

U.S. ROCKET SETS HEIGHT MARK

RESOURCE POOL TALKED



MARKS 40TH YEAR—Eugene K. Ricker, right, manager of Camp White Domiciliary, was honored at a special ceremony yesterday afternoon in recognition of his 40th year of service with the Federal government. The ceremony, held in the Domiciliary theater, was attended by a large number of hospital personnel. Above, assistant manager, Harold Jaffrey, fastens a special "government service" pin to Ricker's lapel. Ricker began his career with the government by enlisting in the National Guard at Washington, D.C., in 1917 and has served continuously since then, in the capacity of supply officer, assistant manager and manager of various posts throughout the United States. Ricker was assigned to Camp White July 5, 1953. A letter from Dr. Sy Francis, medical director for this area, commending Ricker for his record of service, was read at the ceremony.

Ike, Macmillan Discuss Methods Of Cooperation

Aides Directed To Draft Suggestions

Washington — President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan directed their aides today to draft immediate recommendations for pooling British and American resources in developing missiles and atomic energy.

The President and the Prime Minister, flanked by their chief foreign policy advisers and atomic experts, met for 70 minutes this morning in the Cabinet Room of the White House.

A joint statement issued after the meeting, said two special study groups were set up on "nuclear relationship and cooperation" between the United States and Great Britain and the "field of military defense, particularly those problems dealing with missiles and rocketry."

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said that leaders of both nations realized that in some of the fields under discussion legislation might be needed to authorize closer cooperation.

This was an apparent reference to the U. S. Atomic Energy act which prohibits exchanging this country's top nuclear secrets with other nations.

Hagerty said if the American-British discussions indicate a need for action by Congress, the President will submit recommendations to congressional leaders.

The joint statement said the principal aim of the Eisenhower-Macmillan talks was "to study ways in which our two countries can be of greater service to the free world and towards that end, how our joint resources can be pooled and realized to maximum efficiency."

The two study groups are expected to submit recommendations by Friday.

150 Register for Health Meeting

Registration for the Oregon Public Health association's annual two-day meeting at the Jackson county courthouse showed about 150 persons attending from throughout the state at noon today.

Dr. Charles F. Blankenship, regional medical director, U.S. Public Health service, San Francisco, was first speaker at the 10 a.m. general session today. Dr. Jack C. Halderman, chief of the division of general health services, Public Health service, Washington, D.C., led the afternoon session.

The annual banquet, at which the annual OPHA award will be presented, will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Rouse Valley Country club. New officers will also be introduced and distinguished guests recognized.

Topic for the meeting is Atoms and Health.

Sanitariums Elect Officers for Year

Officers were elected Wednesday evening for the Oregon section of the National Association of Sanitariums at their annual business meeting in conjunction with the Oregon Public Health association meeting now in progress.

William Bower, Oregon state board of health, Portland, was installed president. Other officers elected for the year were Irville Reiter, The Dalles, president-elect; Raymond Ruff, Portland, vice president; John Stoner, Eugene, secretary; Al Westfall, Bend, treasurer; and Victor Morgan, Eugene, director.

A discussion of sanitariums problems was held during the meeting.

Electricity From Industry's First Atom Power Plant

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Pleasanton, Calif. — Electricity powered by U.S. private industry's first nuclear power station went "on the line" today at the Vallecitos Atomic Laboratory.

The General Electric Company and Pacific Gas and Electric Company joined forces in producing 5,000 kilowatts of electricity that represented the first commercial use of atomic power in the United States.

The power was produced at General Electric's Vallecitos Laboratory, 40 miles east of San Francisco. Samuel Untermyer II, manager of the GE reactor installation, withdrew the reactor control rods which permitted nuclear generated steam to be fed to PG&E's turbine generator.

What Industry Can Do With 'Peaceful Atom'

The electricity flowed into Pacific Gas and Electric's transmission system covering Northern and Central California.

Norman R. Sutherland, president of PG&E, hailed the feat as an example of "what this nation's private industry can do with the peaceful atom."

"It is the first of a great many nuclear-electric stations the industry is building throughout the nation," he said.

Sutherland said that at present it costs more to produce atomic electricity in America than power from oil, gas or coal and falling water.

"But the ultimate depletion of known deposits of fossil fuels is inevitable," he said. "This project will hasten the day when A-plants become more economical in America."

The Atomic Energy Commission on Aug. 31 issued General Electric power reactor license No. 1 for the "furnace" it built to supply steam to the PG&E's turbine generation installation.

Use As Pilot Primary Purpose

Primary purpose of the Vallecitos project is to use it as a pilot for the 180,000 kilowatt Dresden nuclear power station which General Electric is building near Chicago for the Commonwealth Edison Company.

An association of companies known as the Nuclear Power Group has joined in the Chicago project which will be the largest all-nuclear power station yet scheduled in this country. The privately-financed plant is to be completed in 1960.

Jury Awards Eugene Man Damages in Suit

A circuit court jury returned a verdict at 10:30 p.m. yesterday, awarding Robert L. White, Eugene, a total of \$10,045.15 for special and general damages in a suit against Gerald L. Butler, Medford city patrolman.

White had asked \$50,000 general damages and \$874.65 special damages in a suit that involved an accident of the car he was driving and a Medford city police car driven by Butler.

The accident occurred March 15, 1957, at the intersection of Court and Manzanita sts., Medford, at approximately 9:30 p.m.

According to court records the city police car was traveling south on Court st., when Butler received a call to investigate a disorderly conduct complaint.

The policeman reported that he proceeded with red light on and siren sounding to the intersection where he proceeded through a red traffic light, when the accident occurred.

Reports indicated that White's car was traveling between 10 and 15 miles per hour and the patrol car was traveling at a speed of approximately 30 miles per hour.

Following the accident White denied he was injured, reports showed, and refused a medical examination. He later reported that several days following the accident he was hospitalized at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene for six days suffering from injuries received in the accident.

Robert Duncan, Medford attorney, represented White. Stanley Jones was defense attorney.

No Change Seen in Justice Department

Washington — President Eisenhower's choice of William P. Rogers to succeed Herbert Brownell Jr. as Attorney General portends no change in the Justice Department's firm civil rights policy, informed sources said today.

But the surprise White House announcement had Washington buzzing and speculation as to the possible significance of the shift.

Brownell, who will bow out as the administration's top law enforcement officer around the second week in November, disavowed any political ambitions.

He said he will rejoin his former law firm of Lord, Day and Lord of New York City.

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Bing Crosby Marries Actress Kathy Grant

Las Vegas, Nev. — Bing Crosby was married today to 23-year-old Kathy Grant at St. Anne's Catholic church.

Crosby has been a widower since the death of his wife, Dixie five years ago, and Miss Grant is a Texas-born actress.

Eniwetok Firing May Have Reached 1,000 Miles High

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PUTS AWAY BROOM—Cecil Morgan, left, who has been Medford's only full-time street sweeper for nearly 10 years, will no longer be seen pushing his two-wheeled cart along downtown streets. Morgan recently retired, in accordance with state law, after reaching his 70th birthday. He is shown above getting his last city check from Street Department Foreman L. V. Anderson. Morgan figures he has swept debris from more than 25,000 miles of Medford streets and has worn out 80 brooms since coming to work for the city in January, 1948. He said he has probably found about \$50 in small change on the streets and sidewalks since that time. No replacement will be hired to fill Morgan's position, Anderson said. Instead, one of the regular shop employees will clean downtown streets with a small mechanical sweeper now owned by the city.

Washington — The Air Force may have fired two rockets, instead of just one, to record-breaking altitudes more than 1,000 miles above Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific, it was learned today.

The Air Force officially confirmed Wednesday night that one rocket was launched from a balloon-supported platform 20 miles above Eniwetok Monday. It said the operation was a success.

This was taken to mean that the rocket reached an altitude of 1,000 to 4,000 miles, the goal of operation "Farside."

Today, Air Force sources reported there had been a previous firing of a rocket from a gondola carried aloft by a balloon over Eniwetok within the past two weeks.

May Have Been Failure

It could not immediately be learned whether scientists running the project who now are on the West Coast, regarded this firing as a success.

Other sources said the first rocket zoomed off its platform but its telemetry equipment reportedly failed to function properly.

Precisely how high the slender multi-stage missile probed into the unknown won't be determined until calculations are completed, possibly Friday. But Air Force scientists believe it soared 1,000 to 4,000 miles or more, easily out-distancing Russia's earth satellite or any other known projectile ever sent aloft by man.

To Escape Atmosphere

The rocket, it was disclosed Wednesday night, was triggered Monday by the Air Force operation from a balloon-supported platform 20 miles high over Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific to help it escape the earth's atmosphere.

While a considerable feat, experts said today Farside ranks distinctly below Russia's achievement in hurling a satellite into the orbit around the globe. Neither does it mean necessarily the United States has leaped in front in the race to develop long-range missiles carrying H-bomb warheads.

Data Received Monday

It was expected the rocket would disintegrate along with all its instruments upon reentering the earth's atmosphere. Its fate was not known, however. Meanwhile data from its instruments was radioed to earth in coded "telemetry" messages Monday. This is what scientists are now evaluating on the West Coast.

Thor Missile Launched Successfully in Florida

Washington — The Defense Department announced today that a 1,500-mile range Thor missile was launched successfully today at the test center at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

A defense spokesman said no details of the firing were available immediately, but were expected shortly.

County Receives Check For Beverage Revenue

Karl Janouch, county treasurer, reported that he has received a check for \$9,250.23 from the Oregon department of state which represents the amount due Jackson county of the revenues collected from tax on alcoholic beverages.

Christian Dior, Fashion Czar, Dies

Montecatini, Terme, Italy — Christian Dior, the mild-mannered fashion czar whose merest whim could change hemlines for ten million women died of a heart attack shortly before midnight Wednesday night.

The 52-year-old bachelor rose to his greatest fame shortly after the war when he unveiled the long-skirted "new look" that substituted what he called the "peacetime grace and charm of a woman in a long skirt" for the knee-length dresses of World War II.

New Switchboard Is Ready at Courthouse

Jackson county offices switch over to a centralized telephone system at 6 a.m. Friday.

Installation of a Jackson county PBX and an increase in the number of telephones in county offices should mean substantially better service for callers," according to Pacific Telephone Company Manager Jack Creager.

New telephone number for all

Several Shots Are Fired to Apprehend Man After Chase

Several shots were fired by Sheriff's Deputy Joe Walsh and Medford Policeman Jack Sanders Wednesday evening after a chase by sheriff's officers in an attempt to capture Lowell Allen Bish, 32, of Medford, who escaped from the state hospital in Salem recently.

The chase ended at the XY ranch in the Little Switzerland area near Roxy Ann butte, where Bish got out of his car and escaped. Authorities were unable to locate him because of darkness.

The chase started when Ashland officials notified Medford police Bish was traveling toward Medford about 4:30 p.m. yesterday. Walsh, who was at the police station when the report was received, and Sanders, who was also at the station, left to intercept Bish en route.

Trained on to Road

Bish was trailed onto the road to Little Switzerland area, where he jumped from the car. Officers fired several shots into the ground behind Bish, who was carrying a rifle, according to authorities.

Darkness hindered the officers from locating Bish in the area, they said. Bish's car was towed from the Roxy Ann area to a local garage by county authorities, deputies said.

This is the third time Bish has escaped from the hospital, deputies said. On one previous occasion law enforcement officers fired 12 shots at Bish's car tires to apprehend him after he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a warrant by a state police officer.

Final Steps Being Taken to Drive Bats From Rafters, Shaft in Local Hospital

Final steps are being taken today to drive bats away from Sacred Heart hospital.

Latest repellent chemicals are being used by a local exterminating service to keep the bats out from under the hospital rafters.

The mouse-like winged animals became a problem about a month ago when they managed to swoop down through the elevator shaft and glided throughout the hospital rooms and in one incident even entering surgery.

Sisters there were able to kill a number with brooms, but they persisted until the elevator shaft was sealed off at the top.

The exterminators burned sulphur candles hoping the fumes would drive them away then held conferences with the Jackson county extension agents. Now Benzene Hexachloride will be used in hopes the Halloween-like animals will leave their new-found roost.

"We try to drive them away

instead of kill them," a representative of the exterminating firm said. "Since we realize that they are beneficial in their insect hunting."

Southern Oregon college at Ashland also had trouble with bats not long ago when the animals started roosting behind a blower in one of the buildings.

Being the size of mice the animals can squeeze through holes about an inch-wide, an exterminator said.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy and mild with rain late tonight and Friday. Low tonight 48. High Friday 60.

Highest Yesterday 62

Lowest this Morning 45

Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today 13

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 6:35 a.m.

Sunset 5:16 p.m.

Moonset 6:30 p.m.

First Quarter Oct. 28

PROMINENT STARS

Sirius, due south 4:43 a.m.

Venus, low in south

Saturn, sets 6:23 p.m.

Jupiter, rises 5:30 a.m.

