



Intercontinental Missile May Soon Become Outmoded

Washington —(U.P.)— A U.S. intercontinental missile, which recently made a record-breaking 2,000-mile test flight, already faces relegation to the sidelines by more advanced missiles.

Informed sources disclosed Monday night that the Air Force's Snark, a winged missile powered by a jet engine and having intercontinental range, made the 2,000-mile flight over the Caribbean from a launching point at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

May Stop Snark

Defense officials disclosed, however, that consideration already has been given to stopping production of the Snark because of developments in far more advanced intercontinental ballistic missiles. But for the time being, they said, work will continue on the Snark along with a similar missile known as the Navaho.

The present feeling is that the Snark and Navaho may prove useful as stop-gap weapons until ballistic missiles are developed and possibly prove valuable as supplemental intercontinental weapons.

The Snark is an air-breathing missile which travels within the atmosphere at about 60,000 feet and is believed to fly under the speed of sound. It is, in effect, a pilotless bomber.

Controlled Flight

A ballistic missile would be fired as an artillery shell, travel into outer space and come crashing down on its target at more than twice the speed of sound.

The Snark, built by Northrup Aircraft Co. in California, is believed to have a designed ultimate range of 5,000 miles. Its flight over the Caribbean was made under controlled conditions, the missile being neither fully loaded nor completely under its own guidance system.

It was sent about 1,000 miles down the over-water range, and then turned around by radio control for a 1,000-mile return trip.

No Streetcar Tracks On Hawthorne Bridge

Portland —(U.P.)— Multnomah county commissioners said today they would proceed with original plans for construction of east side approaches to the Hawthorne bridge without including streetcar tracks.

This followed an opinion from Willis A. West, chief civil deputy district attorney, West said the county has neither authority nor statutory duty to provide trackage facilities for the Portland Traction Company on the bridge and that the county also is without legal authority to use county road funds for the construction.

A storm of protest had come from the interurban users when the county first announced that the tracks would be eliminated from the new construction. Some questioned the right of the commissioners to discontinue the runs across the bridge through the remodeling project.

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HOPING TO WIND up work on farm bill in few days, Senate-House conferees continue meetings in Washington. From left, Sen. Spessard Holland, (D), Fla.; Rep. E. C. Gathings, (D), Ark.; Sen. Olin Johnson, (D), S. C.; acting chairman of joint group, Rep. Lifford Hope, (R), Kan.; and Rep Harold Cooley, (D), N. C. (International Soundphoto)

Superintendent of Crater Lake Tells Parks Plan for Buildup

Thomas Williams, superintendent of Crater Lake National park and the Oregon Caves, was guest speaker Monday noon at the Jackson County Chamber Commerce weekly roundtable session in the Jackson hotel.

Williams showed colored slides of numerous scenic and historic areas to illustrate a recorded speech on "Mission 66" by Conrad L. Worth, director of national parks.

Mission 66 is a plan now being considered by Congress to improve and expand the nation's parks to accommodate the increasing number of visitors. It was pointed out that the total of park visitors increased from 21.7 million in 1946 to 50 million in 1955. Eighty million are expected by 1966.

Projects Planned

The program would include such projects as doubling camp ground capacity, improving employees quarters, improving roads and trails and strengthening fire protection.

Worth said the national park service will seek the help of private enterprise in developing more lodging and dining facilities both inside and outside the parks.

He explained that about \$67 million will be needed to start the program and bring parks up to standard. This amount would increase to about \$83 million by 1966, then gradually taper off.

After showing the pictures, Williams said that the department of interior appropriation bill has passed the House of Representatives and items for national parks were left in tact: \$381,500 for Crater.

About \$381,500 of the fund would be used at Crater Lake National park for campground, road, trail and similar improvements.

Among Crater Lake park improvement plans is an underground approach to Memorial, the observatory inside the crater. This observatory would be en-

closed with glass and heat would be provided.

Williams added that most of the work at Crater Lake would be put under contract.

He said that each year about 80 per cent of the total visitors to Crater Lake arrive in July and August. The national park service has been encouraging more off-season use of parks, and Williams stated that an effort is being made locally to encourage more winter use of Crater Lake.

Floridans Hear Kefauver's Views

Fort Pierce, Fla.—(U.P.)—Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver laid his views on segregation before Florida voters today with a bid for their help in proving his claim that a southerner can win the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kefauver flew to Fort Pierce for a civic club talk on the second day of his three-day swing down Florida's populous east coast in his only southern vote-getting contest this year with candidate Adlai Stevenson. He was scheduled to appear later in Lake Worth, West Palm Beach and Miami.

Kefauver plunged into the segregation issue Monday night at Orlando, denouncing sectionalism and party dissension over the racial issue. He said he should not be counted out for the Democratic presidential nomination simply because he is a southerner.

"As a southerner," Kefauver said, "it has often angered me to hear others set us apart from the remainder of the United States . . . because I have from the beginning of my career taken what some refer to as the national viewpoint. I frequently hear I am not acceptable to the south.

"This is political propaganda," he said. (International)



DENYING everything, Keeny Teran, bantamweight boxer, is in Los Angeles jail after mass roundup of dope peddlers. (International)



RESPONSIBILITY for directing America's long range guided missile program has been given to E. V. Murphy, 57, Summit, N. J., by Defense Secretary C. E. Wilson. (International)

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Russians Step Up Rate of Nuclear Test Explosions

Washington —(U.P.)—The Russians are stepping up their rate of nuclear test explosions on the eve of new U.S. H-bomb and atomic tests in the Pacific.

The Atomic Energy Commission disclosed late Monday that the Soviet Union "in recent days has conducted another nuclear test in their current series."

Sixth Announcement It was the sixth U.S. announcement of Soviet weapons tests in the past eight months.

This country will start its most extensive Pacific test program later this month. An ocean area of some 500,000 square miles has been made off limits for unauthorized persons, ships, and planes starting April 20.

The possibility arose that before the spring and early summer are over the two nations will be simultaneously detonating their newest versions of history's most devastating weapons.

Further Evidence The latest AEC announcement of Soviet test explosions followed by a day an Easter declaration by Pope Pius XII that the nuclear weapons race is "suicidal madness."

The announcement was further evidence that the Russians are progressing faster than ever before in their development of new and different kinds of atomic weapons.

Although the United States has reported only six Russian test shots in eight months, there have been many indications from foreign sources that the actual total is considerably greater.

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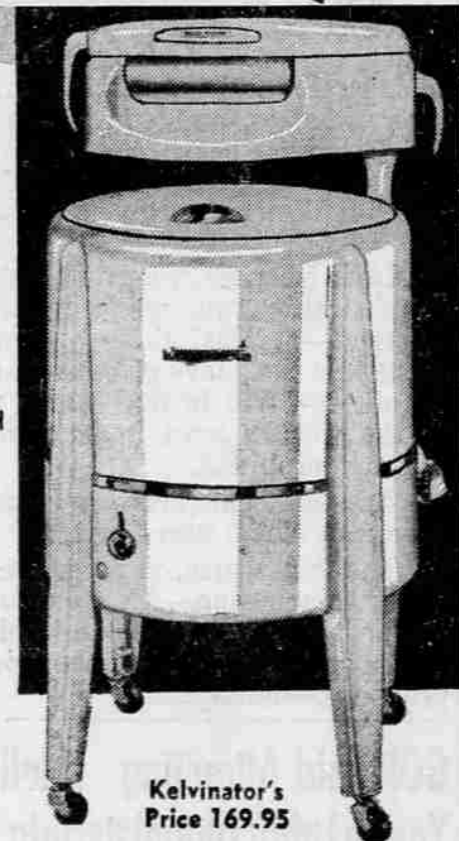
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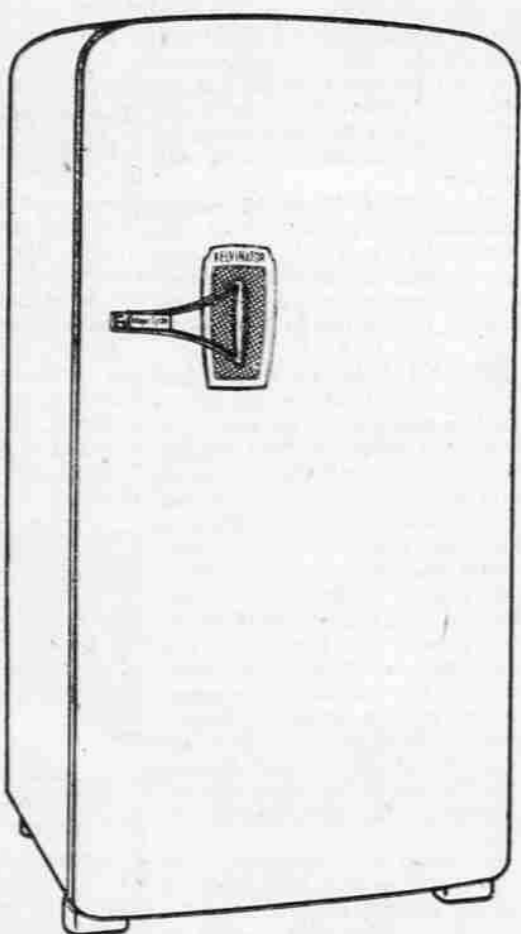


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