QUEEN OF THE SEAS—Mary Jo Erickson, above, 19-year-old blonde, has been crowned Kueen of the Seas at Seattle. Seafair Prime Minister George Carlson holds the standard over her head to signify her selection. (UPI Telephoto)

Hawk Missile Again Intercepts 'John' Rocket

White Sands Missile Range, N.M.—(UPI)—The second successful interception of a missile by a Hawk antiaircraft missile, this time using a target about half the size of the first test, was announced today by the Army .

The experiment, which took place at White Sands Missile Range July 27, saw a Hawk catch and destroy a Little John rocket at 5,000 feet altitude, the Army said.

Mobile System

The Army first shot down a missile in June when a Hawk intercepted an Honest John, about twice as long as the 14½-foot Little John.

The Hawk is a mobile missile system designed to intercept aircraft at extremely low altitude. It is a dual thrust, solid-propellant missile with an electronic homing guidance system.

A spokesman here said the test was a continuation in a serious designed to prove the Hawk's capacity as a defense against fast moving field Army targets and is not directly associated with the development of an intercontinental ballistic missile defense system.

Illegal Abortion 'Disease of Society,' N.Y. Doctor Asserts

New York—(Science Service)—Illegal abortion is a "disease of society," a New York doctor charges. The only way to cure the disease is to bring it out of hiding and look at it with a view to correcting this social illness.

Almost every illegal abortion is preceded by a visit of the woman to some doctor with a request for a legal abortion, Dr. Mary Steichen Calderone, medical director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., New York, believes. Such requests are almost always turned down and the woman turns to an illegal abortionist.

Although officials will probably never find out how many illegal abortions have been performed, they might get some idea if doctors reported every request for legal abortion to their local public health officers, and Dr. Calderone is urging that this procedure be given a try.

A number of facts about abortion have been unearthed by a study panel of 43 experts in medicine, law, sociology and demography.

In 46 states, legal abortion is permitted to preserve the life of the mother. Three states also allow preservation of the mother's health. In the other states therapeutic abortions are performed when a psychiatrist believes that the unwilling mother will otherwise commit suicide.

Interpretation varies from city to city, from hospital to hospital within the city, and from service to service in the same hospital. The border zone between legal and illegal abortion is narrow and shifts frequently. One expert studying the problem defined the difference between the two as "$300 and knowing the right person."

"What we have to admit," Dr. Calderone reports, "is that most therapeutic abortions are in the strictest sense of the law actually illegal."

Patients Referred

Abortion is no longer a dangerous procedure, whether legal or illegal. An estimated 90 per cent of the illegal ones are performed by physicians, using sterile procedures. The trouble usually comes from those who atempt self-induced abortion or go to a non-medical abortionist.

Reputable physicians refer their patients to colleagues whom they know are willing to perform illegal abortions, or send them to a foreign country where abortion is performed under sanitary conditions, she said.

In the U. S. the frequency of illegally induced abortions may be between 200,000 and 1,200,000 annually. In 1957, 260 deaths were recorded from all types of abortion in the U. S.

Requests for therapeutic or legal abortions come from married and unmarried women about equal proportions.

Must Prevent Need

There are three ways to begin alleviating the problem, Dr. Calderone reports in the American Journal of Public Health (July).

First, prevent the need for abortions by providing contraceptive means to any woman who wants it, each according to her own religious beliefs.

Second, encourage a higher standard of sex conduct and responsibility toward pregnancy by early, continued and realistic sex education.

Third, have doctors report requested abortions to local health officials who might then get a better idea of the problem. The patient's name should, of course, be withheld.

The foreign countries have their problems too. In France, a Catholic country, the law requires that every pregnancy be reported to the police. Abortions and contraceptive measures are illegal. The abortion rate is estimated as one for every live birth.

Japanese Rate Same

In Japan, where a strong governmental contraceptive program is in operation, and where legal abortion can be performed by almost any physician for two or three dollars, the over-all abortion rate is about the same as in France.

In the Scandinavian countries abortion applications are considered by medical boards operating under government auspices. Medical, psychiatric and sociological aspects are considered. Contraception is widely available. Yet even these countries admit to some illegal abortions.

These situations in the various foreign countries point up the fact that an unwillingly pregnant woman will obtain an abortion, whether legally or illegally.

Cigarettes to Come In Many Flavors

Hollywood—The "Man of Tomorrow" may be puffing away on a cinnamon-flavored cigarete when prepares for his next trip to the moon.

The marketing director of a major cigarette firm said many cigarette companies already are testing cinnamon and cocoanut flavors, as well as one that has the aroma of new-mown hay.

"There is a possibility the cigarettes we smoked a scant five years ago may become obsolete," the executive said.

"The public will let us know what flavors they'll buy."

Ashland Police Cite Two After Accident

Ashland—City police cited two Ashland motorists following a two-car collision on Highway 99 at Normal ave. about 7:05 p.m. Tuesday. No one was injured.

Claude R. Curtis, 79, of 900 Park st., was cited for failing to yield right of way, and William K. Davis, 1040 Clay st., was cited for driving without an operator's license.

House Committee To Study Delay In Mercury Project

Washington—(UPI)—The House Space Committee is considering a full-scale investigation to find out why the Mercury man-in-space project is months behind schedule, it was learned today.

A source close to the committee said hearings might be staged when the new Congress convenes next January. But the source indicated a staff investigation would get underway in the next few weeks.

The immediate cause of the committee's concern was the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's failure last week in an attempt to launch an unmanned Mercury space capsule aboard an Atlas missile.

Failure Delays Project

It was learned that the program to put a man in orbit, then bring him back, already was two months behind schedule when this test flopped. NASA officials conceded the failure would delay the project by another several weeks.

The Russians are known to be working on a similar project and some officials fear the Soviet Union will score another dramatic space first by beating the United States in the race to fire a man into space.

The announced aim of the $350 million Mercury program is to put a man into orbit around the earth sometime next year. But it was suggested by some sources that delays might force postponement of the shot until 1962.

More Evidence

It was learned that under the original Mercury timetable, last week's test of the capsule's heat resistance was scheduled for late May or early June.

The delay in launching the unsuccessful test was only one part of the mounting evidence that the U.S. man-in-space program has fallen behind schedule.

One of the most important preliminaries to launching one of the seven astronauts into an orbit around the earth will be a series of sub-orbital test flights.

These flights, eventually designed to carry an astronaut 100 miles into the sky and 200 miles down range, were scheduled to begin sometime in July, August or September.

NASA officials now are talking about making the manned sub-orbital flights in December, even if unmanned shots have not begun by then.

And some knowledgeable sources here questioned whether NASA can meet even the postponed December target date for the manned sub-orbital flights.

These sources said the space agency would be lucky if the manned training shots on a Redstone missile could be launched by January. They suggested this phase of the Mercury project might be as much as six months behind schedule.

Congress Broadcast Request Submitted

New York—(UPI)—The American Broadcasting Co. has asked permission to televise and broadcast the upcoming session of Congress.

The network made the request in telegrams Wednesday to Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) and Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.) and Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Such requests have been denied in the past. Both House and Senate have rules barring television except for special occasions.

Minneapolis, Minn.—(UPI)—Lucian C. Sprague, 78, president and board chairman of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway Co. for nearly 20 years, died Wednesday.

Benson Urges Western Europe To Remove Bans

Rotterdam, Holland — (UPI) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson declared today "the time has come" for most west European nations to remove restrictions on imports of American farm products.

Benson, here on a two-day visit, said in the last five years the United States had made a "great effort" to open itself to fair agricultural competition and was now waiting for Europe to reciprocate.

Serious Concern

"I want to make completely understandable our serious concern over recent policy developments in other countries," the secretary said in a speech at a horticultural exhibition. "For a long time the United States has waited for trade liberalization to provide greater access of its agricultural exports to the world markets."

Benson said he particularly was worried about current proposals regarding a common agriculture policy for West Germany, France, Holland, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg, the six common market members.

He said certain of these proposals threatened to create a serious obstacle in Atlantic community trade by insulating the common market from outside agricultural competition.

Adolf Eichmann Incident Closed

Buenos Aires —(UPI)— Argentina and Israel announced Wednesday night they have agreed to regard the kidnaping of Nazi SS Col. Adolf Eichmann from this country as a "closed incident."

The Argentine courts, however, were expected to continue the investigation they began Wednesday into the circumstances in which Eichmann was spirited out of this country in May to stand trial in Israel for the wartime mass murder of European Jews.

A brief communique published simultaneously in Buenos Aires and Tel Aviv did not even mention Eichmann by name.

It said merely that "the governments of Argentina and Israel, with the purpose of complying with the resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations of June 23, 1960, expressing hope for improvement of the friendly relations traditionally maintained by both countries, resolve to consider closed the incident which issued from the action of Israeli nationals in detriment of the fundamental rights of the Argentine State."

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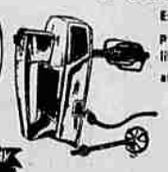

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