

Steel Strike Claimed Hurting Vega Program

Miami Beach, Fla. (Science Service)—The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's chief, Dr. T. Keith Glennan, says the steel strike is setting back NASA's Vega program.

Dr. Glennan told the American Bankers association here today that shortages resulting from the steel strike are setting back the U.S. program for putting 4,800 pounds in a 300-mile orbit and 1,000 pounds in a deep space trajectory that would carry the rocket past the moon.

Under the Vega program, the U.S. is modifying the powerful Atlas missile. Other stages, to burn conventional liquid propellants, will be added to the Atlas. In a three-stage form, which Dr. Glennan said should be ready for flight early in 1961, the Vega rocket is to carry 4,800 pounds into orbit and 1,000 pounds deep into space. (This will still fall short of Russia's achievement of orbiting about 8,000 pounds with Sputnik I.)

Program Reviewed
He reviewed the national space program and concluded that it is "making good, sound progress."

"We do not intend to rush pell-mell into makeshift space 'spectaculars' in hopes of topping each Soviet space success," he told the bankers. "But I can assure you that we do not intend for long to run second in any phase of space exploration."

He also said U.S. missiles, though lacking the thrust of Russian rockets, nevertheless can deliver equal nuclear punches. This is because U.S. nuclear scientists have made atomic and hydrogen weapons more compact, lighter and efficient, he said.

SOC Staff Members Featured in Article

Ashland—Staff members of the Southern Oregon college audio-visual aids department have been featured in the October issue of the Oregon Visual News Extra, Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, SOC president, has announced.

Key staff members pictured whose functions are described in the publication include Larry E. Butler, branch library director, college AVA director, and associate professor of education; Helen Mullin, departmental secretary; and Bob Beaver, student assistant in charge of packing, shipping and rewinding.

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