

Polaris Missile Sub Launched; Potential Great

Groton, Conn. — (UPI) — The nation's first Polaris missile submarine, the George Washington, was launched Tuesday. President Eisenhower said it "will add greatly to our ability to preserve the peace."

The destructive potential of the new submarine is so great that the President, in a message read to Treasury Secretary Robert G. Anderson, said "it is my prayerful hope that this ship will be always ready but never used."

The treasury secretary's wife christened the 380-foot, 5,400-ton sub, which will be able to launch its rockets, while submerged, against any enemy military installation from any ocean in the world.

The launching constituted a record for nuclear powered submarines. The George Washington, built by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp., hit the water 14 months after design specifications were approved by the Navy.

Wilfred J. McNeil, assistant secretary of defense who delivered the principal address, said the sub, "with its Polaris missile, is the first naval weapon system to be specifically designed for strategic employment against land targets and adds an entirely new dimension to our naval power . . . Knowing the tremendous destructive potential of the lethal cargoes that will be carried by these submarines, no attacker could hope to escape retribution, even given the advantage of striking the first blow."

The 10th nuclear submarine to be launched in five years, the George Washington will be skippered by Cmdr. James B. Osborn, Stockton, Mo., 41, veteran of six World War II patrols and a missile expert.

20 Groups Added To Compensation

Salem — Employers in over 20 occupational groups newly subject to the Oregon Workmen's Compensation Law must be registered with the Industrial Accident Commission before July 1, the agency warned today.

Effective July 1, an employer whose business involves employment in the following occupations becomes subject to the Workmen's Compensation Law: service stations, garages, auto wrecking yards, junk and scrap dealers, restaurants, lumber loading, tree surgery, fence erection, well digging, machinery installation and dismantling, woodcutting, window cleaning, mechanical amusements, garbage collectors, forest fire fighting, exterior building cleaning, and all land clearing.

Also, if power driven machinery is used, bowling alleys and shops for the repair of cycles, boats and motors are also subject to the law.

An employer engaged in any of these occupations must register with the Commission and either accept or reject the Act prior to July 1. No additional action is required of employers who are now registered with the Commission for the above occupations.

If such an employer neither registers nor files a rejection before July 1, and has a work-

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man injured, he may be liable to reimburse the Industrial Accident Fund for the cost of the claim.

Senator Morse Explains Stand Against Nominations of Clare Booth Luce, Strauss

(Editor's note: Sen. Wayne L. Morse has been widely criticized for the stand he has taken regarding the confirmation of Clare Booth Luce as Ambassador to Brazil and Admiral Lewis Strauss as Secretary of Commerce. In a recent letter to constituents, the senator presented his version of the "battle of the nominations." It follows.)

By SEN. WAYNE L. MORSE
U.S. Senator from Oregon

Under Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, the President is empowered to make appointments to high federal offices, including ambassadorships, "with the advice and consent of the Senate."

Thus, the Senate shares the executive function of making appointments. Under the Constitution, we are compelled to share with the President the responsibility for the quality of people put in these positions, and the kind of job they do. If such a person turns out badly for the nation, it is as much the fault of the Senate for approving him, or her, as it was the fault of the President for making the nomination.

During my service in the Senate, I have applied the four criteria for judging nominations that have developed in the Senate in nearly 170 years of considering nominations. They are: 1) whether the person being considered is of sound mind, morality, and character; 2) whether the individual is loyal to our form of government; 3) whether the person is free from any conflict of private or personal interest with the job to be performed, and 4) whether he is competent to perform the duties of the office in the public interest.

The Luce Nomination

When the nomination of Mrs. Clare Booth Luce to be ambassador to Brazil came before the Senate, it was clear to me, as Chairman of the Latin American Affairs subcommittee of the Senate, that the post called for a career diplomat, not a political patronage appointee. As chairman of this subcommittee, I received much knowledge and information about Brazil as well as other countries south of the border. I became convinced that the appointment would be a major blunder in Latin-American relations.

Although much of the press in Oregon distorted and misrepresented my reasons for opposing her, and ignored my documentation of my charges of her incompetence, my heavy mail from all over the U.S. and from foreign countries, including Brazil and Italy, was overwhelmingly in support of my position. It was claimed by the administration that Mrs. Luce would be welcome in Brazil; but my mail from many substantial, highly educated citizens there, including many in the business world, commended

my opposition to her nomination. The result was that the President finally appointed a very good career diplomat, Mr. John Cabot, for this very important ambassadorial post. Although he should have done so in the first place, the President is to be commended for his final decision. It will strengthen our standing throughout Latin America.

I documented each of my charges against the nomination of Mrs. Luce and now, as more people are studying the Senate debate, I find more and more approval of the unpleasant duty which I performed. I have the satisfaction of knowing that I did not walk out on my responsibility and trust under the advice and consent clause.

The Strauss Nomination

Neither shall I do so when the nomination of Lewis Strauss to be Secretary of Commerce comes before the Senate. From the record made in the hearings on his nomination, I am convinced that he is unqualified to be Secretary of Commerce.

During the long hearings in the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, many examples were brought out and

documented of Mr. Strauss' failure to be honest with Congress and the public on matters of great public concern while he was Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

On point after point, the documentation was made of his evasiveness. He denied ever having seen, for example, a letter from the Attorney General giving a legal opinion on a proposed agreement with Great Britain for exchange of information on uses of atomic energy. Yet it had been in his office for 5½ months, he had presided over a meeting of the Commission at which the opinion had been discussed, and he had signed the letter transmitting the opinion to the Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

Again, he tried to blame a House Committee for "misquoting" him, when the notes of the official reporter showed that he had been quoted exactly.

He continued to defend and advocate the infamous Dixon-Yates contract, even after it had been set aside as having been negotiated under a conflict-of-interest by a consultant for the Budget Bureau who turned out to be an executive of the Dixon-Yates financial house. Strauss demon-

strated in the Dixon-Yates case that he is completely insensitive to the problem of conflict-of-interest in government matters.

In my opinion, putting Mr. Strauss in charge of the Department of Commerce could greatly damage the public interest, and therefore, I shall oppose and vote against his confirmation.



PLANNING EARLY MARRIAGE, according to friends, actress Rhonda Fleming and Felix Postel, millionaire Swiss whom she met at Cannes Film Festival, hold hands at her Hollywood home. Her divorce becomes final June 5.

Wall Street Chatter

New York — (UPI) — Should the threatened steel strike be settled on a non-inflationary basis, the feared third quarter industrial letdown would probably be not only of modest proportions, but the clarification of the business climate would be such as to reinforce the mounting plans for business and equipment expansion, according to barron's.

Joseph E. Granville, analyst for E. F. Hutton & Co., sees the recent 23-year high for a stock exchange seat as an indicator that higher stock prices still lie ahead.

Manufacturers of labor-saving equipment, such as Hewitt-Robins, which produces belt systems for conveying bulk material, should benefit from plant modernization programs, says Hornblower & Weeks.

It is a good guess that the stock market advance will be resumed, probably under different leadership, some time during the next month, says L. O. Hooper of W. E. Hutton & Co. He regards the air lines as one of the groups which should do well during the summer. Other candidates for better performance, he lists as the motors, rails and institutional quality issues.

World Wide Helicopters Limited sales and earnings should show further improvement this year after a rise of 22 per cent in gross receipts and 14 per cent in net income in 1958, says Blair & Co.

St. Louis Papers Closed by Strike

St. Louis — (UPI) — A strike by stereotypers today closed down the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The stereotypers set up picket lines early today after morning editions of the Globe-Democrat had been printed. The afternoon Post-Dispatch was not expected to publish.

The walkout hit the Globe-Democrat only 10 days after it had settled a three-month strike by members of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild.

The strike involved a contract dispute between the St. Louis Stereotypers Union No. 8 and management of the Pulitzer (Post Dispatch) Publishing Co., which prints both newspapers.

POLICE 'HOMEWORK'

San Francisco — (UPI) — Patrolman Joseph Ryan was given permission Tuesday to leave his beat and deliver a package to his home. He returned with a burglar he had found ransacking his house.

Local Couple Back From Prineville

Mr. and Mrs. Harley G. Green, 1505 Kings Highway, Medford, returned recently from Prineville where they attended funeral services for his son, Mickey Green, 7, who was accidentally killed when a gun held by a playmate discharged.

The accident happened May 23 when Mickey Green was being shown a .22 caliber rifle belonging to a playmate. When the boy took the gun from a cabinet, it discharged, killing young Green almost instantly.

The boy also is survived by his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Evans, Prineville.

Funeral services for the youth were held in Prineville May 27. Green is employed at Timber Products here.

Response Mixed On Hoover Plan For Crime Census

Washington — (UPI) — Former President Herbert Hoover's proposal for a nationwide crime census drew a mixed response from federal officials Tuesday.

They were sympathetic with Hoover's objective — to focus public attention on "the horrible increase of crime" and the way courts are dealing with it — but dubious about the practicality of carrying it out.

Neither FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover nor Census Bureau Director Robert W. Burgess would comment officially on the former President's idea, advanced Sunday in an article written for This Week magazine.

Follow-Up Urged

The ex-President urged Congress to instruct the Census Bureau to collect comprehensive, nationwide statistics on major crimes, with a follow-up on each arrested suspect to show how the courts dealt with him.

He said such data would show the public whether U.S. courts generally are being "lax or effective" in publishing crime, and added: "It might show that we have a duty to get tough."

The FBI already collects and publishes figures from more than 8,000 local law enforcement agencies on the incidence of major crimes. The former President said these are splendid as far as they go but that they do not attempt to trace the disposition of cases after arrest.

SEGREGATIONS KILL BILL

Montgomery, Ala. — (UPI) — Segregation leaders in the Alabama legislature killed a bill Tuesday that would give ordained ministers the right to refuse to testify in court about confidential talks between pastor and parishioner.

Rep. Hugh Locke of Birmingham said he saw a "potential danger" that such a right would benefit Negro pastors leading a drive for racial integration in Alabama.

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