



TESTS PROTESTED—Mrs. Sally Ceteras tends to her daughter, Sarah, in front of a placard protesting nuclear weapons tests. Sarah's perambulator is also well adorned with signs against the tests. The Ceteras were among some 3,000 persons who joined in a "peace walk" sponsored by the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice to advocate halting of nuclear weapons testing. —(UPI Telephoto)

1960 May Be a Lean Year For Space Achievements

Washington (UPI)—The year 1960 may be a lean one for missile and space achievements in the United States, despite a full schedule of major programs being carried out by the military services and the civilian space agency.

The space agency recently cancelled its "Vega" project, which was to have produced a rocket considerably more powerful than the intercontinental ballistic missile, and which was the only major program slated to come to fruition in 1960.

The Navy may get its submarine-launched, 1,500-mile Polaris missile into operation late in 1960, but the more probable date is 1961.

However, the cancellation of Vega is said to have freed for other purposes a number of Atlas ICBM's. One or more of these might be used in lunar probes, such as the so far unsuccessful attempt to put a satellite in orbit around the moon.

Major Programs

The major announced programs and their current status by services are as follows:

Army—The Army has completed and turned over to the Air Force its 1,500-mile Jupiter missile. The Army's major effort now is the huge, solid-fueled Nike Zeus anti-missile missile, but the Pentagon has refused to ask for money from Congress to produce this weapon in 1960. The Army is also in the early stages of developing a large, communication-relay satellite system.

Navy—The Navy's big effort is the Polaris program, which is expected to become a major part of the country's military system because of its ability to hurl H-bomb warheads from underwater to almost any part of the globe. At least six nuclear-powered Polaris subs, built to carry 16 missiles each, are to be ready by the end of 1960, and the Navy hopes eventually to deploy 40 of them. The Navy is also working on a navigation satellite.

Thor Deployed

Air Force—The Air Force has deployed the 1,500-mile Thor and some units of the 5,500-mile Atlas. Tests of the Titan ICBM may be completed in 1960. The Air Force is also working on early-warning and reconnaissance satellites, details of which are secret, and is in the study stage of developing the "Dyna-Soar," which would be a rocket-powered plane capable of orbiting the earth.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration—Cancellation of the Vega leaves NASA with its "Centaur" project, slated to produce a rocket about twice as powerful as the ICBM in 1961, as the major program with the earliest fruition date. Next would be the "Saturn," with four

Man's Chances Of Survival Rated High

Washington (Science Service)—Man will probably do better than the dinosaurs when it comes to survival.

In a changing and largely self-made environment, man no longer relies on natural selection, the undoing of the dinosaurs, two scientists point out in a report by the Smithsonian Institution here.

Dire predictions that mankind is on the way downhill, perhaps even on the road to extinction, probably are unjustified, say Drs. Theodosius Dobzhansky of Columbia university and Gordon Allen of the New York Psychiatric institute. While man is definitely losing some of the qualities, both physical and mental, which enabled him to survive in earlier times, these losses do not necessarily mean his extinction as some scientists have suggested.

Great Error

The great error in assessing man's future is to evaluate his hereditary characteristics without fully considering environment, the two geneticists conclude.

The idea that the human species would go fine if all obstructions to natural selection were removed does not stand critical examination, Drs. Dobzhansky and Allen conclude.

"Natural selection cannot maintain the adaptiveness of human populations to environments which no longer exist, nor can it pre-adapt them to environments of the future. Extinction is Fate.

"After all," the scientists say, "extinction has been the fate of countless biological species which lived in the state of nature and which were at all times subject to natural selection."

Culture is man's novel method of adapting to his environment—a method by which he has reached a "solitary pinnacle of evolutionary success," the scientists conclude.

Captains Attending Navigation School

London (Science Service)—Sea captains can now go to school so that they can recognize in advance the conditions which created the situation that led to the disastrous collision between the Stockholm and the Andrea Doria. Both those liners were being steered by radar and the inquiry after the collision revealed that both ships could see each other on the radar sets.

An intensive five-day course at the Sir John Cass college in London gives ships' masters experience in learning the tricks and quirks of radar and teaches them, in the words of cynical skippers, how to avoid "radar-aided" crashes.

All the pupil-captains already have commands of their own and all are well versed in radar technique. Each week six captains meet for this style of training.

Captains Paired Off

The captains are paired off, one acting as captain of the simulated ship and the second as his chief officer. The basis of their training is a series of voyages across the two radar screens of a comprehensive simulator unit. The simulator is adjusted to give responses closely equivalent to the top speed, stopping time and turning circle of each ship.

Five other vessels on different courses are shown to be in the neighborhood and, in a theoretical thick fog, the captains must pick their way through in safety.

Imaginary Coastline

To complicate the voyage, an imaginary and intricate coastline is also fed on to the

Fisherman Pulls Man From Runaway Auto

Augusta, Me.—An automobile rolled down a slope into the rain-swollen waters of a stream near here, taking the 21-year-old driver with it.

Noah Stuart, who saw the accident, stopped his car and reached for his fishing tackle. With one cast Stuart snagged the driver's sweater and dragged him to safety.

The average American consumes approximately four pounds of food per day. Retail grocery stores spent an estimated \$249 million in newspaper advertising in 1958 to help sell their products.

When a Body Hits a Body—Just Prank

Storm Lake, Ia.—An excited motorist told police he almost ran over a blood-covered body on a road near a wrecked bicycle but couldn't stop because his wife fainted.

At the scene police found a dummy smeared with ketchup.

Some children nearby admitted they staged a prank to see how motorists would react.

Silence Record Not Hit Disc

Washington (UPI)—A gift shop owner with a gift for zany ideas doubts if his latest output—a record offering three minutes of silence—will involve him in the payola scandals.

The record's composer (or uncomposer) is Spencer Howell. He admits it is not a high-rated hit disc. But Howell said he has sold 7,500 of the silent records at \$1 apiece since he put it out last year under the Vacuum record label.

The record, offering live silence, plays at any speed, "hi-fi, low-fi or no-fi," Howell said.

He concludes he could have missed some of the market by failing to offer it in what has become the real rage—stereophonic.

"That's what we need now, stereophonic," Howell mused. "It would be twice as quiet."

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Stockton, Whittier Men Take Home Bear

Hornbrook—A nice-sized bear was the trophy taken home last week by Max Rosenthal, Stockton, Calif.

Rosenthal and George Brown, Whittier, Calif., were guests at Kutzkey's Lodge on the Klamath river. With Kutzkey guiding them, the two men went to the Salmon river area where Kutzkey had spotted bear tracks ten days earlier.

Brown took several reels of movies of the entire procedure, and it is planned to show these at sportsmen's meetings in the Stockton and Los Angeles area. Brown left last Monday for his home.

After a busy fall season, the Kutzkeys are having a few days relaxation, but their usual activities will be resumed in a few days.

Lightning Plays Short Order Cook

Nebraska City, Neb.—Sweet potatoes were cooked in a hurry on the electric range in the Louis T. Knopf home.

Lightning struck the pan of potatoes and cooked them to a crisp.

Hunter Gets Deer—The Easy Way

Kingston, N.Y.—Of nine men who went hunting deer in Vermont, only Jason Gersey brought back a buck which, during his return trip, darted in front of his car near home and was killed.

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