

Space Committee Asserts Russia Has Widening Lead

Washington - (UPI) - The House Space Committee asserted yesterday that Russia has a 12 to 18 month jump on America in the life-or-death space race and that the gap is widening.

It said it would take the United States five years to catch up, even if an all-out program were begun immediately. It added that despite President Eisenhower's call for a balanced budget, "budget pressures in the short run should not be the primary basis for decisions on space programs which involve the very survival of the nation."

"Outer space is fast becoming the heart and soul of advanced military science," the committee said in its final report for 1958. "It cannot be over-emphasized that the survival of the free world—indeed, all the world—is caught up in the stakes.

'Bold and Dynamic'

"Only a bold and dynamic program employing the total talents and the greatest strength of the United States and its friends is competent to meet a challenge so overwhelming."

Chairman John W. McCormack, the House Democratic leader from Massachusetts, said in an accompanying statement that his committee in the last year has dealt with "events which have recently changed the course of world history and the development of civilization for all time to come."

These changes can not be forestalled, he said, "for the growth of these forces is more powerful than any political government on earth."

No Specific Amount

The committee proposed no specific amount that should be included in the fiscal 1960 budget. It said it sought in its report only to "discuss factors which should shape budget decisions."

In the past the committee has suggested that the budget for the National Space admin-

istration alone should be about a half-billion dollars. Some committee members have proposed more.

In its final report the committee also:

1. Warned against neglecting relatively cheap research programs "to save moderate amounts of money." It said

Atomic Innards For 1960 Flight

Washington - (UPI) - A U. S. satellite with atom-powered radio and instruments is expected to go into orbit some time in 1960, it was learned yesterday.

But it looks as though it will be at least another five years before American satellites or space probes are propelled aloft by nuclear rockets.

One atomic power plant for satellite instruments is scheduled for ground tests this year. It probably will be another year before it is tested in flight.

This project, called Snap I, is being carried out by the Martin Co. of Baltimore and Thompson Products for the Atomic Energy commission. Two other atomic power plants for running space instruments are being developed. They are Snap II and Snap III.

Meanwhile, testing of a ground-based forerunner of nuclear-driven rockets of the future has run into a slight delay at the atomic proving ground in Nevada. This gadget is the Kiwi-A, a flightless mass of machinery designed to test operation of an atomic reactor at the high power and temperature required of a nuclear rocket engine.

Kiwi-A is buttoned up on the test stand. But tests scheduled to start last month have been deferred until next month while Kiwi's plumbing is checked further.

"no amount of money will buy back the time later."

2. Said "the greatest benefits of space development can not even be predicted today." It said the improvement in weather forecasting possible through the use of satellites is expected by itself to save the national economy four billion dollars a year.
3. Called for a "critically needed review of scientific education." It said "American education (has) failed to measure up to the needs of the hour."

Titan Unsuccessful In Pre-Flight Test

Cape Canaveral, Fla. - (UPI) - A cloud of smoke billowed up from the Air Force's first intercontinental Titan yesterday in the second unsuccessful pre-flight test of the nation's most powerful missile.

It was the second static, or "hold-down" test of the Titan, America's second ICBM. But the huge weapon's engine was shut down before it ever developed the full power sought in such tests.

Informed sources said the test was not successful, and that a third test probably would be held before another launching try would be made.

The Air Force tried Dec. 20 to get the first Titan off the ground but a failure believed to be a broken fuel line hose caused an automatic engine cutoff that halted the launching.

PP&L Announces New Facilities; Cost: \$23,500,000

Portland - (UPI) - Pacific Power & Light company announced Saturday the construction of new transmission and distribution facilities for its power system in 1959 will require an expenditure of \$23,500,000.

PP&L President D. R. McClung said the work represents a new high level of construction for normal operation of the company in the five Northwest states in which it has service districts.

During the next five years, he said, PP&L expects to expend 100 million dollars for transmission and distribution improvements to its system.

McClung compared the 1959 activity with the all-time record 60 million dollars expended during the past year, when the company completed three power generating plants having a total of 353,000 kilowatts of capacity.

Completed and in commercial operation the past week were the huge 56 million dollar Swift dam and its 204,000-kilowatt powerhouse on the Lewis River in southwest Washington; a third 45,000-kilowatt generator at the Merwin powerhouse on the same river; and, in Wyoming, a 100,000 kilowatt steam-electric plant dedicated in December.

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Federal Judges Back Integration In Three Cases

Atlanta - (UPI) - A federal judge declared segregation at a Georgia college unconstitutional yesterday, and incoming Gov. Ernest Vandiver asked that enrollment applications for all units of the state university system be suspended.

Vandiver, a 40-year-old lawyer who takes office Tuesday, said he "suggested" to the State Board of Regents that registrars in all units of the university system stop accepting applications "until such time as members of the Board of Regents have had an opportunity to thoroughly study the decision rendered yesterday."

"I urge that the people of Georgia and all of the officials concerned not be stampeded into hasty action," he said in a prepared statement. "The incoming governor and the incoming administration will exhaust every resource of the state to sustain and to uphold Georgia's way of life and her sacred traditions."

Discrimination Practiced

Federal Judge Boyd Sloan ruled that three Negro women trying to break segregation barriers at the Georgia State College of Business Administration here were prevented from enrolling by discriminatory practices. Shortly after his ruling another federal judge ordered Little Rock, Ark., officials to proceed with integration of a closed public school.

The Little Rock school board was ordered by Judge John E. Miller to take "affirmative steps" on its own initiative to integrate Central high school, closed since September over the integration crisis. Board officials declined to say what steps would be taken.

The two cases closed out a week of significant developments in the running civil rights controversy.

"Further Instructions"

Following a ruling by Federal Judge Frank Hooper in Atlanta Friday that local transit segregation was unconstitutional, Negroes announced a mass meeting Tuesday for the purpose of giving "further instructions." The Love, Law and Liberation Movement which had pushed the transit case said the decision meant "that we, as individuals, will ride the buses desegregated."

Speaker Named For Award Event

Orlo Breez west coast representative of the National Association of Manufacturers, will speak at the annual Distinguished Award banquet sponsored by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, Clyde Wheaton, dinner chairman, announced today.

The banquet will be held at the Rogue Valley country club at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday Jan. 28. All those persons wishing tickets may call Charles Henry at Spring 2-5496 or contact any member of the Medford Jaycees. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Nominations for the award closed at midnight Saturday. Several nominations have been received.

The Distinguished Service award is a national Jaycee program. The honor is awarded each year to a young man between 21 to 36 years old who has displayed outstanding leadership in community service. Award recipient last year was Jack Holmes, Lincoln school principal.

Capitol Hill Leaders Confident, Critical On Various Issues

Washington - Democratic congressional leaders, confident they have a mandate from the voters, pressed ahead yesterday with plans for expanding some welfare programs despite the president's call for budget-balancing economy.

The first partisan clash over spending apparently will come over Democratic housing bills to beef up federal outlays for slum clearance. Housing legislation is tentatively scheduled for early action in both House and Senate.

Democrats also plan to launch new programs to give economic aid to depressed areas of chronic unemployment and to help communities build airports. Both measures were approved by the last congress but were vetoed by the President after congress adjourned.

It was too early to tell whether the strong economy stand voiced by the President in his state-of-the-union message might cool the ardor of Democratic liberals for a wide variety of other new spending programs. These include federal aid to education and federal grants to help local communities build public facilities.

Some legislators felt that the heavily Democratic congress would not push for as many new spending programs as seemed probable last month just after the Democrats had scored sweeping election gains.

Washington - The chairmen of the two congressional agriculture committees served notice yesterday they firmly oppose President Eisenhower's State of the Union appeal for sweeping new legislation to cut farm price supports.

Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture committee said, "there seems to be a tendency to beat down prices and I'm not going to be for that. Eisenhower wants to abandon all price supports and leave everything the farmer buys protected."

Chairman Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.) of the House Agriculture committee said the President's comments on the farm problem "sounded as though he would again ask Congress to lower farm supports." That, Cooley said, "would ruin the nation's farmers."

The Chief Executive told Congress in his State of the Union address that he would submit shortly his detailed recommendations for new farm laws to reduce the government's six billion dollar annual outlay for farm price supports and storage of surpluses.

Washington - Chances yesterday appeared good that the heavily Democratic Congress would pass a labor reform bill this year, but not necessarily just what President Eisenhower requested.

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts was out with a flat prediction that the House will approve an anti-rack-teering bill, probably along the lines of the 1958 Kennedy-Ives measure which perished in the last days of the 85th Congress.

The Eisenhower administration was reported drafting a stronger bill, including more enforcement authority for the Labor Department.

In his State of the Union message Friday, Eisenhower outlined in general terms a four-point program to curb labor-management abuses of the type disclosed by the Senate Labor Rackets Committee:

1. "To safeguard workers' funds in union treasuries against misuse of any kind whatsoever."
2. "To protect the rights and freedoms of individual union members, including the basic right to free and secret elections of officers."
3. "To advance true and responsible collective bargaining."
4. "To protect the public and innocent third parties from unfair and coercive practices such as boycotting and blackmail picketing."

Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), rackets committee chairman, agreed in general with Eisenhower's program.

Washington - Southern forces yesterday voiced satisfaction at the size of a first round defeat for anti-filibuster liberals in the Senate's big rules change fight.

Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.) said he felt the margin on the first test vote Friday showed clearly that there was support for the present rules from many parts of the country, and not just the South.

Stennis said he was "greatly encouraged" by the 60-36 margin by which the liberals were beaten, although the vote did not come on the actual question of filibusters themselves.

Used to Stall

The filibuster has been used on occasion in the past by southern forces to stall legislation affecting civil rights.

The first test was a major victory for Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. It came on a proposal by Sens. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.) and Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) for the Senate to reenact all of its old rules except the filibuster rule. Johnson moved to table—and thus kill — the proposal and won handily.

Mild Compromise

Johnson is backing a mild compromise to permit cloture by a two-thirds vote of the Senate membership actually present. Another part would spell out that the Senate's rules continue from session to session without having to be readopted each time.

Washington - Senate Republican Whip Thomas H. Kuchel asserted yesterday that President Eisenhower's civil rights program may be sidetracked unless the Senate amends its anti-filibuster rule.

The Californian conceded that liberal supporters of a major rules change face an uphill fight against the compromise coalition forged by Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. But he said they had not given up hope.

"The civil rights issue is the key to this controversy," Kuchel told United Press International. "If we fail now to amend the rules effectively to prevent filibusters, the very grave roadblocks to the President's recommendations still remain to be overcome."

The bipartisan liberal forces were pinning their hopes mainly on enough pro-civil rights sentiment building up over the week end to sway doubtful senators their way before the next major vote Monday.

The liberal group is pushing a proposal, strongly opposed by Johnson's forces, to let a simple majority of the Senate's membership — or only 50 — cut off debate after 15 days. The present rules require two-thirds of the entire membership.

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