

British Crew Launches Thor

Vandenberg AFB, Calif. — (UPI) — A British crew launched a 1,500-mile range Thor intermediate range ballistic missile Tuesday night in the first nighttime firing on the West Coast.

The order to launch the Thor, capable of packing a nuclear warhead, was given by the Strategic Air Command headquarters in Omaha, Neb.

The four-man Royal Air Force crew had been on duty all day when it received the surprise order. A spokesman said the launching went off without a hitch.

It was the ninth Thor fired by RAF crews in training here.



SPAIN ON ITINERARY—Spain was the last nation to be included on President Eisenhower's itinerary for his forthcoming globe-girdling tour. The ruler of the country is Generalissimo, Francisco Franco (left), who has been in power for more than 20 years. At right is Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Maria Castiella. —(UPI Telephoto)

Eisenhower Returning Favor In Forthcoming Visit To Spain

Spain discovered America. President Eisenhower is returning the favor.

Italian navigator Columbus sailed the ocean in 1492 under the Spanish flag when the Spanish flag signified world power. President Eisenhower visits Spain while Generalissimo Francisco Franco's nation rebounds from international isolation.

Spain reached its historical peak when Columbus' colleagues staked out the Western Hemisphere, carrying soldiers and Roman Catholicism to the Americas and returning with gold. In the 19th Century the Latin American nations were wrangled free and the 1898 Spanish-American War doomed the Philippines to Cuba. Civil War erupted.

Spain was left to its own meager resources. Economic and political woes caused the late King Alfonso to flee in 1931. Then came catastrophe. Civil War flared in the late 1930's. Army Gen. Franco led the forces of the right and the church to victory against the

forces of Communist-infiltrated liberalism. Hitler and Mussolini aided Franco and Russia helped the Loyalists, using Spain as a practice field for World War II.

Franco sagely sidestepped Hitler's pleas to join the Axis during the war. Neutral Spain became an unmovable in 1946 when the United Nations declared its members should boycott Spain.

But in a cold war world, Spain's unswerving anti-Communism attracted Western approachment. In 1955 Spain became a U.N. member. Its strategic position moved Spain into the Western defense network. The

NO CAR CREDIT

Warsaw—(UPI)—About 300 automobiles made in Russia, Czechoslovakia and East Germany went on sale today at the state-owned Motosbyt showroom and an early sell-out was assured. Sales are for cash only.

About 60 million babies have been born in the United States since 1941.

United States has given Spain \$3 billion in military and economic aid, but Spain still is barred from membership in NATO.

Too Little Rain

Spain was last to be included in Eisenhower's itinerary. In many ways his stop in Madrid is the most significant of all. It gives Spaniards their greatest personal recognition from the free nations since the Civil War.

The Spanish Riviera is Europe's most booming tourist bonanza. Its bullfighting is celebrated by Ernest Hemingway and Ava Gardner. Its honeydew melons are sweeter than those from California, Texas or Florida.

Stylish Spaniards eat dinner later than anyone in the world. Franco said Spain will eventually return to being a monarchy.

Spain's 24,500,000 citizens are crash-programming to make its 195,504 square miles self-supporting. A big economic foe is the fact that the rains in Spain fall all too seldom on the plain.

Little Girl Would Trade Gift of Christmas Doll for Mommie's Return

Albany, N.Y. — (UPI) — Six-year-old Juanita Hansen wants to talk to Santa Claus about changing her Christmas present. She wanted a doll, but now all she wants is to have her mother home again. Juanita is the youngest of six children.

Her father, William Hansen,

38, asked United Press International to help find his wife, Mrs. Helen Maria Hansen, 34, who left home just after dawn Oct. 12.

Her husband said she was depressed, fearing she had cancer. She refused to see a doctor, however.

"I'm going to stay like I am. I'm going to live until I die," she had said.

Takes Belongings

When she disappeared, she left a note saying "she couldn't go on living as she had been," her husband said. She took all her belongings, even photographs she has given her children and the pictures in her husband's wallet.

Juanita remembered waking that morning and seeing her mother wearing a black coat and carrying a suitcase. Hansen, who is a truck driver, said he was on a long haul that night.

He described his wife as being a stocky five-foot-seven inches tall. He said she had brown hair but had dyed it black and red recently.

First Disappeared in April

Hansen said his wife disappeared for the first time last April. She was found working in a Silver Springs, Md., department store and was brought back home.

Later, she talked of going to a place with a sunny climate like California or Florida or a large city where she could get lost. But she hadn't seemed serious, Hansen said.

A few nights ago, Juanita had a dream about her mother.

"I dreamed she's in a sunny

land," Juanita said. "She has a nice tan and I think she was in Virginia where my grandfather lives."

BECOME CITIZENS

Chicago — (UPI) — Mrs. Magda Schmidt, 39, once accused by Russia of spying for America in Hungary, and her husband Lajos, 40, the only alien ever admitted to law practice in Illinois, Tuesday became American citizens.

SOLVE POOCH MYSTERY

Gary, Ind. — (UPI) — The case of the missing dogs was solved today. Police said two teenage boys decided to free their dogs from the dog pound by cutting a hole in the wire fence.

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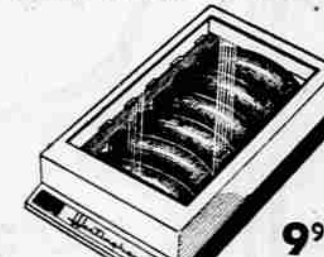
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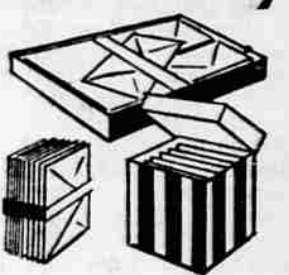
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