

Pioneer V Credited With Scoring Most Space Firsts

Washington (AP)—Experts credit little Pioneer V, America's 94.8-pound sun satellite, with scoring more space firsts than any other object ever launched into the sky by man.

Its performance may not strike some people as being as impressive as that of Russia's Lunik II, which hit the moon, or Lunik III, which photographed the far side of the moon.

Nothing it did was as spectacular as the brilliant cloud and storm pictures taken by this country's Tiro 1, the world's first weather satellite. And as for size, it weighs less than a hundredth as much as the five-ton spacecraft launched by Russia May 15.

But, the space experts say, Pioneer V in many respects was the greatest thing ever to rise from a launching pad. Fired into orbit March 11, Pioneer V maintained radio communications with the earth for 106 days bridging a distance of 22,402,740 miles.

Its last communication was a six-minute transmission to the 250-foot Jodrell Bank radio telescope at Manchester, England. Dr. A. C. B. Lovell, director of the big telescope, told reporters at a news conference here last week that America could be proud of the position won for it in space research by "this very remarkable object which you call Pioneer V."

Highlights of Flight

Dr. Abe Silverstein, director of the office of space flight programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, topped up these highlights of Pioneer V's flight:

- Greatest range over which man has maintained control of an instrumented vehicle.
- Fastest man-made vehicle ever launched—its speed of 30,499 feet a second at rocket burnout was almost 1,000 feet a second greater than the velocity needed for escape from the earth.
- First real interplanetary probe to carry its own self-sustaining power supply, consisting of thousands of solar cells on "paddlewheel" vanes extending from Pioneer's 26-inch body.
- First interplanetary spacecraft equipped to compensate for increased heating resulting from increased nearness to the sun.
- Scientific Firsts

Master of Disguise Added To FBI's Most Wanted List

Washington (AP)—James Earl Ray, a habitual burglar who specially schooled himself to become a master of disguise, was placed on the FBI's list of 10 most wanted criminals today.

Ray, a criminal for 18 of his 33 years, is known to police as soft-spoken but violent-tempered. In the past, he has armed himself with a Derringer pistol strapped to his leg with a fountain-pen type tear gas gun.

The FBI circular warns that Ray must be considered "armed and extremely dangerous."

Escaped in 1955

He has been on the loose since May 14, 1955, when he escaped from the county jail at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was facing a 12-year penitentiary sentence for burglary.

Ray began his criminal career as a car thief in his hometown of Fort Wayne, Ind., and has subsequently turned up on police blotters in Gary, Ind., Omaha, Neb., Denver, Salt Lake City and Corpus Christi.

For some unknown reason, he abandoned his true name of Dale Harold Cline for James Earl Ray. There is evidence that at one time he attended school to learn make-up so that he could better disguise himself. Ray is reported to be adept at changing his appearance with hair dyes, cosmetics and other subterfuges.

The FBI reports he has an athletic, erect build, standing 5 feet, 11 inches and weighing 170 pounds. His eyes are green or hazel, his

hair blond and wavy, his complexion ruddy. There is a mole on one of his cheeks and two more in the kidney region.

Smooth Dancer

The fugitive has a reputation as a smooth dancer who frequents night clubs. Ray has a penchant for natty clothes, particularly slacks and sports coats. He has worked as a salesman, steel worker, construction worker, boiler maker and oil field roughabout. In addition, he fancies himself as an amateur painter.

There is some belief Ray may have headed for Mexico after his prison break. There were also reports that he may have been accompanied in flight by a former model and carhop whom he may have later married.

Beer Firm Unhappy About 'Buggy' Slogan

Tallahassee, Fla. — Anheuser-Busch, Inc., sought in a federal court petition filed Monday to keep a chemical company from using the slogan: "Where there's life, there's bugs."

The St. Louis beer firm said the slogan of the Chemical Corp. of America for its floor wax is similar to the Budweiser beer slogan: "Where there's life, there's Bud."

The petition was filed here, headquarters for the chemical firm, in U.S. District Court for North Florida.



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WORLDLY HITCH-HIKERS—Heading home to Los Angeles following a "round-the-world" hitch-hiking tour, college students Thor Ouston (left) and Pete Bennett, both of El Monte, Calif., docked on the "Portland Trader" in Portland last week end. They left Los Angeles last Oct. 4 with three other students. As far as they know, they were the only finishers. (UPI Telephone)

Author Apologizes For Fiery Lines

London (AP)—Author Laurie Lee apologized in court Monday to a piano factory which got all heated up about these lines from a recent Lee novel: "There was a fire at the piano factory almost every year. It seemed to be a way of balancing the books."

REX MEETS TAMMY

London (AP)—Actor Rex Harrison met New York comedienne Tammy Grimes when he arrived at London Airport Monday "for a week of seeing London plays." Miss Grimes told newsmen "we are not engaged or anything like that." Harrison declined to answer questions.

Correspondent Says It's High Time To Reform Our Political Conventions

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Los Angeles — Although it was a good idea to hold a national political convention here in the largest city in the West, the program would have been much improved if simply turned over to those master entertainers, the curbstone orators and shabby shouters of Pershing Square.

TV has made conventions little more than a show. The timing of the daily program is fixed to hit the maximum million viewers in their living rooms and taverns. Movie stars are herded into the arena like prize livestock, not to perform but only to be admired. Even this gesture failed to hide the dullness of this convention as first rate entertainment.

The reason is that it's high time to reform presidential conventions. They are old fashioned in needless ways that could readily be changed to convert them into more genuine instruments of democratic procedure, making them more entrancing to boot to the TV viewers.

A major flaw is that many delegates never get to see the main contenders in the flesh until they appear in the hall at the end as victor or vanquished. The candidates themselves run all over town trying to speak in person to as many of the state's delegations as is physically possible. That means some 50 speeches in 50 tiny hotel rooms scattered hither and yon—an impossibility in the course of a few days before the balloting begins.

Apple-Stealer Pays Long-Standing Debt

Tchula, Miss. (AP)—A big, late-model car parked in front of Joe Maggio's grocery Monday, and a well-dressed man stepped out and handed Maggio a dime.

He said the money was to pay for two apples he stole from Maggio in 1916. The stranger left before the flabbergasted grocer could get his name.

Sons, brothers and high-powered representatives of the candidates pinch hit, which means countless delegates must make up their mind without ever catching a glimpse of the man they must choose for the greatest office in the world. "I'm here seeking employment for my father," wisecracked Jim Symington, the senator's son in an entertaining but not very meaningful appearance as a stand-in before the undecided Alaska delegation.

Meanwhile, back in the hall the assembled delegates are being bored by two days of speeches ground out dutifully by lesser lights who have little reason to be on the podium than as a reward for past party service. The Pershing Square arm wavers, performing nightly across from convention headquarters in the Biltmore hotel, put on a much livelier show. Even the best party speakers—Keynote Frank Church and Chairman Leroy Collins—couldn't hold their audience. The delegates were too preoccupied milling about to catch or spread the latest gossip—about who's ahead.

Debate Needed

What a convention needs is a good, solid debate between all the candidates in the convention hall where the dele-

gates could all see them, listen and judge them accordingly before the nomination roll call starts. A makeshift "debate" between Sens. Jack Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson provided the only element of conflict and out-in-the-open exchanges between contenders. It was held in a jammed hotel ballroom with only a handful of delegates present; and despite some darts thrown by Johnson, it wasn't much of a debate.

Conventions are now rigged for TV. Huge platforms for cameramen block the view of many delegates and newsmen from even seeing the speaker's platform. There is nothing wrong with staging con-

ventions so their impact comes through to millions of voters, but the function of the delegate in the hall is still the chief point of it all—to pick a prospective president.

So it is time to discard the outworn tradition which prevents candidates from going to convention hall in ADVANCE OF THE balloting. Face-to-face encounters the first two days of the convention would bring the candidates out where they can be seen, separated from their ghost writers. It would go far to make the Republican convention in Chicago next week much more interesting.

It would not only please the stage managers by making a roaring good political show, but it would serve the high purpose of this American method of selecting new leaders.

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