

FBI Seeks Confession From Spears in Airplane Crash

Soviet Rocket Test Declared 'Good'

Washington—(UPI)—The super rocket Russia fired into the Pacific might have been the prototype of a war missile able to carry the nuclear equivalent of five million tons of TNT.

Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev claimed long ago to have such a weapon that could be fired approximately the distance traveled in Wednesday's Pacific shoot.

A five megaton Russian war-head would pack two or three times the destructive force of America's battle-ready Atlas intercontinental missile. But the Soviet war-head still would have only a fraction of the bomb and guided missile power carried by a U.S. B-52 jet bomber.

The enormous payload capacity of the Russian missile could be developed to carry a smaller war-head plus a group of decoys to confuse defense radar.

Splashes Into Target Area
In their first Pacific test, Soviet scientists fired their rocket 7,766 miles. They claimed their radar, optical and acoustical apparatus showed the dummy nosecone splashed into the target area less than 1.2 miles from the aiming point.

The U.S. Defense Department said in a terse statement that the rocket apparently came down in the 20-by-175 mile target area Moscow stated out Jan. 8. Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates said the shot was "good" if the rocket landed within 1.2 miles of its goal.

President Eisenhower told Congress in his State of the Union Message that the last 15 Atlas missiles tested landed within two miles of their targets more than 5,000 miles from the launching pads.

Valuable Data Yielded
Moscow insisted the multi-stage rocket was fired in a program to produce boosters for heavy satellites and interplanetary space voyages. Whether it was a space or a weapon project, the rocket yielded valuable data to the Russians on guidance accuracy and atmosphere re-entry.

This data would be equally useful for warfare or scientific space exploration. Except for the ill-fated American Vanguard, all artificial satellites have been launched with military boosters.

For the most part Washington was taking the Soviet feat calmly. Officials insisted there was no need to consider any change in U.S. military planning.

One author of that view was Gates, who called the Russian shot a "normal intercontinental missile test" and said it was "not particularly surprising."

But a powerful contrary view came from Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) who normally does not comment on the annual administration-Congress debate on U.S. defenses. Rayburn said the administration was "just too complacent."

Kennedy Pledged To Two Races

Omaha, Neb. — (UPI) — Sen. John F. Kennedy, challenging all comers, was pledged today to a neck-and-neck presidential primary race in Wisconsin and a midwest popularity test in Nebraska.

The Massachusetts Democrat entered himself on both primary ballots Thursday and admitted that the Wisconsin race, in Sen. Hubert Humphrey's "back yard," could end his chances for the nomination.

Humphrey (D-Minn.), who previously had challenged Kennedy to debates in Wisconsin, welcomed the battle in a statement from Washington. It could be a race to keep his nomination chances alive, too.

Should Kennedy garner support of 30 of Wisconsin's 31 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, it would be a blow to Humphrey's "home country" pride, as well as an indication of Midwest leaning.

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Airplane Crashes Fail to Dampen Public Enthusiasm

By United Press International
Passengers jammed airline ticket counters across the country today despite reports of plane crashes which killed 145 persons in four days.

Airline spokesmen said ticket sales were as high or higher than before.

A majority of the airlines questioned said not even the usual seasonal drop in sales at this time of year seems to be affecting business.

Cancellations Reported
But Pan American Airlines in Hartford, Conn., said reservation cancellations had picked up and that three couples who were to fly to Jamaica Thursday cancelled out.

The couples said they had friends aboard the Avianca airliner that crashed at Montego Bay, Jamaica, early Thursday, killing 37 persons.

A travel agency in Hartford said that "cruise business has picked up tremendously in the past few days. We've had a half dozen calls cancelling flights and changing to cruises."

But that was the only completely negative report. In San Francisco, spokesmen for Trans World Airlines, Pan American, American, and United Air Lines all said the backbone of air transportation is the businessman, traditionally a calculator of odds. He believes the odds are high against cracking up.

At Kansas City, where a TWA plane circled the city Thursday for an emergency landing, airline, bus and rail ticket sales were considered

normal and not affected by recent crashes.

"Crashes don't have the effect on people as they used to have," said Jic Ricketts, assistant reservation manager for Continental Air Lines. "People apparently have become accustomed to them, like auto accidents."

Smallpox Flare Noted in Russia

Moscow — (UPI) — A blitzkrieg against a smallpox outbreak was under way today and arriving tourists were being asked at transportation terminals to receive vaccinations.

Although foreigners were only invited to have vaccinations, they are compulsory for all traveling Russians coming into the U.S.S.R.

The Kremlin reported that nine Soviet citizens are suffering from smallpox and that one other has died from the disease.

American and British tourists can visit doctors at their embassies. Dr. D. C. Martin at the U.S. Embassy said 120 Americans have been vaccinated within the past two days.

In response to an inquiry, the Russian government assured the World Health Organization in Geneva that "all necessary steps" are being taken to vaccinate everyone who might have had contact with the disease.



KNEW HUSBAND ALIVE—"I have been awake two weeks, you can't live with something like this," Mrs. Robert W. Spears said as she admitted she has known her husband is alive since Jan. 7. Dr. Spears, who was taken into custody by the FBI Wednesday in Phoenix, Ariz., had been presumed killed in an air crash Nov. 16. (UPI Telephoto)

Stock List Finds Strong Support

New York — (UPI) — The stock market met strong support during the first hour today.

Gains jumped from fractions at the opening to more than a point in some of the top grade issues, stocks used to compile the averages. Of these DuPont, Westinghouse and International Nickel all showed gains running to 1 or more.

Steels were strong with Youngstown and Republic up more than a point each and Bethlehem and U.S. Steel up a half or more.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (UPI) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 645.43, up 1.74; 20 railroads 155.44, up 0.31; 15 utilities 85.72, off 0.40, and 65 stocks 212.12, up 0.26. Sales Thursday were about 2,700,000 shares compared with 2,720,000 shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	108 1/4
Alum. Co. Am.	96 3/4
American Can	42
American Motors	82 1/2
A. T. & T.	82
Anaconda Copper	63 3/4
Armco Steel	89
Bendix Aviation	89 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	51 1/2
Boeing Air	30 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	89 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	63 3/4
Continental Can	43 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	43 1/2
Curtiss Wright	28 1/2
Dow Chemical	83 1/2
Du Pont	246 1/2
Eastman Kodak	101 1/4
Firestone	132 3/4
General Electric	17 1/2
General Foods	101
General Motors	50 1/2
Georgia Pacific	47 1/2
Graham Paige	3
Greyhound	20 1/2
Gulf Oil	33 1/2
Houquest Mining	41 1/2
Idaho Power	47 3/4
I. B. M.	420
Int. Paper	22 1/2
Johns Manville	46 1/2
Katy	6
Kennecott Copper	84 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	29
Montana Power Co.	22 1/2
Montgomery Ward	49 1/2
Nat'l Biscuit	54 1/2
New York Central	29 1/2
Pac. Gas & Elec.	120 1/2
Penney, J. C.	120 1/2
Penn RR	16
Radio Corporation	62 1/2
Richfield Oil	77 1/2
Safeway	36 1/2
Sealed Air	47 1/2
Shell Oil	40 1/2
Soco Mobil Oil	39 1/2
Southern Co.	40 1/2
Southern Pacific	22 1/2
Standard California	47 1/2
Standard Indiana	40 1/2
Standard N. J.	47 1/2
Sun Mines	6 1/2
Texas Co.	7 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulfur	18
Tex. Pac. Land Trust	17 1/2
Transamerica	26 1/2
Trans World Air	16 1/2
Tri-Continental	43 1/2
Union Carbide	144 1/2
Union Pacific	29 1/2
United Aircraft	28 1/2
United Air Lines	31 1/2
U. S. Rubber	37
U. S. Steel	57
Youngstown S & T	124

Weather

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Variable cloudiness through Saturday. Chance of a few light showers near mountains. Little temperature change. Low tonight 35. High Saturday 52.

Western Oregon: Occasional rain and periods of partial clearing tonight and Saturday. A little freezing rain at times near Columbia gorge. Slightly warmer in north interior. Low tonight 35-45 except 50 in vicinity of Columbia gorge. High Saturday 45-55 in north and 48-58 in south.

Northern California: Scattered showers in extreme northern portion tonight and Saturday. Snow in mountains. Slightly cooler.

LOCAL DATA
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 53; above normal 15.
Record high this date 68 in 1919.
Record low this date 14 in 1922.

PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, none. Midnight to 10 a.m., none.

Total this month 2.07 inches. 36 inches above normal.
Total since Sept. 1, 4.40 inches. 5.67 inches below normal.

HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 28%; highest this a.m. 81%.

City Yester. a.m. hr. day Low Prec.

Brookings 58 49 26
Crater Lake 30 23 26
Grants Pass 63 37
Klamath Falls 43 34 T
MEDFORD 59 42 37
Portland 40 31 T

Seattle 46 36
Spokane 23 19
Yakima 31 6

Eureka 61 52 30
Red Bluff 47 45
Sacramento 51 47
San Francisco 55 32 19
Los Angeles 68 36 T

Phoenix 63 39
Denver 24 6
Chicago 18 10
Miami Beach 60 38
New York 32 26
Washington, D. C. 32 20

FIVE-DAY FORECAST
(Through Jan. 27):
Western Oregon - Western Washington - Temperatures averaging near normal. Precipitation moderate with showery periods through Wednesday. Highs generally in 40s and lows 32-42. Total precipitation up to an inch in interior valleys and one to two inches on coast.

Wife Directly Links Husband With Mystery

Phoenix, Ariz. — (UPI) — FBI agents today sought a confession from ex-convict Robert V. Spears for the sabotaging of an airliner that crashed in the Gulf of Mexico killing all 42 persons on board.

Spears is suspected of having tricked an old friend, William Allen Taylor, 58, of Tampa, Fla., into taking his place on the ill-fated plane to collect \$100,000 in flight insurance for his wife and two young children.

The pudgy 64-year-old bespectacled Spears failed to crack after nine hours of intensive questioning by FBI agents Thursday and Thursday night.

Spears' young wife, Frances, 36, directly linked her husband to the mysterious Nov. 16 crash today when she disclosed she had met with him twice in a Dallas hotel. Once on Jan. 7 and again on Jan. 11. Both times she begged him "to give himself up."

She maintained earlier she believed her husband was dead.

"I don't want to hamper in any way the FBI investigation," she said. "If my husband is innocent, I want him proved innocent. If he's guilty, let the chips fall where they may."

She quoted her husband as saying he "was sorry it had to be him (Taylor)."

Authorities believe the damaging disclosures made by Mrs. Spears and the finding of a case of dynamite at his hide-out and dynamite caps in his luggage may induce Spears to confess.

Spears has a criminal record dating back to 1917 and currently is under indictment in Los Angeles on an abortion charge. He has served time in several prisons on charges ranging from fraud to armed robbery.

"I asked him if he had done anything to the plane," Mrs. Spears said. "He assured me he had done nothing."

Mrs. Spears said her husband told her that Taylor was on the flight using Spear's reservation because he was running away from his wife. Taylor's divorced wife, Alice, was reduced to tears when she learned Spears had admitted to his wife that Taylor was on the plane.

"I was hoping against tremendous odds," she said, "but I just knew he was aboard."

Mrs. Taylor said she pleaded with Taylor to stay away from Spears, whom she described as a "loathsome character," and beseeched him to attend church before he left on what he told her was a trip to Atlanta.

"He was so silent that last day. That wasn't like him. I knew something was wrong."

Mrs. Taylor earlier said she believed Spears hypnotized her husband to get him to board the plane.

UN Chapter to Meet Monday Night

Two films will be shown at the January meeting of Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association, Monday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Guild hall.

The films will be "Does Disarmament Make Sense" and "A Permanent UN Police Force." The first will be narrated by Raymond Massey and the second by Henry Fonda, both well-known American actors. The films are two of a series of eight made by the Pierce Butler Jr., Foundation for Education in World War.

Election of officers is also on the agenda. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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