—just a stone's throw in astronomical distances.

The astronomers pointed out today that on Thursday, March 23, the planet Mars will be directly opposite the sun with earth in the middle. From that date on, the distance between Mars and earth will decrease until about March 28 when the planet of the "Martians" begins its usual retreat into its eccentric orbit.

When the sun-earth-Mars line up in a row, it is called an opposition and the last occurred in 1939. At that time, however, Mars did not approach as close as it will in this opposite. The planet will even be closer in 1954 when only 35,000,000 miles will separate earth and Mars. That is the year when astronomers hope to make some real, scientific observations of Mars.

**Some Oxygen**  
Astronomers seem sure that Mars has an atmosphere, but very little oxygen—not enough to support life as is known on earth. However, "yellow" and "blue" clouds have been observed on the planet. They are so-called because they are picked up by observation through yellow or blue light.

One expert said today that with Mars approaching earth to within 44,000,000 miles and about 123,000,000 of the sun, that the planet's surface temperature might rise as much as 10 degrees. Earth people can now see Mars with no trouble. It rises just as the sun sets, and is brighter than any star in the eastern sky. It also is recognizable by the reddish glow it radiates. The scientists advise observers not to strain their eyes looking for "flying saucers" zooming off the surface of the planet.

# Britain to Dine On U.S. Dried Eggs

Washington, March 21 (UP)—The United States has agreed to sell Great Britain some 1,158,000,000 dried eggs for a net price of only one cent a dozen.

The British technically will put up \$4,000,000 for the eggs—about 4 cents a dozen. But this government will supply \$3,000,000 of this total from funds of the economic cooperation administration.

The eggs represent about one-third of the government's egg board. It originally paid \$40,000,000 for them under the price support program.

### STUDENTS PLAN MEETING

Oregon State college students home for the spring vacation, at a meeting Wednesday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock in room 306 of the Bend high school, will meet with Bend seniors who plan to enroll at O. S. C. next fall. Charlene Dahlin is chairman of the O. S. C. group that will meet with the Bend seniors. She will be assisted by Margey Peak, Ralph Sutton and Doug Hogland.

The students will be invited to attend Senior day at O. S. C., on April 14 and 15.

Dicoumarol, used to prevent blood clotting in human surgery, is found in molded sweet clover.

# Boa Constrictor In Colorado? Yep, It Has Been Seen!

Castle Rock, Colo., March 21 (UP)—Ranchers of this high altitude cattleland were convinced today that a tropical boa constrictor is roaming their rangelands.

One was convinced that the boa, which kills by crushing its victim in its coils, had attacked one of his cows.

The ranchers were pretty certain of how the boa arrived from the tropical jungles to the wild west.

A boa was among several tropical snakes that escaped three years ago when the menagerie trucks of a traveling circus were involved in a collision near here.

No one took time to look for the snakes since it was believed that they couldn't live for more than a couple of days in the sub-zero temperatures and arid conditions of the high plateaus.

But, the ranchers said today, the boa apparently survived.

"How any tropical snake could live at an altitude of close to 7,000 feet is fantastic," said a rancher Norman Smith. "But there definitely is a boa constrictor here and it's on my place."

**Track Seen**  
Smith said he has seen a four-inch wide track in several places on his land. He and his ranch hands tried to follow the marks but couldn't find the snake's hiding place, he said.

Sheriff John Hammond said a road worker told him he saw the constrictor crawling through the sandy loam near where the highway crew was working recently. The road man said the snake was "about six inches in diameter."

The snake drew considerable attention after another rancher, Ed Campbell, reported that one of his cows suffered long gashes in the loose folds of its throat last week.

The gashes, said Campbell, could have been caused by the constrictor.

"I'm not satisfied that it wasn't," he said.

In Denver, zoo superintendent Clyde Hill said it was "unreasonable" that a boa could survive the winters in Colorado. He admitted that "an alligator, also a cold-blooded reptile, can freeze up solid and then thaw out."

# Car-Truck Crash Takes 8 Lives

Rockton, Ill., March 21 (UP)—Eight persons were crushed to death when their swerving automobile crashed head-on into an oil transport truck on a dangerous section of highway known as "death curve."

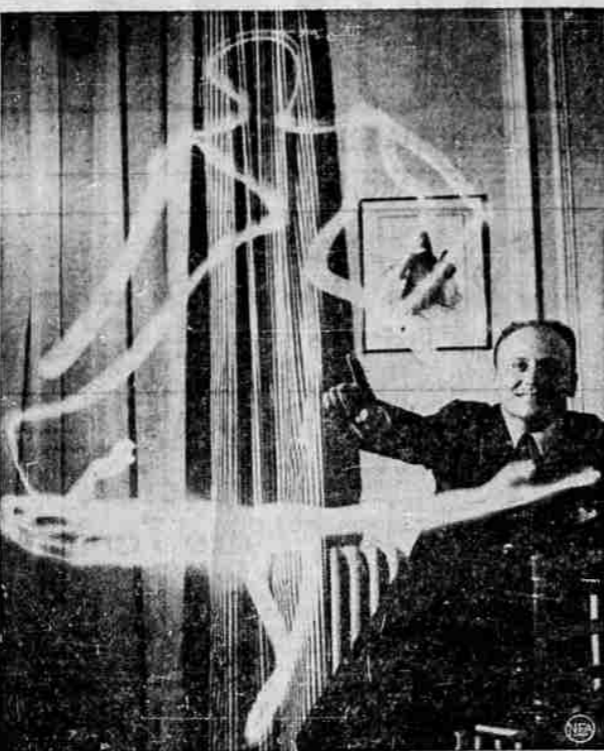
The eight dead, including two small children, were occupants of the automobile. The truck driver escaped serious injury. He was the only one to survive the crash.

Six of the victims died in the wreckage of the automobile which folded up like an accordion underneath the front end of the big truck.

One died while en route by ambulance to a Beloit, Wis., hospital, and another died shortly after arrival at the hospital.

Fire broke out in the wrecked automobile, and the Rockton fire department had to extinguish the flames before rescuers could remove the dead and fatally injured.

The U.S. Bureau of Mines estimates that Wyoming had original coal reserves underground of 620,723,000,000 tons, more than any other state in the union. Only one-tenth of one per cent of Wyoming's reserve has been mined.



**FASHION PREVIEW**—Bound by Paris custom not to show his new spring creations before the accepted release date, designer Pierre Balmain drew this fashion sketch of his new silhouette for Acme photographer Rene Henry. The sketch suggests a nipped-in waist, a short, full skirt and accent on sleeve detail.

# Dr. Milbrath Will Be Speaker

Redmond, March 21—Dr. J. A. Milbrath, plant pathologist from Oregon State college will speak at a meeting of the Central Oregon Potato Growers association to be held in Westminster hall Wednesday, March 22 at 8 p.m.

Dr. Milbrath will show colored slides on potato disease. Rex Warren, specialist with the extension service will discuss potato problems. William Broadhead, director of the marketing administration for Washington and Oregon also will be on hand to discuss PMA and marketing activities.

Ben Davidson, executive secretary of the Oregon potato commission will stress a stronger organization of the local group. He will explain quarantine efforts and the relation of the potato commission and the growers association.

Committeemen and their alternates from Jefferson and Deschutes counties to serve on the potato marketing administration committee will be elected at the meeting. Final appointment will be made by the secretary of agriculture in Washington, D. C.

Men serving in these capacities now are J. F. Short and Herbert Eby, delegate and alternate from Deschutes county and Ed Creech and Jim Brooks from Jefferson county.

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# Foreigners Held By Chinese Reds

Hong Kong, March 21 (UP)—The liner General Gordon left for Japan tonight, prevented by the Chinese communists from going to Shanghai to move out 2,000 foreigners, including 300 Americans.

The American President lines cancelled the Gordon's evacuation mission after the communists at Shanghai refused to permit two landing craft to go up the mine-sown Yangtze river and bring the evacuees to the liner at the river's mouth.

About 100 Shanghai-bound passengers who had been living aboard the Gordon for the last two days disembarked today with their luggage. They were mostly Britons who want to rejoin their families in Shanghai and look after their business interests there.

Then the Gordon, black and empty, backed into mid-harbor and set its course for Yokohama, Japan.

The Shanghai negotiations were carried on between the shipping line and the Chinese communists. American consular officials emphasized that the U.S. government was not a participant.

# Cash for Spruce Budworm Battle In Appropriation

Washington, D. C., March 21 (UP)—The house of representatives Monday appropriated \$750,000 as partial payment for the campaign against the spruce budworm in Oregon and southeast Washington.

Rep. Harris Ellsworth, R., Ore., sent word of the appropriation to W. B. Hangenstein, chief forester of the conservation committee on Douglas fir. It is the only part of a \$4,500,000 deficiency bill approved by the house.

Federal, state and private forces are fighting the infestation which threatens 1,000,000 acres of timber in the two states.

Aerial spraying planned for this year will be the biggest forestry project of its kind in history, Hangenstein said. Areas to be sprayed include Eugene-Oakridge, Roseburg, Mt. Hood national forest, The Willowa mountain area, Heppner, Pendleton, Milton-Freewater and La Grande in Oregon.

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This evening at 6:45, KBND-Don Lee presents the popular "Answer Man" program, also heard at 6:45 on Thursday evenings. "Remember When," with recollections and sports is presented these two evenings at 7 o'clock. Mysterious Traveler is on tonight at 10:15. KBND's popular square dance broadcast from the Blue room of the Pilot Butte inn is scheduled this evening at 7:05, but may be delayed until 7:30. Visitors are welcome to attend the broadcast.

KBND has inaugurated a new afternoon edition of "music by Popular Demand," and this is a half-hour segment 4:30 to 5 Monday through Saturday. Requests for all types of music are taken either by telephone call or card and letter to KBND. The morning edition of "popular demand" music continues at 9:45.

**TONIGHT'S PROGRAM**

5:00—Straight Arrow  
5:30—Bar B Riders  
6:00—Gabriel Heater  
6:15—Cote Serenade  
6:30—Tello-Test  
6:45—The Answer Man  
7:05—Bill Henry News  
7:30—Remember When  
7:45—KBND Square Dance  
8:00—Band Music  
8:15—Count of Monte Cristo  
8:30—Paul Weston Show  
9:00—News  
9:15—Fulton Lewis Jr.  
9:30—Operation Economy  
9:55—Five Minute Final  
10:00—I Love a Mystery  
10:15—Mysterious Traveler  
10:45—Hands For Bonds  
11:00—Sign Off

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

6:00—Variety Show  
6:15—Sunrise Salute  
6:30—Rise and Shine  
6:45—Farm Reporter

# Reserve Officers Meeting Tonight

Final plans for the state convention of the Reserve Officers association, to be held in Bend on May 12 and 13, will be discussed at a meeting of the local group at a dinner tonight at 7 o'clock, at the Pine tavern. Persons unable to attend the dinner are being asked to be present for the business session that will get under way at 8 p.m.

The Bend convention of the Reserve Officers association is being timed to usher in Armed Forces week, to be observed from May 13 to May 20, and will be the most important event scheduled in Oregon for the week, local committees in charge report. Reserve personnel representing all branches of the armed forces are expected here for the May convention.

In 1949, the Reserve Officers association held its state convention in Portland, with a large attendance.

All reserve officers are being asked to attend tonight's meeting. Army, navy, coast guard and marine reserves will be represented.

9:00—News  
9:15—Fulton Lewis Jr.  
9:30—Music and Sports  
10:00—I Love a Mystery  
10:15—Operation—Good Samaritan  
10:30—What Socialism Is Doing To British Freedom  
11:00—Sign Off

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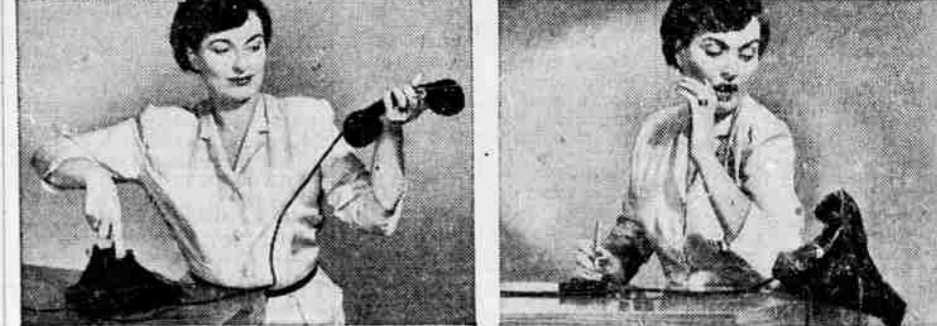
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2. It's built to take it... but your telephone can develop ailments if it's dropped. So make sure the stand it sits on is solid and is in a spot where it won't be accidentally bumped. Other ways to help protect service: Avoid "gadget" attachments for your telephone... keep cords clear of doorways where they may be pinched... and always keep water away from wires and fittings.

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