



**LIONS INVADE SAN FRANCISCO**—Some 17,000 persons crowded into San Francisco's Cow Palace as 13,000 Lions International delegates settled down to convention business. Here, the crowd listens to Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, the Philippine ambassador to the U. S., call on the Soviet Union to admit foreign observers to its next nuclear bomb tests. Over 40,000 Lions swept in San Francisco to take part in the convention.

## Universe Cooperates As Geophysical Year Officially Begins

Washington — If your radio acts up today or your television set in Hartford, Conn., picks up a San Diego, Calif. program, don't worry. It's just the universe celebrating the birth of IGY.

It may be a headache to you. But the scientists think it's wonderful.

IGY is the abbreviation for International Geophysical Year which officially began at 4 p.m. (PST) Sunday.

During the year—which actually will run until Dec. 31, 1958—some 10,000 scientists at more than 2,000 stations around the world will undertake the greatest study of the earth and its atmosphere ever conducted.

### Greeting From Ike

President Eisenhower issued a special statement wishing IGY scientists of all nations "God-

speed and good luck" in their 18 month endeavors.

The disturbances which might be caused in your radio and television sets result from a huge flare-up in the sun. The solar eruption—one of the greatest ever—set off violent electrical storms Sunday and today in the magnetic field stretching out 10,000 miles from the earth.

A. H. Shapley, vice chairman of the National Academy of Sciences, said the storms also caused a blackout of shortwave radio communications in many parts of the world Sunday and today. He said the communications difficulties were easing and should be over by Tuesday.

**Planes, Ships Alerted**  
Aircraft and ships at sea depend on radio navigation and communications were alerted to take precautionary measures, he said.

Although Shapley regretted the communications trouble, he also was pleased that it came at this time. The flareup occurred two days ago but the effects reached the earth Sunday.

Shapley said "The universe itself cooperated in heralding the beginning" of the Geophysical Year.

The solar eruption, which is big enough to envelop the earth, was first detected by Russian scientists in Moscow and flashed to IGY communications centers all over the world, including the IGY warning agency, in Virginia.

## Lake Being Dragged For Body of Man

Spokane, Wash. — Sheriff's deputies resumed their search Monday at Long Lake, 13 miles north of here, for the body of one of four persons who drowned Sunday afternoon when their boat flipped over.

The bodies of Everett McKimney and his wife, Emily, about 60, of Osburn, Ida., and their 4-year-old granddaughter, Rosemary McKimney, were recovered. Deputies searched until dark Sunday night and resumed the search again today for the body of Rosemary's father, Robert McKimney, 40, of Wallace, Idaho.

Owner and operator of the 16-foot aluminum runabout boat, Leo F. McKimney, 43, Spokane, survived and was in a Spokane hospital this morning.

### NEVER TOO OLD

New York — Margaret Fisher and her older sister, Ann, put up a battle Sunday when two robbers invaded their home. The robbers were able to subdue the sisters and fled with \$800 in cash and jewelry. Margaret is 82, and her sister, 92.

Three American presidents died on July 4. They were John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.

## Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
Ranger-Naturalist

Maj. Gen. Walter J. Muller who saw to it that a minimum of one million gallons of gasoline and oil at all times accompanied General George Patton's mechanized army's sweep through France and Germany in World War II, told me recently: "Armored divisions are good to deliver a massive blow—but, unfortunately, specialized situations almost always arise when mechanized wheeled equipment cannot operate, when soldiers must take to foot and depend upon pack animals to get their fighting equipment up front, often through mud or snow and in mountainous terrain."

Such specialized situations arose on many fronts in World War II. In Italy our army was forced to "requisition" every mule and donkey in sight and hollered for more.

In the Philippines, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright used both mules and horses to stem the Japanese advance while he made his successful retreat down the Bataan peninsula taking a heavy toll of Japanese.

"And what's more, if we have another far-flung war fought in difficult terrain," predicted Gen. Muller, "these same four-footed jeeps may be called up again to serve our fighting forces and save lives. Particularly mules."

Although an "armored specialist" Gen. Muller knows that mules have proved themselves in previous wars.

**Good Company**  
Also, he's in good company. Gen. George Washington was among the first military officers in America to experiment with the mules and sound found that the mule is ideal for peak purposes and much more rugged than the horse. In addition, it can withstand more hardship and work longer hours on less food, is more sure-footed and cautious, and when necessary will subsist on far meaner fare.

More than 30,000 mules served with the American Expeditionary Force in World War I—with around 5,000 killed. In spite of streptococcal, eight-headed transport trucks, tanks, and jeeps of the second world war, almost 10,000 mules served the U.S. overseas.

Mules have what it takes. In today's warfare where screaming shells, rattling gunfire, chattering anti-aircraft fire, screeching dive bombers and thundering jets terrorize horses and drive them crazy, the imperturbable mule keeps plugging along with its 250-pound pack as oblivious of danger as he is of a young recruit's highpitched commands.

Man has bred the mule—a cross between a male donkey and a female horse whose progeny is almost always sterile—since prehistoric times. (A cross between a male horse and a female donkey is a hinny.)

Since Biblical times when the early kings of Israel rode mules into battle, they have served man well in combat. For that matter, they pulled chariots long before horses were brought into the Near East—but I ask you,

## IPC Counsel Charges 'Smear Campaign'

Washington — An Idaho Power Co. spokesman complained Monday that his firm was the victim of an "outrageous smear campaign" in the investigation of fast tax write-off certificates issued for construction of two Hells Canyon dams.

R. P. Parry, company counsel, said Idaho Power officials considered the "case closed" when they cancelled their request and returned the certificates to the Office of Defense Mobilization.

Parry told the House irrigation and reclamation subcommittee that because of the "smear campaign," rejecting the rapid amortization privileges was "the only thing we could do."

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## No Inflationary Threat Seen in Steel Price Hike

Washington — Administration economists do not see a serious inflationary threat in the steel price hike though they wish it had not occurred, it has been learned authoritatively.

Their chief worry over the \$6-a-ton increase put into effect today by U.S. Steel Corp. and other producers is whether it will, by suggesting a general price rise, discourage consumer buying generally. In other words, if the public thinks prices everywhere are going up it may cut down on purchases of many things.

The economists do not think the steel rise will have this effect, nor do they believe it will have a "particularly serious" consequence in pushing a whole range of other prices upward.

This viewpoint was obtained by the United Press from reliable sources as Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey went before the Senate Finance Committee for possible public questioning about the steel hike.

Sen. Albert M. Gore (D-Tenn.) has said he will question Humphrey on the steel price rise. Prior to the announced increase Humphrey told the committee last week only that he hoped the industry would consider the long-range effects of a rise. The secretary has been reported slated for the chairmanship of National Steel Corp. when he leaves the government this summer.

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Investments and Securities	192,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks	146,692.01
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, less depreciation	8,280.95
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,378,064.47</b>
LIABILITIES	
Members' Share Accounts	\$3,058,487.08
Loans in Process	75,908.91
Other Liabilities	1,027.43
Specific Reserves	300.00
General Reserves	\$225,781.26
Undivided Profits	16,559.79
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