

Temporary Increase In Public Debt Asked

SATELLITE ORBIT TRY MAY FAIL

Scientists Won't Be Surprised if Failure Results

No Official Word Given on Firing

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—Scientists indicated today they will not be surprised if the tiny test satellite to be carried aloft in the Navy's Vanguard rocket fails to orbit. The second launching attempt is expected this week.

There has been no official word on the firing, but there were strong indications it will come this week if weather conditions are favorable. Officials have made it clear to the scores of newsmen and photographers here that there will be no advance notice unless there is an official policy change in Washington.

The Baltimore Evening Sun reported Monday night that this week's satellite attempt would be made with the Army's Jupiter-C missile. There was no indication of this here.

Main reason for the news blackout surrounding the Vanguard is that officials want to avoid another serious blow to the nation's prestige such as resulted from the failure Dec. 6 to orbit an artificial satellite with the Vanguard.

It was emphasized before the December launching that chances of the six-inch test satellite going into orbit 300 miles in the sky were "remote." Still officials evidently feel U.S. prestige suffered from fanfare given the nation's failure to produce a satellite to match Russia's already-orbiting Sputniks.

Navy Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. pointed this up in Washington Monday night when he appealed "to the public and to the information media to lend us every assistance in keeping this test in perspective."

Three Nominated For Academies

Three Jackson county and two Josephine county men have been nominated for service academies, according to Congressman Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.). Service academy selections were made by a special committee in Eugene Jan. 6.

David Spangler, route 1, box 364, Talent, is first alternate for West Point. Michael Wells Travis, 1042 Mt. Pitt ave., Medford, and Stanley Love, box 15, O'Brien were recommended for the Air Force academy. Approved Merchant Marine applicants were Gary Meredith, post office box 94, Cave Junction, and Robert E. Ayres, 26 South Orange st., Medford.

The selection board, appointed by Porter to advise him on academy nominations, convened under the chairmanship of Dr. Robert D. Clark, dean of the college of liberal arts at the university. Other members of the committee are Dr. Elmo Stevenson, Ashland, president of Southern Oregon college; Dr. Wesley Nicholson, minister of the First Congregational church of Eugene; Dr. Robert Campbell, assistant professor of economics at the University of Oregon and a graduate of the Merchant Marine academy; and Donald Farr, former mayor of Coquille and current president of the Oregon Retail Distributor's association. Keith D. Skelton, Eugene, district representative for Congressman Porter, serves as executive secretary.

Morse Reaffirms Backing Of Holmes for Reelection

Portland—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), late Monday reaffirmed his support of Gov. Robert D. Holmes in his bid for reelection.

Morse telephoned his statement here in answer to a report by a Washington correspondent that a meeting of Oregon's Democratic congressional delegation considered Holmes "weak" on the party ticket.

"As chairman of the recent meeting of the Democrats in Oregon's congressional delegation, I am amused by Oregon newspaper rumor stories concerning that meeting," Morse said. "Let me make

Police Arrest 'Con' Man Who 'Took In' Manv

Robert Meunier, New Brunswick, N.J., is a Canadian youth worker, and an official of a so-called "Canadian Boys Town" was arrested last night by city police.

He was accused of defrauding an innkeeper, and this morning pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$100.

While he is in jail, Medford police officers will attempt to piece together further details of a career which has included extended periods in a number of jails and prisons in both the United States and Canada, a long record as a "confidence" man, and a highly plausible manner which has "taken in" many persons — including members of a Medford church, and many of the students and faculty members of the Medford high school.



ROBERT MEUNIER "Con" Man Arrested

Meunier spoke for classes at the high school yesterday, and at a church the night before — posing as a Canadian Boys Town representative. He was interviewed by the press, and entertained in Medford homes.

Among other things which officers will investigate is what connection, if any, he has with a Canadian "dope smuggling" racket, which he discussed with them in conversations after his arrest at a Medford bus depot last night, just as he was starting to leave town.

His arrest came on the complaint of the Holland hotel, where he had cashed a Canadian check, and then sneaked his belongings out in the middle of the night.

Meunier reportedly arrived in the county Saturday afternoon, having hitched a ride with a logging truck driver, and introduced himself to a Central Point resident as a representative of the Canadian government surveying youth agencies and educational institutions in the United States.

Later he was introduced to a county youth leader who sent him to the YMCA where he mingled with young people at the building and told staff members he had organized a boys' town which now had 8,200 residents. Sunday morning he attended services with one of the Y staff members, and spoke to groups of the First Congregational church of Eugene; Dr. Robert Campbell, assistant professor of economics at the University of Oregon and a graduate of the Merchant Marine academy; and Donald Farr, former mayor of Coquille and current president of the Oregon Retail Distributor's association. Keith D. Skelton, Eugene, district representative for Congressman Porter, serves as executive secretary.

Monday Meunier accompanied a Presbyterian youth to Medford High school where he met faculty members and visited classes. Last night he was a dinner guest in a Medford home, returned to the high school building to observe evening activities and was later taken to the bus depot by a group of students where police picked him up.

Runaway California Youths Caught Here

Two runaway California juveniles were apprehended by state police last night at the same time the mother of one of them called the local police office to report her son a runaway.

An officer brought the two, one 17 years and the other 16, to the station for routine checks while the desk officer was talking with the mother of the 16-year-old in Lincoln, Calif. After the officer finished the conversation, he inquired about the boys, and called the mother right back, police reported.

The boys were taken to the juvenile detention home. Their parents were to pick them up, police said.

Ministers' Meeting Unlikely Before Spring

Washington — Diplomats said today an East-West foreign ministers meeting to prepare for a "summit" conference is unlikely before April or May at the earliest.

Ike Alerted To Expect Opposition To Single Chief

Congressmen Fear Vesting of Power

Washington — Republican legislative leaders told President Eisenhower today to expect some opposition in Congress to any proposal for a single powerful staff chief for the armed services.

Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland said after a White House conference that the leaders told the President congressional objections have been "voiced against vesting too much power in the head of the joint chiefs."

Strong Central Control

The President in his State of the Union message said he was determined to maintain strong central control of the Defense Department and to wipe out interservice bickering. Knowland said he expects the President's detailed proposals to go to Congress "in the not too distant future."

Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force chief of staff, has told Congress the Strategic Air Command "will be going downhill relative to the Soviet threat" two years from now because it was denied \$700 million in the new defense budget.

Knowland said that whether defense spending is increased will depend on intensive committee hearings and on future world developments.

SAC will have "a doubtful situation a year from now for about a year," White also said in a censored transcript of secret testimony given to the Senate preparedness subcommittee.

But the Air Force chief declined to speculate under committee questioning whether failure to keep up production of the nation's No. 1 retaliatory weapon — the hydrogen-bomb carrying B52 — would "imperil" United States security.

B52s 'Very Necessary'

Instead he said the B52s were "very necessary" to provide "additional insurance" while ballistic missiles and the new B58 bombers are still untested.

Adequacy of President Eisenhower's proposed \$39,800,000,000 military budget was to be explored further today by the missile investigators in closed session.

Salem — M. E. Knickerbocker, animal industry head for the State Agriculture Department, and Dr. K. J. Peterson, state veterinarian, have left for a series of meetings in Salt Lake City.

WEATHER: Cloudy with occasional rain tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight 40. High Wednesday 42.

Highest yesterday 44
Lowest this morning 37

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 7:39 a.m.
Sunset 5:03 p.m.
Moonrise Wednesday 3:45 a.m.
New Moon Jan. 19

PROMINENT STARS

The Twins, rising shortly before sunset, will be high overhead at midnight. Procyon, low in east at 6:38 p.m., will be seen in the south well below the Twins at midnight.

"I'll Let You Know What You Ought To Look Into"



Request Would Increase Limit By \$5 Billion

Hike Would Run To June 30, 1959

Washington — Secretary of Treasury Robert B. Anderson today sent Congress a request for a temporary increase of \$5 billion in the public debt limit.

The present limit is \$275 billion.

President Eisenhower, in his budget message to Congress Monday, said the present limit is "too restrictive in view of rising defense expenditures and of the need of more flexibility to permit efficient and economical debt management."

Anderson requested that the temporary increase run from the date it would be signed into law until the end of the next fiscal year, June 30, 1959.

The request compares with the last temporary boost of \$3 billion approved by Congress for fiscal 1957 which ended last June 30, and the \$8 billion temporary boost authorized by Congress for the two years ended June 30, 1956.

The request came at a time when key lawmakers of both parties agreed that the federal government is heading into a new period of red ink spending despite the "balanced" budget sent to Congress Monday by the president.

The public debt, as of today, is \$274,250,766,593.

In the budget message, the president told Congress that the government will end the present fiscal year June 30 with a deficit of nearly \$500 million. But he looked for an upturn in the economy to boost tax revenues high enough to cover this and provide a \$500 million surplus in fiscal year 1959, which starts July 1.

Council Approves SP Agreement

The Medford city council at a special meeting Monday approved an ordinance authorizing Mayor John Snider and City Recorder Darell Huson to sign an agreement with the Southern Pacific railroad on the Eighth st. crossing.

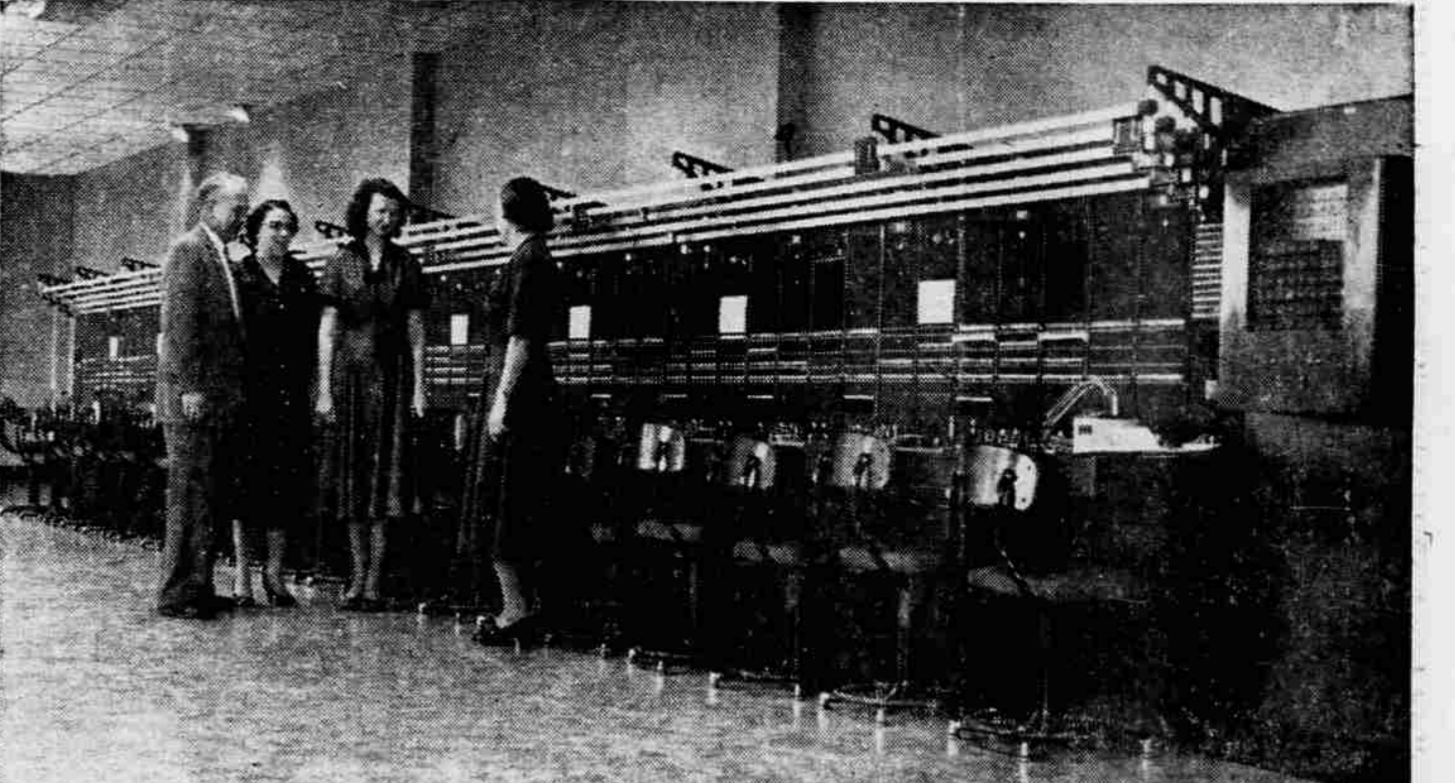
Both the ordinance and agreement were signed immediately by the mayor and city recorder. Veron Thorpe, acting city manager, said he notified the state highway commission of the action by telephone Monday afternoon.

The agreement provides the city with a "perpetual right-of-way" over Southern Pacific property between Front and Fir st. at Eighth st. The agreement also covered the warning devices required by the Public Utilities commission.

M. C. Lininger and Sons, who were awarded the Eighth st. construction contract, said they would start construction of the storm sewer on the one-way couplet late this week.

Dave Beck Fails To Win Trial

Salem — Dave Beck, convicted of grand larceny, was denied a new trial today and Judge George H. Revelle said he would sentence the teamster's president next month.



SWITCHBOARD — This new 18-position long distance switchboard, featuring "push-button" dialing, was put into service yesterday in the recently-enlarged Pacific Telephone and Telegraph building at 502 North Central ave., Medford. The new board will give faster service by allowing the operator to "key-pulse" a call across the country and it is designed to handle future long-distance growth in this area, according to Telephone Company Manager Jack Creager. Present plans call for the addition of 10 more positions in the board by the end of June, and

with the 22 positions in the old board, there will be a total of 50 switchboard positions in use here by the company, Creager said. Looking over the new installation, above, are (left to right) Creager, Barbara Norcross, assistant dial chief operator, Barbara Beadnell, evening chief operator, and Myrta Otterdale, chief operator. To allow the public to view the new unit, as well as other parts of the enlarged building, an open house will be held later this year, Creager said.

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A-Bomb Laden Plane Crash Sans Explosion Told

San Francisco — The San Francisco News said today the air force plane bearing an atom bomb that crashed without causing an atomic explosion was a B29 smash-up at Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, Calif., Aug. 5, 1950.

The air force disclosed Monday that one of its planes bearing a nuclear bomb crashed and burned in the continental United States but caused no atomic explosion.

It refused to say where or when the accident occurred for "security reasons."

The News, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, said today it had pin-pointed the crash from a source that is "an official one which the News trusts."

Seventeen persons were killed and 60 were injured, many of them civilians living in a nearby trailer court, when the B29 crashed.

The B29 had taken off shortly before 11:30 p.m. on a Saturday, less than six weeks after the Korean war began. Official statements later said it was headed for a routine bomb-dropping practice mission over New Mexico.

The News said it was informed that the B29 actually was headed for the Far East.

Brig. Gen. Robert F. Travis, commanding officer of Fairfield-Suisun, was aboard and was killed. The base now bears his name.

An official spokesman at Travis Air Force base declined any immediate comment on the disclosure.

Subdivision Bill To Get More Study

Additional study of the proposed subdivision ordinance for Medford will be made before action is taken.

City commission members yesterday suggested that Lloyd Anderson, planning consultant from the League of Oregon Cities, review the ordinance.

Anderson said he held a brief meeting with several area contractors Monday, and added he would like more time to discuss the proposed ordinance with them to obtain a more workable agreement for both the contractors and the city.

He said he may have the ordinance ready to present to the planning commission meeting in February. If the commission approves it, the ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the city council Feb. 20.

Another informal meeting will be held between the council and the planning commission for more discussion on the proposed ordinance before action is taken.

Salem — Herbert Goodman, Portland dentist, has been appointed to the State Board of Health by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Hospital Proposal To Be Presented to Legion Officials

The proposal to convert Camp White to a veterans hospital will be presented at a meeting of American Legion rehabilitation officers in Phoenix, Ariz., on Jan. 20, according to Eugene Orr, Medford merchant and national Legion rehabilitation officer for Oregon.

The meeting will include rehabilitation officers of 11 western states. Orr said he hopes to get the support of all American Legion representatives attending the meeting.

Approximately 200 people attending a recent stock sale at Mid-Way Auction yard went on record approving the Camp White proposal, according to reports. A large number of the people were buyers from northern California, it was pointed out.

Those backing the Camp White proposal argue that making use of the available facilities at Camp White would save considerable money since a 200-bed hospital is estimated to cost \$20,000 per bed.

Veterans organizations and the Eagle Point Grange are proposing that the Veterans administration establish a 400-bed general medical and surgical hospital at Camp White. About 300 beds would be used for chronic conditions and 100 beds for general medicine and surgical conditions.

This would eliminate construction of a 200-bed hospital once proposed for Klamath Falls, proponents say. Construction of a veterans hospital in the southern Oregon and northern California area is not a new proposal, Orr said, but has been studied since 1947.

However, the central office of the Veterans administration recently mailed a memorandum to the Oregon department of the American Legion stating "such an undertaking is not advisable. This is mainly because of the difficulty which would be experienced in obtaining and retaining professional personnel necessary to maintain the desired standard of care and treatment," according to the VA statement.

"Furthermore, the question of whether the VA should be authorized to establish an additional hospital is one of basic policy involving among other things, consideration of the extent of which the Federal Government should provide facilities for non-service connected conditions."

The report was released following a visit to the domiciliary by a national field representative of the American Legion.

A letter from Charles (Chuck) Huggins, department of Oregon commander, dated

Holmes Reviews Achievements of Year in Office

Salem — Gov. Robert Holmes today marked the end of his first year in office by cutting an anniversary cake and reviewing the year's achievements.

The Governor said he thought the major accomplishments since he was inaugurated last Jan. 14 were: Safe tax reductions, reorganization of several major governmental departments and the stepping up of a state-level program to secure new business and industry for Oregon.

"I am particularly proud," Gov. Holmes said, "that both the Liquor Commission and Tax Commission have been without scandal or rumor of scandal, unprecedented in recent years."

Reorganization Noted

The Governor also noted reorganization of the State Fish Commission, Real Estate Commission, Department of Finance and Administration, Agriculture Department, Unemployment Compensation Commission, Motor Vehicle Department, State Fair Commission, Natural Resources Committee and Board of Pilot Commissioners.

The Governor noted that there were no major disturbances at the state penitentiary or any of the other state institutions during the year and that the state had secured a new superintendent for MacLaren Boys School, Amos Reed.

A regular and a special session of the state legislature approved 60 per cent of the Democratic program, the governor said as he started his second year in office.

December Jobless Figured at 3,374,000

Washington — Unemployment in December climbed to 3,374,000, the highest for any December since 1949, the government reported today.

This also was the greatest number of jobless persons since February, 1950, when there were 4,684,000 unemployed.

Copco Urged To Reduce Small Commercial Rates

Salem — Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan today urged California Oregon Power company to reduce its rates to small commercial users.

Occasion of Morgan's remarks was the announcement of approval of a new contract between Copco and the Reynolds Metals company.

The contract provides for supplying of 65,100 kilowatts of power to the Troutdale aluminum plant near Portland. It was the outgrowth of an exchange agreement with Bonneville Power administration originally negotiated to provide power for the Hanna nickel development at Riddle, near Roseburg.

The power will be supplied under long term agreement through Bonneville facilities starting immediately. It runs until June, 1973.

Careful Study Urged

Morgan said the power company would make about \$1 million dollars a year in revenue from the contract and urged the company to "make a careful study of its rate structure with the special purpose in mind of revising its commercial schedules to provide some relief to the small commercial users."