

# The Week in California Woman Arrested for Fake Bomb Report; Space Capsule Found

A navy frogman plucked a 27-by-33 inch capsule from the ocean last week in a historic first recovery of an object from space.

The tiny capsule and its mother rocket had been fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base on the California coastline earlier in the week.

Other developments around the state:

**Bomb report:** The FBI arrested Miss Themis B. Doerr,

of Los Angeles, on charges of making a false bomb report that caused delay and search of a jet airliner headed from Los Angeles to Philadelphia. She was the 29th person arrested on like charges during the last several months.

**Finn:** The flying Finns of Los Angeles got back in the news. First, Charles Finn put a fight when officers tried to arrest him in the mistaken belief he was his brother, George. Later, George was carted off to jail to serve a 15-day sentence for three traffic citations.

**Robbery:** A calm, business-like bandit robbed a savings and loan branch office in North East Fresno and escaped with \$51,534. Manager Robert Thomson of the Fresno Guarantee Savings and Loan association branch said the bandit strolled into the office and then strolled out again after the holdup and drove slowly away in a 1954 car.

**Insect:** The state department of agriculture ebang an all-out war on the oriental fruit fly after one was discovered in an orange tree at Anaheim. It was the first time the insect had been found on the U.S. mainland, although it attacked fruits and vegetables in Hawaii.

**Water:** Gov. Edmund G. Brown and Harvey O. Banks, director of the department of water resources, announced that a contract will be ready soon for delivery of water to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The water would come from Northern California under the state's proposed \$1.75 billion water bond.

**Moore:** Dr. Barbara Moore, famed for her cross-country walk across the United States this summer, ran into trouble with American customs officials in San Francisco. They objected to her bringing fruit and vegetables, her main diet, into the country after completing a walk across Australia.

**Suits:** Two off-beat law suits showed up in Los Angeles courts.

**Las Vegas' Flamingo Hotel** was sued for \$253,000 by furniture dealer Benjamin Satz. He claimed he was dragged on to the hotel's stage by a chorus girl against his will and then kicked by the girl for the purpose of "amusing other guests and spectators."

**And John Shelton Walker, 18, of Los Angeles, was granted \$35,000 damage** because a sponge was left in his abdomen during an appendectomy.

**POLIO RATE DOWN**  
Washington - (UPI) - The Public Health service reports that the usual late summer increase in polio cases has failed to occur thus far in 1960. Health officials said Friday there were 110 new cases reported in the week ended Aug. 6, one less than the previous week, and 301 less than in the same week in 1959. The fact that new cases appeared to be holding steady was viewed as an encouraging sign. Thus far in 1960, total polio cases numbered 951, less than 40 per cent of the 2,447 during the same period a year ago.

# State Nears End Of Its Case in Finch Retrial

Los Angeles - (UPI) - The prosecution Saturday approached the conclusion of its case in the Finch-Tregoff murder retrial, with what may be the final week of state's evidence starting Monday.

Most principal witnesses for the prosecution already have reappeared to testify concerning the alleged plot of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff to kill the surgeon's wife.

Barbara Jean Finch, 33, a West Covina socialite, was killed on the night of July 18, 1959. Finch, 43, and Miss Tregoff, 23, first were brought to trial in December, but the jury failed to reach a verdict and was dismissed.

Most of the remainder of the state's case, it was indicated, will involve technical testimony and evidence presented by investigating officers.

Capt. William Ryan of the West Covina police, chief investigating officer, and sheriff's chemist Clifford C. Crump were among witnesses Friday.

Ryan was questioned by defense attorneys on why he did not include in a report of his investigation a statement by Marie Anne Lidholm about finding the doctor in the garage on the night of the shooting.

According to Miss Lidholm's trial testimony, she found Finch in the garage with a gun in his hand and that he "shot toward me."

Ryan said he dictated the report rapidly following his preliminary inquiry as he prepared to leave for Las Vegas, where Finch was arrested in Miss Tregoff's apartment the day after the shooting.

Finch claims the shooting was an accident which occurred after he disarmed his wife. He said he was throwing away the gun when it discharged, fatally wounding his wife.

**CUBA "NOT COMMUNIST"**  
Moscow - (UPI) - Soviet First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan said Friday night that Premier Fidel Castro's Cuban regime is not Communist because it promises to pay for seized property. If the Cuban regime were Communist, he said, "they would have acted as we did in 1917. . . . We took over the property of capitalists, both our own and foreign ones, without paying any compensation for it."

# House to Reconvene, But 1st Week To Be Slow

Washington - (UPI) - The House reconvenes Monday but will mark time for a week before getting down to pre-election business.

Even though the chamber took a longer political convention recess than the Senate, it is much farther along with legislation to be completed before sine die adjournment about Labor Day.

No business was scheduled next week and only a very few committee meetings on minor legislation were planned. In view of the lull, many members will not return until Aug. 22.

The House already has passed three of the five major bills on the Democratic leadership's "must" agenda for the short session. The only two remaining are housing and farm legislation.

The House agriculture committee will meet Aug. 23 on a voluntary plan to cut the 1961 acreage of wheat and possibly other surplus crops. Key committee members this week rejected any idea of a pre-election increase in general price supports on 1960 crops on grounds it was too late in the season.

An omnibus \$1.36 billion housing bill is stymied in the House rules committee, which also is blocking another bill on federal school construction

aid. Both Senate and House have passed separate school bills, but the conservative-dominated rules committee has refused to permit a conference to work out a compromise.

The rules committee will be under pressure to free both measures when the House swings into full-scale action. Chairman Howard W. Smith (D-Va.) has agreed to call a committee meeting, "if necessary," but he made no predictions on the outcome.

Two House-approved must bills, increasing the federal minimum wage and providing medical care for the aged, are awaiting Senate action.

Since the Senate is expected to strengthen both, joint conferences will be required to iron out the differences.

High on the House agenda is a Senate-passed bill which would clear the way for television debate this fall between the two presidential candidates, Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. John F. Kennedy.

The measure would suspend the so-called "equal time" law for the presidential campaign so that television networks could offer time to the Republican and Democratic candidates without having to provide comparable time for splinter party nominees.

# Study of Moon's Surface Completed to Aid in Finding Landing Sites; Man Would Live There Like a Mole



**TERMINAL TO SPACE** - This is the Bell Telephone Laboratories "telephone terminal to outer space" at Crawford Hill in Holmdel, N. J. Signals were bounced from here, via Echo I communications satellite, to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Goldstone, Calif. In foreground at right is the unique "horn-reflector" antenna used as a receiver for the satellite communication system. The transmitter, a 60-foot "dish," is at top left. (UPI Telephoto)

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United Press International  
Washington - (UPI) - The Geological Survey has completed a study of the moon's surface to provide Army engineers with guides in selecting possible landing sites for America's spacemen, it was revealed Saturday.

The findings were gloomy at best. In addition to risking dubious landing spots, the first moon men would have to survive heat and cold so intense they would have to go underground immediately.

The study also will be used in designing telemetering instruments and a "lunar surface vehicle."

Col. Leonard Haseaman of the Army engineers, and Maxim Elias, military geologist for the Geological Survey, briefed reporters at a defense department conference on the \$30,000 year-long study.

They exhibited three maps—a photomosaic of the moon, a physiographic map, and a generalized photogeologic map of the planet. The maps were pieced together from photographs taken of the moon's surface during the past 50 years. Thousands were examined, and 64 finally were used to make the final three.

The geologic scientists reached these conclusions:  
-No general area was determined to be best for a landing. Also, there was no clue where a soft landing could be effected—where men could move out of a lunar vehicle.

**Need for Photography**  
-There is a big need for more and better photography of the moon, probably from a high altitude, such as from a satellite.

**Higher Than Everest**  
-Peaks silhouetted on the moon's horizon appear to be 30,000 feet high or higher. These are higher than earth's Mt. Everest.

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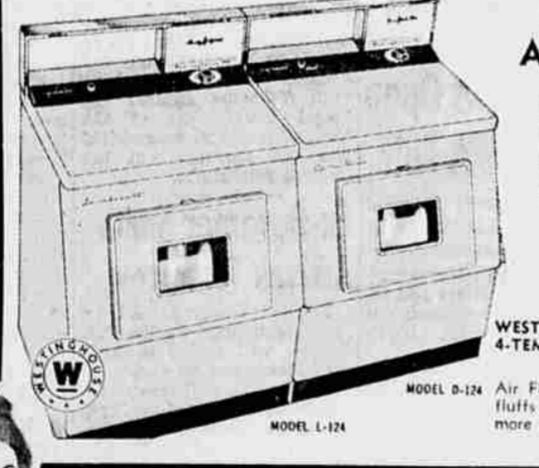
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hit at least once by a meteor. He said a person on the moon in trying to escape the meteor would in effect be playing a game something like Russian roulette.



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