

Failure Humiliating For U. S. Prestige

Amarillo, Tex. — Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson Friday called the U.S. satellite failure at Cape Canaveral "the best publicized and most humiliating failure in our history."

Johnson, speaking at a meeting of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, said, "I shrink a little inside me whenever the U.S. announces a great event and it blows up in our faces."

"Why don't they perfect the satellite and announce it from Cape Canaveral after it is in the sky?" he asked.

Johnson said his senate preparedness committee will want to know what made the Vanguard missile explode on the ground at Cape Canaveral. He said the senate group would request a full report of the incident.

"The satellite affair reminds me of an old friend I knew up in the mountains," Johnson said. "He always did his talking first and his thinking afterwards."

APPLES FOR TEACHERS

Madison, Wis. — State apple growers provided Wisconsin's 13,000 teachers with free apples during a recent state convention to encourage the sale of home-grown apples.

Rocket, Missile Highlights Given In News Of Day

By UNITED PRESS

Gettysburg — President Eisenhower Saturday demanded a fast explanation from the Defense Department of the failure of Friday's attempt to launch a test satellite at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Cape Canaveral — Navy scientists said Saturday they had another rocket ready to shoot but will be unable to make a new attempt to send up a satellite until the cause of Friday's failure is determined.

Paris — The Vanguard fizzle caused fear in Western circles that the United States position as leader of the free world might be endangered. Some groups speculated President Eisenhower now may be forced to attend the NATO Summit Conference in Paris this month.

Washington — Scientists in Washington and Cape Canaveral studied pictures and parts of the exploded rocket and damaged launching pad in a hunt for clues to the cause of the mishap.

China Lake, Calif. — The Navy announced a rocket sled at the China Lake Naval Ordnance Test Station had set a world record speed of 2,575.1 miles per hour recently on a monorail. The old track record was 2,180 miles per hour.

New York — Vice President Richard M. Nixon said Friday night he was disappointed but noted that the Vanguard is not a military weapon and therefore its failure did not affect America's defense power.

Chicago — A check failed to produce evidence that part of Sputnik I's rocket landed in the United States or its territories. Nikita Khrushchev claimed Friday the United States has the fallen rocket's remnants but will not return it.

Red Claim Wrong, Moonwatcher Says

San Francisco — The Chief of Northern California Moonwatchers said Saturday a Moscow Radio claim that the rocket of the first soviet earth satellite fell in Alaska "cannot be considered as factual."

Walter C. Marion said "They (the Russians) have no evidence to go on because we don't have any information. I think they're just fishing for information from us."

Marion, associated with the seismographic laboratory at the University of California, said he believed that "if the rocket had fallen in Alaska or Northern Canada, surely someone would have reported it. I feel the Russian report cannot be considered as factual."

The Moonwatch chief said the last time his team spotted the rocket was on the evening of Nov. 28.



CONTEST WINNERS — Kathleen Classick, 13, on the left in the picture above won the top over-all prize in the DAV amateur talent tournament at Medford High school auditorium Friday night. Winner of the junior division baton twirling contest was Marcia Jo Miller, 6, (center) who is shown getting an award from William H. Manley, Commander of the Department of Oregon, DAV, of Eugene. More than 30 acts were entered in the show.

Irreparable Damage Results From Test

By United Press

Failure of the U.S. Vanguard satellite test caused almost irreparable damage to U.S. prestige abroad and touched off speculation Saturday that President Eisenhower may be forced to attend the NATO "Summit" conference in Paris even against doctors' wishes to counter the setback to America's leadership in the eyes of the world.

America's allies around the world were openly dismayed over the abortive attempt Friday by scientists at Cape Canaveral to put a test moon into space. Moscow propaganda outlets played it straight, apparently convinced that forthright reports on the U.S. failure to match the achievements of Soviet scientists needed no added trimmings.

Western diplomats, American congressmen and the man-in-the-street expressed disappointment. There were strong criticisms of the advance publicity. Failure "Not Surprising" But Western missilemen and scientists pointed out that the test was the first and maintained the failure was not surprising.

Scientists in Britain and Western Europe said they believed the Russians "undoubtedly" had troubles in shooting Sputnik I into an orbit. Every move made at Cape Canaveral was reported to the world, they pointed out, while the Russians said nothing until their satellite was in space last Oct. 4.

Washington dispatches said President Eisenhower was deeply concerned over the abortive test. Eisenhower, from his country home in Gettysburg, Pa., called on the Pentagon for a full and detailed report.

The failure by the U. S. to match the Soviet Sputniks touched off concern over the success of the NATO Summit conference Dec. 16, called to unify allied missile-scientific efforts.

Modern Postal Policy Advocated by Senator In Talk to Publishers

Portland — Senator Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Saturday told a special committee of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association that Congress should adopt a modern postal policy which enumerates the public services to be paid for out of general revenue instead of being charged to mail users through increased postal rates.

Expressing opposition to certain provisions of the mail rate increase bill passed by the House earlier this year and now pending in the Senate, the Oregon legislator complained of poor mail delivery service and said "the present Administration is asking our people to pay more money for less service. It is asking the public to pay a premium for built-in waste and inefficiency."

On Committee

Senator Neuberger is a member of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee which handles postal legislation. He endorsed the effort of that group to develop a modern postal policy, as a preliminary step toward making reasonable rate adjustments.

"I am thoroughly convinced," Neuberger said, "that it will be possible in the next session of Congress to develop a modern postal policy so greatly needed. Once Congress has accomplished this, I feel it will then be in a position to act intelligently and constructively on postal rate increases and other crucial postal matters."

The Senator told the publishers that the House-approved rate bill, which calls for 4-cent letters, 7-cent airmail, plus step increases in rates on second and third class mail, is based on the theory that the Post Office is a public utility. He challenged the philosophy

that the Post Office is a business instead of a public service.

Pointing out that all government departments and bureaus cost money to operate, he argued: "There is no valid reason why the Post Office should be singled out for operation at a profit, while all the others incur large deficits which amount to many billions of dollars."

Warns Publishers

Senator Neuberger warned the publishers: "If second class mail is to be placed on a pay-as-you-go basis, then many publishers of newspapers and magazines would be required to foot the bill for much free and privileged mail, some of which is in direct competition with your industry."

He also attacked the Administration plan of linking pay raises of postal workers with postal rate increases. He declared his support of pay increases for all Federal workers but said they should be considered on their merits and not linked to postal rates paid by the American public.

Senator Neuberger further declared that Federal fees should be designed to provide the maximum service to the people rather than providing a complete offset for the cost of Government; for example, the salary of a Forest Ranger should not be contingent upon the admission fee to our National Parks.

MORE METER REVENUE

Sioux Falls, S.D. — Although the city had fewer parking meters in operation this October, it took in more revenue than for the same month a year ago. In October, 1956, with 417 meters in use, revenue amounted to \$9,045.50. The October, 1957 take, from 415 meters, totaled \$10,341.80.

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