

Comet Mrkos Still Visible in Northwest

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Sky-minded earth-dwellers recently experienced a delightful surprise when a second comet within a period of four months was observed in the northwestern sky!

A cable from K. A. Thorne in Copenhagen reports the discovery of a new comet by A. Mrkos. S. M. Laustsen also from Copenhagen gave a second position on this same comet which has been given the number 1957d.

This celestial visitor, reported by Mrkos as third magnitude and by Laustsen as second magnitude, was easily visible to the naked eye. It appeared as a diffuse object with a nucleus or central condensation called the head and a rather short gaseous tail.

Accurate Position

Later cables from Thorne at Copenhagen report that accurate

positions and daily motion of Comet Mrkos (1957d) are being obtained by astronomers Hoeg and Laustsen.

On Aug. 8, the comet had reached first magnitude which indicated that this unexpected visitor was brightening and at that observation was as bright as the brighter stars.

From the Griffith Observatory, Dr. C. H. Clemminshaw reported that, "Airline pilot Peter Cherbak saw a comet five degrees east of the star Castor on July 31 and Aug. 1. Clouds prevented confirmation until Aug. 4." A similar report for Aug. 2 was made by A. V. Shatzel, director of the Adler planetarium.

Many comets are seen each year by people who study the celestial sphere telescopically, but only a small percentage of those so observed become visible to the naked eye. Comet Arend-Roland which was seen during

the latter part of April 1957, people in this part of the world was the first comet visible to since 1910.

Seen in Oregon

On Friday evening, Aug. 9, a number of Oregon residents observed Comet Mrkos shining brightly low in the northwestern sky. On Sunday evening, Aug. 11, the comet was barely discernible to the naked eye, but plainly visible when binoculars were employed.

Comets are unpredictable and it would be difficult to say how long this one may be visible; probably a few days. However, when the moon rises late enough to give no interference, the comet may appear brighter.

To locate this comet look to the northwest about 8:30 p.m. or as soon as it becomes dark. Not far above the horizon and directly beneath the bowl of the Big Dipper shines this unex-

pected celestial guest.

Those who observed Comet Arend-Roland will find this experience helpful when locating Comet Mrkos. It may be necessary to use binoculars.

Comet Mrkos is situated in the part of the sky where the constellations, due to the earth's rotation, seem to encircle the North Star. The Comet, is describing this large arc, will sink beneath the horizon part of the night, but should reappear in the northeastern sky in the hours before dawn.

NEW NATIONAL MONUMENT

Washington — The House Interior Committee Tuesday approved a bill to authorize construction of a new national monument "symbolizing the ideals of Democracy." The monument, which would cost an estimated \$23 million, would be built with funds received in public subscription and donations.



DEFENDS DIO—Anthony J. Doria, who got an \$80,000 "going away" present when he quit the AFL United Auto Workers, is shown as he appeared before the Senate labor racket committee in Washington. Doria pictured his friend, racketeer Johnny Dio, as a man barred by cruel society from attaining his desperate longing to be a respected labor leader.

Ute Indians Claim 1873 Sale Was Gyp

Denver — The Ute Indians say the 3,700,000 acres of Southwestern Colorado they sold the federal government was worth some \$37,500,000—\$37 million more than they were paid in 1873.

The value was put on the land in Denver Tuesday by Ute representatives during the hearings on their claims, and the claims of other Indian nations in western states who say they were gyped on land sales.

They said the "fair market value of the land" was determined by a team of Colorado historians and appraisers, headed by Gerald T. Hart of Denver, a real estate consultant.

Hearing the case are U.S. Indian Claims Commissioners Edgar E. Witt, William M. Holt and Louis O'Marr of Washington, D.C.

'Shasta' Test Again Delayed 24 Hours

Las Vegas, Nev. — Unfavorable winds again today forced the Atomic Energy commission to call another 24-hour delay in the firing of its "Shasta" nuclear device.

It marked a record number of 16 times that the test has been postponed. Scientists rescheduled the shot to be fired from a 500-foot tower for 5 a.m., p.d.t. Thursday.

However, the AEC said it has another device ready to fire and would decide later today whether to go ahead with the "Shasta" test Thursday or trigger the other device instead.

The AEC waited until the last minute to postpone the much-delayed "Shasta" test in hopes that the wind conditions would improve.

Company To Service Northern Defense Line

Point Barrow, Alaska — Operation and maintenance of the DEW line, an outer-edge defense as tough to crack as a block of marble, was given to Federal Electric Corp. by the Air Force in dedication ceremonies here Tuesday.

Brig. Gen. Stanley T. Wray turned the \$500 million project over to FEC representative Fred Farwell, executive vice president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., of which FEC is a field service organization.

The DEW line, constructed under a U.S.-Canada agreement, is a 3,000-mile string of radar stations stretching across the top of North America to warn of approaching enemy aircraft.

POSTAL UNION MEETS

Ottawa — Prime Minister John Diefenbaker today opened the 14th congress of the Universal Postal Union here, the first ever held in Canada. Some 300 delegates from 91 countries packed the Senate chamber of the Parliament building to hear Diefenbaker open the eight-week conference. The delegates, mostly high-ranking postal officials, will meet twice daily.

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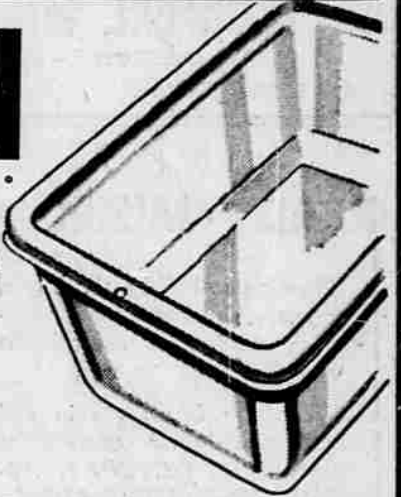
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