

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE PORTENT OF THE MOON

The few who are allowed to know about such things, and are able to understand them, are saying that the launching of so big a satellite signifies that the Soviets are much ahead of this country in the development of rocket missiles. Their being so much ahead cannot be the result of some kind of lucky guess in inventing a gadget. It must be that there is a large body of Soviet scientists, engineering, and production men, plus many highly developed subsidiary industries, all successfully directed and coordinated, and bountifully financed.

In short, the fact that we have lost the race to launch the satellite, means that we are losing the race to produce ballistic missiles. This in turn means that the United States and the Western world may be falling behind in the progress of science and technology.

This is a grim business. It is grim, in my mind at least, not because I think the Soviet have such a lead in the race of armaments that we may soon be at their mercy. Not at all. It is a grim business because a society cannot stand still. If it loses the momentum of its own progress, it will deteriorate and decline, lacking purpose and losing confidence in itself.

The critical question is how we as a people, from the President down, will respond to what is a profound challenge to our cultural values—not to the ideal of the American way of life—but to the way in fact we have been living our life. One response could be to think of it all in terms of propaganda, and to look around for some advice for doing something spectacular to outmatch what the Russians have done. The other response would be to look inward upon ourselves, and to concern ourselves primarily with our own failings, and to be determined not so much to beat the Russians as to cure ourselves.

The question then might be defined in this way: Why is it that in the 12 years that have passed since the end of World War II, the United States which was so far in the lead has been losing its lead to the Russians who at the end of the war were so nearly prostrate? Mr. Khrushchev would say, no doubt, that this is because Communism is superior to capitalism. But that answer really begs the question, which is not why the Soviets have moved ahead so fast but why we, who had moved very fast, have not been moving fast enough. For while our society is undoubtedly progressive, it has not in the post-war years been progressive enough.

I DO NOT pretend to know the whole answer to what is for us and for our future so fateful a question. But I venture to think that even now we can discern certain trends that since the World War have appeared in American life and must be taken into account.

We must put first, I think, the enormous prosperity in which, as the politicians have put it to the voters, the private standard of life is paramount as against the public standard of life. By the public standard of life I mean such necessities as defense, education, science, technology, the arts. Our people have been led to believe in the enormous fallacy that the highest purpose of the American social order is to multiply the enjoyment of consumer goods. As a result, our public institutions, particularly those having to do with education and research, have been, as compared with the growth of our population, scandalously starved.

WE MUST put second, I think, a general popular disrespect for, and even suspicion of, brains and originality of thought. In other countries, in Germany and in most of Europe and in Russia, it is an honor, universally recognized, to be a professor. Here it is something to put a man on the defensive, requiring him to show that he is not a highbrow and that he is not subversive. What McCarthyism did to the

inner confidence of American scientists and thinkers has constituted one of the great national tragedies of the post-war era. It is impossible to measure the damage. But the damage that was done was very great. It was done in the kind of thinking where the difference between creation and routine lies in the special courage to follow the truth wherever it leads.

WITH prosperity acting as a narcotic, with Philistinism and McCarthyism rampant, our public life has been increasingly doped and without purpose. With the President in a kind of partial retirement, there is no standard raised to which the people can repair. Thus we drift with no one to state our purposes and to make policy, into a chronic disaster like Little Rock. We find ourselves then without a chart in very troubled waters.

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Officers Elected at Junior Hi-Y Meeting

Sandra Kline was elected president of the Junior Class Tri-Hi-Y at a meeting last week at the Medford YMCA.

Other officers are Sandra Maxson, vice president; Danusia Kosecka, secretary; Shirley Lilly, treasurer; Sylvia Baker, Chaplain; and Dewanda Winchell, historian.

The Y conference scheduled in Klamath Falls Oct. 26 was discussed, as were plans for a Halloween project to collect clothes and other articles for World Service. A committee was appointed to organize the latter project.

The club also discussed finding a sponsoring committee of adults which the organization of the club requires. Sponsors act as an advisory committee for the club.

The next meeting of the club is scheduled at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the home of Sylvia Baker, 517 Beatty st., Medford, at which time a name for the club will be decided.

SHADY COVE-TRAIL Dinner Report Is Given

BY EVALYN P. WATSON
Shady Cove-Trail—The HEC of the Shady Cove Grange met at the home of Mrs. Travis Littlefield on Rogue River dr. Wednesday. A report was given on the Harvest Dinner held recently. Plans were completed for the Booster Night to be held by the Grange on Saturday, Oct. 19. The evening will start with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program starting at 8 p.m.

Gail Hannan of Burns, Oregon, niece of Mrs. Ole Hornseth of Shady Cove, is living in Ashland and attending Southern Oregon college. She spends her weekends with the Hornseths in Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Lawson of Palo Alto Calif. are visiting Mrs. Lawson's brother-in-law and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chamberlain of Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clemens of Grants Pass, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley of Shady Cove Tuesday.

Scottie Parrick of Trail has returned home from the Veterans Hospital in Roseburg where he went for a medical check-up.

The regular meeting of Our Lady of Fatima club is scheduled to be held Thursday, Oct. 17, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Carroll Watson of Shady Cove. All members are urged to be present because final plans will be made for the Fall Carnival and Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 2, at the church hall.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Loeffler of Trail are on an extended vacation and are traveling through the New England states.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wright of Oakland, Calif. and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holman of El Monte, Calif. were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Williams of Shady Cove.

Mrs. Katharine Bosworth announced that the Unity Study class will meet in Shady Cove every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Rogue assembly room, at the Fagalde residence. This is affiliated with the Unity School of Christianity at Lees Summit, Mo.

St. Martin's Guild of Shady Cove-Trail met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Loeffler of Trail with Mrs. Bill Massey as hostess. Fifteen were present and Mrs. Gary Monical of Trail is a new member. Discussion was held on money making projects and items that could be made for Christmas sales. A sewing project was held Friday, Oct. 11, at the home of Mrs. A. Myklebye.

Mrs. Cora De Tree of Stirling City, Calif. is visiting her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gusland, and family of Shady Cove.

The next Inquiry class held by St. Martin's will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everard Brown of Shady Cove across from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church. The meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 14. Mrs. Dolf Larson will be hostess.

Try and Stop Me

BY BENNETT CERF

AT THE WHITE HOUSE in 1862, a visitor in search of a political favor soft-soaped President Lincoln by assuring him, "In my state, folks know that two sources can assure them of happiness: God and Abraham Lincoln."

The President smiled frostily and murmured, "Well, you're half right!"

The revival of "King Kong" on television led a Hollywooder to muse, "Wonder what would happen if something like King Kong ever did pop up in this country."

"Stop wondering," counseled Groucho Marx. "He'd be working for a Texas organ grinder."

A henpecked gent threw out his chest about a quarter of an inch and announced, "This morning I definitely laid the law down to my wife." Candor, however, compelled him to add, "She repealed it."

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PHOENIX

Larry Lawrence Improving

Phoenix—Word of the release of Larry Lawrence from the Denver General hospital on Sept. 26 was received from Mrs. Lawrence in a letter to Mrs. Marie Furry, postmaster at Phoenix.

Mrs. Lawrence stated that when Larry started to get better that he improved rapidly. He is still in bed most of the time but walks out into the yard for a short time every day. The cards and money they received from their many friends was deeply appreciated Mrs. Lawrence said.

Mrs. Lawrence is now working at the Gates Rubber Co. She stated that it would be at least Christmas before they could come back to Phoenix. Their present address is 2885 So. Downing, Englewood, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davenport are the parents of a six and three quarter pound baby boy born Oct. 9. They have named him Jefferey Eugene. Mrs. Davenport is the former Gladys Ferns and attended the Phoenix schools. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Mona Ferns.

Marilyn Rose is the name given to the new daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Martin Brown of Bridgeview. The baby weighed seven pounds 13 ounces. Mrs. Brown is the former Mary Lou Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Knight of Medford. She attended Phoenix schools, graduating from Phoenix High in 1950. She later attended the Nazarene college at Nampa, Idaho, where she majored in music.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Judson are expected home this weekend after spending a six-week vacation in Arizona, Texas, and California. Mrs. Judson is a retired school teacher and is a member of the retired teachers' group. They are the parents of Mrs. Henry Hurlbut Jr. and make their home with the Hurlbuts.

BANK RESOURCES UP
Chicago—The combined resources of all United States banks have increased nearly eight billion dollars since June, 1956, according to the Rand McNally International Bankers Directory. The final 1957 edition of the directory showed that bank resources totaled \$249,300,000,000 as of June, 1957. In June, 1956, they amounted to \$241,500,000,000 (B).

The annual fun raising event of the PTSA of the Eagle Point High school this year is to be an auction held at the Eagle Point High school Saturday, Oct. 26. Everett Elrod of Trail will be auctioneer. Some of the teachers have volunteered their personal services in various capacities and these will be auctioned off providing a good deal of fun. Anyone desiring to donate articles of any kind or desiring further information may contact Mrs. Delbert Spain, Trinitry 8-2064 in Shady Cove.

Cartee Wood, son of Mrs. Gary Sullivan of Shady Cove has returned home from the hospital and has recovered sufficiently from his accident to be able to return to school this coming week.

Sunday, October 13, 1957

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Service Rivalry Said Not Needed In Missile Work

Salem—Representative Walter Norblad told the Executive Council of the Oregon Reserve Officers Association here Saturday that competition between the Services in the development and testing of the new "super weapons" is both unnecessary and wasteful.

"Each of the Services has military as well as civilian scientific personnel working on its own particular missile project rather than combining their scientific knowledge and working as one," Norblad said. "Unfortunately they are not even using common testing sites as the Navy does its experimenting at Cape Magu, California; the Army at White Sands, New Mexico, and the Air Force off the southern coast of Florida.

"I have heretofore expressed to the new Secretary of Defense my belief that the entire program would be much farther along if the Services would join in one unified effort. Missile development is unbelievably expensive and a great saving of the taxpayer dollar, as well as results in this field could be achieved by such coordination."

Missing Woman Baffles Officers

Boardman—The mysterious disappearance of a 66-year-old Boardman housewife had Eastern Oregon law enforcement agencies puzzled Friday.

They said no clue had been uncovered as to the whereabouts of Clara Louise Lovette, who disappeared Tuesday afternoon after telling her husband, Jesse, she was "going on a long walk."

Blockhounds brought into the search failed to find a trace of the missing woman. But they sniffed at trails to the edge of

ON THE FIRE
Big Rapids, Mich.—A fire alarm sent the local equipment to a spot where the firefighters found five boys huddled around a fire, roasting hot dogs.

the Columbia river several times. State police at Arlington called on the Coast Guard and Inland Navigation officials to report any unusual happenings or clues along the Columbia.

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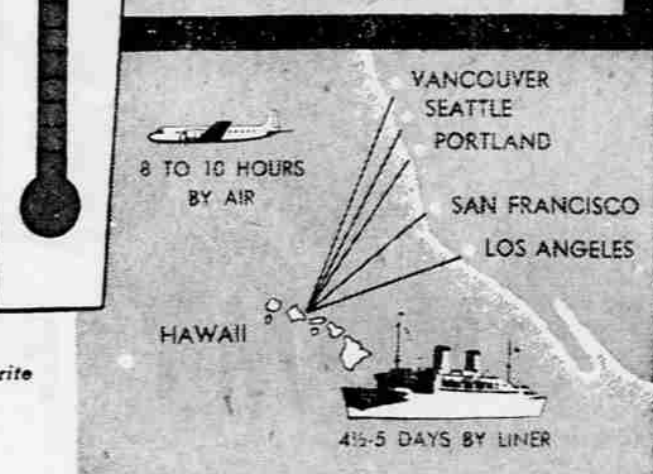
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