

Peanut Financing Blamed for Defeat by United States in Satellite Race

Editor's note: Why was the United States beaten on getting a satellite into space? Are we badly behind on military missiles? The following analysis is written by a UP correspondent who has been covering the American aviation and military scene for more than 10 years.

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Washington — We lag on satellites by default. We have financed our own program with peanuts.

We obviously underestimated or failed to understand Russian progress and did not appreciate the psychological-political effects a Sputnik would have.

It would be hard to prove from that, however, that we lag in military rockets—that is, ballistic missiles and other weapons—although we are in a neck and neck race in which either side can lead ahead temporarily.

Experts do not think the country can be lapped while spending the kind of money this country is putting into missiles.

Low Voltage Project.
Though the U.S. program was announced with great fanfare it has been a low voltage project. It has not been allowed to interfere with the missile, particularly ballistic missile, program. It is not a military project as Russia's must be. For example, the Vanguard rocket thrust is 27,000 pounds. The Air Force has just abandoned the Navajo intercontinental missile which had a booster with 225,000 pounds of thrust and would have had 450,000 pounds in production version.

Russia Has Power
Sputnik shows that the Russians have the rocket power required for an intercontinental ballistic missile. While the government does not know, apparently, it is assuming that Russia also can guide and control an ICBM and knows how to get one back through the atmosphere without evaporating.

All this does not show that

STRONGER TIES
Paris — A transatlantic telephone cable will be laid between France and Canada in 1959 and put into service by the end of that year, the French government announced today. An agreement signed last July included West Germany as a signatory. The cable is designed to improve telephone service—currently by radio—between the two European countries and North America.

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Russia has leaped ahead of the United States in the field of military missiles. The object of virtually all American weapons effort is to be able to deliver nuclear warheads on targets and, more broadly, thereby to be able to prevent war by keeping Russia aware she would be destroyed if she started one. Military men do not think our position has changed.

The purpose of a military rocket is to carry a warhead the distance we want it to go and do it accurately. That kind of rocket power we have now. The same kind of power, used in newly-tailored vehicles can launch Sputniks if the government decides to do so.

Concentrated Program
Since World War II Russia obviously has had a concentrated

scientific program aimed at surpassing the United States in modern weapons. She has on other occasions demonstrated spectacular advances, notably her Bison bomber, much earlier than expected. During the post war period, the United States

had stops and starts in its military program.

Answers had to be found, and to a large degree have been found, to the snorkel submarine. Defenses had to be devised against jet-propelled aircraft. Tactical guided missiles and

smaller varieties of ballistic missiles had to be developed. Work had to be started on defenses against long-range ballistic missiles. All that has taken money and scientific manpower.

The Russians, being reasonably certain the United States

would not start a war against them, can afford to drop production or even development of any current weapon and leap on to a far more advanced thing.

Russia Out to Win Race
It seems obvious that the Russians deliberately set out to beat the U.S. satellite into the sky for political and propaganda purposes.

It seems just as obvious that our side, obsessed with the dry scientific nature of the gadget, lacked the imagination to sense the loss of face that would be in-

olved if Russia got there first. The scientists were all fired up, but the hard-headed people who handle the budget thought of the satellite as just a scientific toy with no practical value.

The fact that the Russians put up Sputnik I early in October proves they were out to inflict a defeat on us. Early in the discussions preceding the International Geophysical Year, we told the Russians and other IGY people we hoped to be ready to attempt a satellite launching in October, 1957.

Oregon Population Growth Said Faster Than National Average

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Washington—The latest report of the U.S. Census Bureau gives a reasonably attractive picture of Oregon's population growth.

In a national survey which showed some losing population and others gaining it so rapidly they hardly know how to handle it, Oregon was found to be growing slightly faster than the national average.

The nation's population from April 1, 1950, to July 1, 1956, increased about 11 per cent, said the Census Bureau. Oregon's population for that period went up 13.9 per cent from 1,521,341 to 1,733,000.

Moreover, Oregon's figures were not padded by heavy concentrations of military personnel in the state, as were the figures for some states. The Census Bureau reported about 5,000 servicemen stationed in Oregon, which gave the state a civilian population of 1,728,000.

Probably the more interesting picture in this latest census report is that of the movement of the American people from one state to another, from one region to another. The overall picture, with some exceptions, is one of movement from the interior states located around the edge of the country.

California attracted 1,686,000 persons who migrated from other

states—almost as many as now live in all of Oregon. Florida attracted 791,000. New Jersey attracted 325,000, compared to its interior neighbor Pennsylvania, which lost 279,000 of its residents.

Oregon attracted 76,000 persons from other states. Washington state attracted 75,000. Idaho lost 34,000 to other states. Wyoming lost 13,000 and Montana and New Mexico each lost 1,000 of their residents.

New England and the southern Atlantic coastal states proved the greatest exceptions to this trend. Only Connecticut of the New England states gained new residents. Massachusetts lost 138,000 and Maine lost 60,000.

As a region, the South, led by Arkansas, is losing many of its residents. Besides Florida, only Texas, with a gain of 179,000, attracted more new residents than is lost.

FRENCH PARTY FORMED
Paris — A newly-formed ultra right-wing political party said today its avowed intention is to destroy the present regime in France and guillotine "traitors" if it comes to power. The new party — the 14th in France — is the Revolutionary Patriot Party founded by Jean-Baptiste Biaggi, a turbulent right-winger. Formation of the party means the emergence of an extremist right-wing group which is the direct heir to the various neo-Fascist leagues which plagued political life toward the end of the Third Republic—before the last war broke out.

Migration losses were also suffered through much of the mid-west, by Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. The North central states, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, all gained heavily from migration.

Only 11 states attracted more than the 76,000 persons who came to Oregon in this period. Even New York attracted only half that number. Besides California, Florida, Texas and New Jersey already mentioned as big gainers, they were Arizona (206,000), Colorado (124,000), Maryland (220,000), Michigan (484,000), Illinois (97,000), Indiana (130,000) and Ohio (379,000).

Some Lose Ground
Although many states lost great numbers to more attractive states, only Vermont, West Virginia, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma lost ground in their total population. In the others the continuing high birth rate overcame the losses due to deaths and migration to keep net population figures rising.

Oregon's civilian population in this period changed as follows: 243,000 births plus 76,000 new residents by migration, less 92,000 deaths and 17,000 lost to the armed forces for duty elsewhere.

The census report also illustrated what Sen. Richard L. Neuberger has been talking about when he criticizes the imbalance of military bases in the Pacific coast states. It showed that as against the 5,000 servicemen stationed in Oregon, Washington state has 74,000 and California 414,000.

Bevan Sees Balance of Power Unchanged

Beverly Hills, Calif. — Aneurin Nye Bevan, 60, fiery leader of the leftist faction of the British Labor Party, says the balance of power has not changed despite Russia's recent scientific advances.

The colorful Socialist leader, apparently the certain choice to become foreign minister if the Labor Party sweeps back into power, said at a press conference here Thursday:

"With the Russians possessing new weapons and weapon carriers American cities are now on the front lines. However, British cities have been there for some time. But the balance of power remains. Western allies are capable of inflicting appalling destruction on Russian cities, as they can on ours."

KASPER FACING TRIAL
Knoxville, Tenn. — Deputy U.S. Marshals were ordered Thursday to bring segregationist John Kasper from Washington for a federal court hearing Wednesday. Attorneys for Kasper and six Clinton, Tenn., residents will ask for a new trial. The seven were convicted last July of violating an injunction prohibiting interference with the integration of Clinton High school. Kasper was jailed several weeks ago when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear his appeal on an earlier conviction of violating the injunction.



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Mrs. Ethel Noonan, wife of a Gresham nurseryman, charged the store and Miss Findlay with false arrest on charges of larceny from the store Oct. 15, 1955. The jury heard testimony for four hours before retiring to deliberate. Mrs. Noonan brought suit in Umatilla county grand jury had absolved her of larceny charges.

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