



WRECKAGE STUDIED — Members of a Navy research team began the job of recovering instruments from a stratosphere gondola that crashed to earth in a field near Blaine, Kan., Sunday after carrying Cmdr. Malcolm Ross and Dr. Charles B. Moore 13 miles high for a close telescopic look at Venus. Ross was injured in the landing after a successful ascension from Rapid City, S.D. —(UPI Telephoto)

Balloonists Get Look at Venus

Blaine, Kan. —(UPI) — A veteran Navy balloonist was injured slightly Sunday in the rough landing of a balloon that had carried two men 13 miles high for a closer look at Venus, but he was expected to be on his feet again today.

Suffered Shock
Commander Malcolm Ross suffered shock when the gondola ripped loose from the big plastic balloon, struck a fence on a country road and toppled over. His companion, Dr. Charles B. Moore, was unhurt, but both men were hospitalized overnight for fatigue.

Ross and the Cambridge, Mass., scientist had spent 27 hours aloft in a gondola packed with scientific and photographic equipment in an effort to determine whether the planet Venus has water vapor in its atmosphere. If it does, then the possibility arises that the planet has vegetable and perhaps some sort of "animal" life.

Moore said the flight was "very successful" except for the rough landing. "Our carbon dioxide rose about 30,000 feet, but other than that everything went well," he said.

Ross said the temperature aloft dropped as low as 80 below zero.

The two balloonists planned to fly today to Minneapolis, Minn., and then on to Washington.

In the Day's News

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Thanksgiving aftermath:
In Washington (D.C.) George N. McRae bashed his wife in the head with a table leg when she complained she had no money to buy anything for a Thanksgiving dinner. Two hours later, in municipal court, he was sentenced to the district jail for 30 days. HE GOT THERE JUST IN TIME TO HAVE A THANKSGIVING DINNER OF TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS.

Meanwhile his wife, with ten stitches in her head, went home to their seven-year-old son and an empty icebox.

HMMMMmmmm.
In the statutes, Justice is represented as blindfolded while she holds up the scales. In this case, she must have had her ears plugged also.

FROM HEMEL Hempstead, England:
A 16-year-old boy was ordered held by court officials while they considered his parents' complaint that their son—
1. Refused to let them watch television.
2. Kept the bathroom for himself while forcing his father to shave in the kitchen.

3. Locked his parents up at night.
4. Seized his father's weekly paycheck and forced his parents to live on an allowance.

I HOPE THESE parents are students of English literature. If so, they must now know how Frankenstein, the student in Mrs. Percy Bysshe Shelley's romance, felt after he had created his monster.

FROM Cape Canaveral:
American space scientists swallowed the disappointment of their Thanksgiving Day moonshot failure and pushed ahead with plans for their next moon probe. They offer this excuse:
The effort to circle the moon with a missile-boosted satellite was roughly equivalent to trying to hit a fly in the left eye with a rifle at a distance of six miles.

A THOUGHT:
Our space people might need fewer excuses if they talked less about their shots BEFOREHAND. The Irishman who told all about how he was GOING to rub the bull's nose in the dirt is a case in point.
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Boat Recovered From Columbia

Kalama—(UPI)—A twin-engine Piper Apache plane, which had crashed in the Columbia river a mile and one half south of here Saturday night, was recovered from about 35 feet of water Sunday.

The body of the pilot, Alexander Bruce McEachern, 52, was found in the back seat of the craft. Deputy Sheriff John Esprzo, said the impact of the crash apparently forced McEachern's body back in the passenger cabin of the craft.

The body of Richard Jones, a passenger in the plane, was recovered soon after the crash.

Corbett Looks To Senate Presidency
Portland—(UPI)—Senate Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) says he believes he has enough support to be elected president of the state Senate in 1961 if the Democrats retain control of the upper chamber.

The 1959 Senate had 19 Democrats and 11 Republicans. Seven of the Democrats are holdovers for 1961.

Corbett said he had received pledges from a majority of Democrats in the last session that they would support him.

State Sen. Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls also is a candidate for the Senate presidency.

Textile exports in 1958 brought Japan \$891 million, or 31 per cent of the nation's gross exports.

GOP Leading Demos In Race for Funds

By Congressional Quarterly
Washington — Republicans are back in their accustomed place, comfortably ahead of the Democrats in the race for campaign funds.

Three months ago Congressional Quarterly reported the startling fact that in the first five months of 1959 Democratic campaign committees received more contributions than their Republican counterparts. It was the first time since 1949 that had been true.

Now the situation is back to normal. The GOP wiped out the Democrats' lead with a single stroke — a June dinner in Washington that brought in \$372,000 at \$100 a plate.

The Republicans, who trailed by \$183,000 in contributions through May, led the Democrats by \$492,000 at the end of August, according to a tabulation of official reports.

The Republicans had taken in \$1,494,449 and the Democrats, \$1,002,368. The GOP advantage is probably even wider now, thanks to the fast start the party has made on a drive to collect 1,000 gifts of \$1,000 each before Christmas.

Optimism Revived
Republican spokesmen link the improvement of party fortunes directly to the revival of optimism over its chances in the 1960 election. After the Democratic sweep in the 1958 elections, GOP fund-raisers found the dollars hard to come by.

President Eisenhower's spirited drive to curb "spending" by the Democratic-controlled Congress — a drive in which Republican Congress-

men joined enthusiastically — convinced many of these reluctant contributors that the GOP was not dead, the Republican spokesmen say.

The June dinner — a tribute to Republicans in Congress — was a greater financial success than the promoters had dared to hope.

Meantime, the Democrats have raised record amounts of cash — for them — but still find they must scrape to pay their bills.

The party took in more in the first eight months of 1959 than it did in all of 1957 — the last previous no-election year. But almost a third of the million dollar receipts were earmarked specifically for reduction of the carryover debt from the 1956 campaign.

More than \$460,000 still remains to be paid on that debt, and current expenses barely

are being met. At the end of October the Democratic National committee was two months behind on the rent for its headquarters.

National Chairman Paul M. Butler Nov. 7 blamed the "tight money" situation on the failure of the states to meet their assigned quotas for support of the national committee.

Butler said only three states — Maryland, South Dakota and Nebraska — and the District of Columbia had paid their 1957-59 quotas in full.

In part, the financial plight of the Democrats seems to stem from the controversy over Butler himself, whose statements on civil rights and other subjects have aggravated many party regulars.

Most of the Southern states are far in arrears on their quotas and many Southern

leaders apparently agree with Georgia Democratic Chairman John Sammons Bell that "it would be the height of foolishness for us to furnish financial aid for Butler."

In an effort to pry more money from the state organizations, Butler Nov. 7 announced that delegations to the 1960 convention in Los Angeles would be seated and housed according to the degree of financial support they had given the national committee.

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