

US Defense Pushed to Limit At Secret Rocket Project

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Santa Susana, Calif.—(U.P.)—U.S. defenses are being pushed to the limit of outer space at a secret rocket development project in the mountain fastness of California.

Gigantic rocket engines to power future space ships and intercontinental ballistic missiles are being tested in the Santa Susana Mountains just 35 miles from Los Angeles.

The Air Force and North American Aviation, Inc., cautiously lifted a part of the veil of secrecy Wednesday on the tests conducted by several thousand scientists and technicians at the largest rocket laboratory in North America.

"Modern science and industry are packing enough power into rocket engines to drive missiles from continent to continent and perhaps some day out of the world," the aircraft company said.

Proving Into Space

In deepest secrecy for six years, the scientists have been conducting experiments that may drive missiles out of the Earth's atmosphere and down on targets thousands of miles away from their launching cities. And some day man-made vehicles may be pushed into space.

The testing towers rose to heights of 150 feet and dot three square miles of this isolated mountain and valley retreat. Horrendous noise from the experiment is trapped in the mountain bowl, sparing the ears of the people of Los Angeles and densely populated San Fernando Valley.

Testing installations are being prepared by the scientists to test rocket engines that deliver a stupendous 1,000,000 pounds of thrust. In comparison, the most powerful jet engines in the world today deliver 15,000 to

20,000 pounds of thrust. Small But Powerful

And officially it was learned that other scientists are devising engines no bigger than a small sports car which will generate more horsepower than the total output of Hoover Dam.

Newsmen, 1200 feet away from one of the gigantic firing towers, saw an engine blast out some 150,000 pounds of thrust, three times that of Germany's World War II V2 rocket.

L. L. Waite, North American vice-president, said "the engines are probably the largest in the world. We are not sure what goes on behind the Iron Curtain."

The tremendous scope of the project is indicated by the 30 to 40 firings of each of the rocket stands per month. Reporters saw at least eight stands, anchored

in bed rock. The total number is secret.

Extraordinary safety precautions rival the security measures taken at the vast project. There has been only one serious injury, a man lost a hand, in the years since 1950 when the first firing of a unit larger than a V2 took place.

Appointments Made For County Drives In State Campaigns

Four Jackson county men have been appointed chairmanships of committees supporting political candidates.

Robert R. Dickey, Medford attorney, has been named Jackson county chairman of the Mark Hatfield for Secretary of State committee, state chairman William E. Walsh has announced.

Walsh said that the Hatfield campaign "is meeting with an enthusiastic response throughout the state."

Dickey noted that "it was a group of Jackson county residents who first actively urged Mark Hatfield to announce for this office early last fall." He invited contributions for the campaign.

Robert Root, Medford, has been named Jackson county chairman of the Elmo Smith for Governor committee, R. A. Rawlinson, Salem state chairman, announced.

Root said he will announce names of members of the county committee soon.

Rawlinson said the committee expected to conduct a vigorous statewide drive to keep Elmo Smith as governor.

Back Bob Mautz

William M. McAllister, Medford, and Jean Eberhard, Ashland, have been named Jackson county co-chairman of a committee backing Bob Mautz, Portland, for the Republican national committeeman's post, according to Omar (Slug) Palmer, Portland, committee chairman.

Mautz is a past director of the Portland Better Business Bureau, Oregon State Tuberculosis association, Junior Chamber of Commerce, has served on the Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners and has held appointive office in this state under three Oregon governors. He has served as a precinct committeeman for many years.

Wreck Near Lowell Fatal To Girl, 17

Springfield, Ore.—(U.P.)—A 17-year-old girl was killed and three other young persons were injured yesterday when a car failed to negotiate a curve and rolled over near Lowell, about 18 miles southeast of here, state police reported.

The victim was Wanda Gaines, who was thrown from the car. Injured and taken to a Eugene hospital were Ann Bangness, 15, Springfield and two sailors, Harry M. Smith, 18, and Richard Curtis Mangum, 21, whose home addresses were not immediately available. State police said they did not believe the injured were hurt critically.

4-H Club News

Upper Rogue Club had a monthly meeting Monday evening at the home of Robert Peile. A discussion was held on parasites and diseases of cattle.

Refreshments were served and plans were made for our next meeting May 14 at the home of May and Judy Lee Key. Mary Lee Key, Reporter

Davy Crockett Craze Spreading To Paris

Paris—(U.P.)—Seven-year-old Davy Crocketts are popping up with the crocuses in Paris this spring.

The coonskin cap set has replaced America's two best known prototypes—les cowboys and les gangsters de Chicago—the same way it happened in the United States. Walt Disney's movie of the frontier hero has been playing to packed houses for weeks.

Meat Inspectors In Northeast Oregon

Salem—(U.P.)—The statewide pilot compulsory meat inspection program is now concentrated in Wallowa, Union and Umatilla counties, the State Agriculture Department said today.

Two survey teams are inspecting 12 plants in this area. Each team remains in the plants for three weeks of continuous inspection. Animals passing inspection are stamped "Oregon Department of Agriculture—inspected and passed."

The pilot program was authorized by the 1955 Legislature. Findings of the surveys will not be complete until the Legislature convenes next January.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Both were young, and one was beautiful. And to his eye There was but one beloved face on earth. And that was shining on him. She was his life. The ocean to the river of his thoughts. Which terminated all.

—Byron

A woman inventor is a rarity. There is only one statue in the world erected in honor of a feminine inventor. That is the statue of Marie Harel in The Vimoutiers, France. Marie invented Camembert cheese.

Asking

Queries from clients: Q. Just what is the connection with Monaco and Monte Carlo of the Greek millionaire, Aristotele Onassis? A. The falling receipts of the gambling establishment at Monte Carlo, chief support of Monaco, necessitated financial aid for the principality. So the Casino, the Hotel de Paris, the International Sporting Club and the Beach Club were sold to Onassis. He has put much additional money, accompanied by clever press agency, into the proposition and Monaco seems due to resume its position as one

President Pleased By Peace Proposal

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower expressed great satisfaction yesterday with the preliminary approval of an international agency to carry out his long cherished atoms for peace program.

Ambassador James Wadsworth, deputy U. S. representative to the United Nations who led the 12-nation negotiations on the agency, disclosed the President's feelings after a call at the White House.

The United States, Russia, and 10 other nations yesterday approved a draft charter for the international agency which Mr. Eisenhower first proposed in his historic atoms for peace address to the United Nations in 1953.

Wadsworth predicted that the charter will be ratified by an 84-nation conference which will be held at the U.N. Headquarters in September.



MEETING IN MACON, GA., members of Ku Klux Klan burn fiery crosses, demonstrate against Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation. (International Soundphoto)

DON'T TELEPHONE

Detroit—(U.P.)—A man who looted St. Mark's Evangelical Church made one mistake. During the looting, he decided to telephone an old Army companion in Pittsburgh. The Rev. Edward Drews received a bill for the call a month later and

Chicago—(U.P.)—Fifty-seven prisoners rioted in Cook county jail Wednesday, smashing windows and furniture before guards moved in. called police, who traced the call to the thief.

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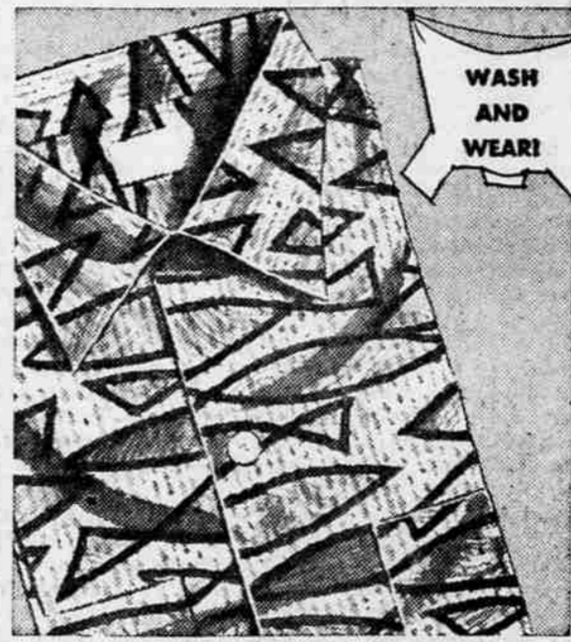


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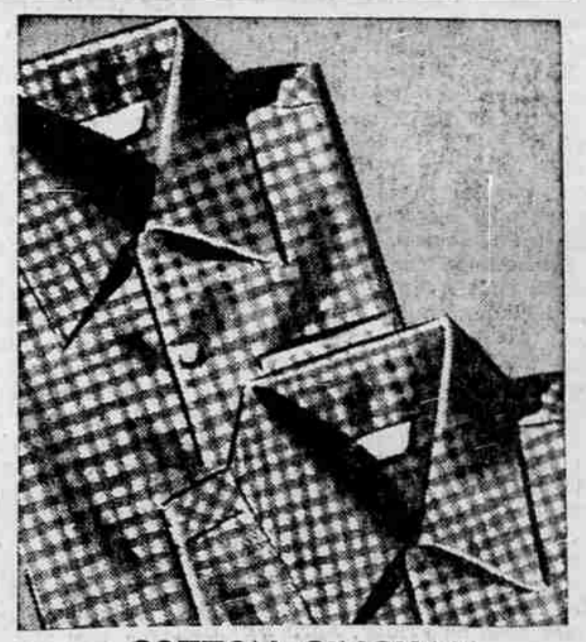


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