



EAGER—Russian readers crowd news stand in Moscow for the latest news of the two big stories of the day: The launching of a second Soviet earth satellite, christened "Muttnik" by the Western world because of its canine passenger; and the dismissal of Marshal Georgi Zhukov from his top Communist Party jobs.

Mysterious Vapor Trail in Washington

Centralia, Wash. — Sightings of a "brilliant white vapor trail which apparently started from the ground and traveled to the right of the moon" were reported today by residents of four neighboring communities and law enforcement officers.

Police said the vapor trail was sighted at 3 a.m. (p.s.t.) by residents of Centralia, Chehalis, Rochester and Grand Mound. Police officers, state patrolmen, and Gus Lindquist, supervisor of the State Training School for Boys at Chehalis, also said they saw the phenomenon.

None of the witnesses reported seeing any object which might have made the vapor trail. Authorities were unable to give any explanation of the phenomenon.

COST OF SLAP

Canandaigua, N.Y. — What is a slap worth? A Supreme Court jury awarded Ralph B. Horandt six cents in his suit against William W. Muar. Horandt claimed Muar slapped him. The judge slapped Muar with \$85 in court costs.

Russia's Dog-Carrying Satellite Seen Over Northern California

San Francisco — Sputnik II, Russia's dog carrying satellite, flashed over northern California between San Francisco and Monterey today shortly before dawn.

The satellite was clearly visible. It alternated between periods as it pursued a course from southwest to northeast. The satellite appeared on schedule at 5:28 a.m. (p.s.t.) and took about three minutes to traverse the sky.

Observers who saw the satellite accompanying Sputnik I said the new satellite was "about as bright."

Today was one of three days the moonlet was to be visible in the San Francisco area. It was first seen Tuesday on the eastern horizon. It passed overhead this morning and Thursday it was expected to be visible low in the west about 5:42 a.m.

Thursday morning may see a "triple feature." Sputnik II will pass overhead, there will be an eclipse of the moon and the Russians may just try to hit the moon with a rocket.

However, Bay area sky watchers may be in for a disappointment. The weatherman issued a

forecast of probable rain for Thursday. Cloudy skies would prevent anyone hereabouts from seeing the spectacular show in the heavens.

But if the skies remain clear, Bay area moonwatchers will watch the old familiar moon Thursday instead of artificial moons.

Walter C. Marion, coordinator of northern California moonwatchers, said that moonwatch teams are aware that the Russians may try to land a rocket on the moon.

"If it is fitted with a nuclear warhead, the flash would be visible," Marion said. "What it will

do to the moon remains to be seen."

An eclipse of the moon will begin in the San Francisco area at 4:45 a.m. The moon will be in total eclipse from 6:12 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. so Bay area residents will miss most of the moon's emergence.

The Lick observatory pointed out that observing conditions here will be "none too good" since the moon will be low in the western sky during most of the eclipse.

Some 50 to 60 observers in Imperial valley of southern California, 500 miles south of

San Francisco, reported sighting the satellite at approximately the same time as a "bright and clear" star crossing the sky.

Another sighting of Sputnik II was reported by the Air Force Rocket Testing station in the Santa Susana mountains, north of Los Angeles, at 5:27

a.m. A spokesman said it was "brighter than the brightest star visible in the heavens at that time." He said that the station tracked the satellite "a little more than two minutes." It was clearly visible over Spokane and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and shone brightly for about two minutes.

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Report To Show U.S. Overseas Bases Must Be Kept Indefinitely

Washington — A top-secret presidential mission, winding up a year-long global study, will report soon that the network of U. S. overseas military bases must be maintained for a long time to come, administration officials disclosed today.

The special report will state, however, that some changes may be necessary in the operation of U. S. defense outposts. It will recommend new uses of some existing bases, a shift in personnel at others and a reduction in the acreage of some, informants said.

The report is expected to be

submitted to President Eisenhower in about two weeks.

May Send IRBMs to Europe

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, reflecting the forthcoming recommendations, told a news conference Tuesday that "it would be desirable" to station intermediate range ballistic missiles (IRBM) at European sites. This is one way the primary mission of some foreign bases might change in the years ahead.

The United States does not yet have an operational IRBM but is testing two, the Air Force Thor and the Army Jupiter. The IRBMs have an effective range of 1,500 miles, compared with 5,000 miles for an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

Both this country and Russia possess ICBMs but only Russia claims to have one ready for tactical use.

Defense officials say IRBMs stationed in Europe close to Russia would counter any lead the Soviets might have in developing an intercontinental missile.

Studying Possible Moves

Dulles also said the United States was giving active study to establishing a nuclear weapons stockpile in Western Europe where it would be readily available in case of attack.

Dulles rejected Russian leader Nikita Khrushchev's claim that long-range missile developments have made U.S. bases overseas obsolete.

A survey report on American bases is being prepared for the president by Frank C. Nash, former assistant secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Nash began visiting American bases in the Caribbean in April, traveled to the Far East in May, and then toured European and North African bases in June and early July.

Sputnik II Code Declared Broken

Alamogordo, N.M. — A ranking Air Force officer disclosed today that a special scientific team at the Air Force Missile Development Center has succeeded in "breaking" the Russian code signals for Sputnik II.

The announcement, in the form of a "leak" to local newsmen, said the signals "now are being monitored, interpreted and analyzed by the center's scientific staff."

He indicated the information being transmitted was "very basic" in nature to the type of research the U. S. Air Force has conducted with respect to obtaining upper air data.

One type of information being received by radio signal concerned the heartbeat of the dog orbiting in Sputnik II, "as well as other physiological data."

Oregonians 'See' Objects in Sky

Portland — As soon as it got dark Tuesday night hundreds of Oregonians started watching the skies for strange signs and portents and the longer they watched the more tired their eyes became. Soon they were seeing things that weren't there and went promptly to the telephone to report them.

Newspaper and police switchboards were busy night long with reports of celestial shenanigans that ranged from brown objects to orange ovals, all apparently inspired by the Russians' two Sputniks and rumors of a Russian attempt to land one of its space objects on the moon. There was a report of a Buck Rogers-like space ship casting an orange glow over McMinnville, a green glow over the western horizon, a blue object flying from west to southeast, and a brown ball with spokes about to collide with the moon. One man was sure he saw Sputnik's pup falling out the stratosphere.

Police and sheriff's departments around the state patiently recorded and checked out each of the reports and subsequently labelled them all without foundation.

Jack Lowe, Portland civil defense director, put it simply: "People are imagining things."

He said that "if anything of any significance had occurred anywhere in the United States, we would be alerted immediately."

LONG BEDS

Lafayette, Ind. — Purdue university has come up with the answer to at least one of the problems of its taller male students, including some basketball players. The beds in the spacious new dormitories are seven feet long.

OLD ANCHOR

Rye, N.H. — On the ocean floor six miles off here, 17-year-old skin diver Joan Paris discovered a 750-pound anchor believed to be more than a century old.



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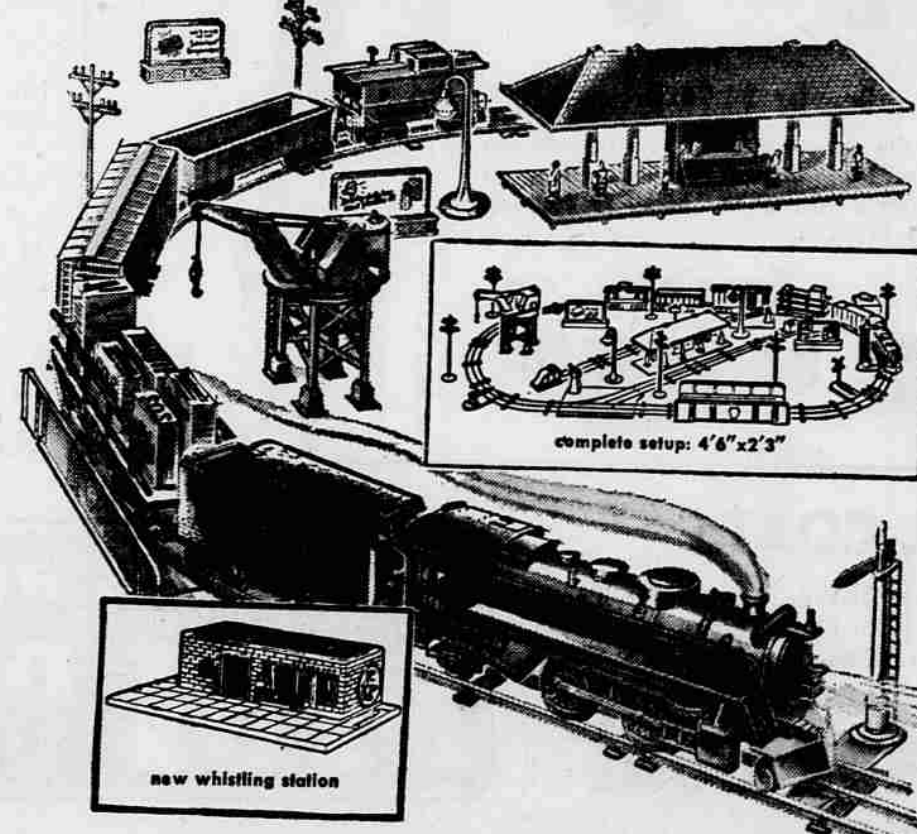
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