

Weather Satellites Said Waste of Time Without Study Plan

Washington - (AP) - A scientific group says that weather satellites will be a waste of time, money, and effort unless an agency is set up to make full use of the vast amount of information they provide.

It called for support of efforts to create a national center for atmospheric research to seek answers to such questions as whether weather control is possible.

The group is the committee on atmospheric sciences of the National Academy of Sciences. In a report published here, the committee said the need for the national center is pointed up by "the striking success of the weather satellite Tiros I, man's first instrument for the continuing observation of large-scale weather phenomena."

Cloud Photographs

Tiros I, launched April 1 into a 450-mile high orbit around the earth, took nearly 23,000 cloud cover photographs before it stopped transmitting.

A second Tiros is scheduled for launching around the middle of next month. Concerning the potential value of weather satellites, the committee said:

"Analysis of such worldwide meteorological information obtained at regular, short intervals may be expected to increase greatly our understanding of the basic principles of meteorology as well as the precision of forecasting."

"One may expect that this increased understanding will some day provide the answer to the question of whether small or large scale weather control is possible."

But, the report continued, "there exists at the moment no organization or group in the world that is prepared to exploit fully the new wealth of information that meteorological satellites will certainly provide."

Proper Organization

"Thus, it said, 'the huge expenditure of scientific effort, engineering, and finance in meteorological satellites may be largely wasted unless a proper organization is ready to exploit the informational output of the meteorological satellites for the increase of our knowledge and the construction of a sound, theoretical foundation upon which a new order of practical forecasting can be based.'"

A group of 14 universities under a grant from the National Science Foundation is now organizing the national center for atmospheric research. The committee called this "a first step" but said "still further steps are urgently required."

Among these, it said, are early development of a research and analysis program for the center and the strengthening of the research program of the U. S. Weather bureau.

Ashland Firemen Answer Three Calls

Ashland - Ashland firemen answered calls for two minor fires Tuesday and one early yesterday.

Firemen were called to the Boyd Foley residence, 285 Whiteman st., at 9 a.m. Tuesday, where an overheated oil stove was causing smoke. No damage was reported.

At 8:09 p.m. firemen extinguished a trash fire at the Selby Chevrolet co., 100 E. Main.

At 10:10 a.m. Wednesday a call was received from 100 Walker ave., where a motor bike was in flames. Damage to the exterior finish and tires was reported. The bike is owned by Darrell Pruitt, Ashland.



POLITICIANS' WIVES - Mrs. Richard Nixon, left, wife of the GOP presidential candidate, and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, wife of the New York governor, share center stage with an elephant - a Republican model - at a meeting in New York City. The Nixons are making a whirlwind tour of the area. (UPI Telephoto)

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Dan D.—A boy shouldn't be required to obey two fathers.

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Dan D.—I am 11. My parents were divorced five years ago and they have both remarried. My problem concerns my stepfather.

Although I have lived with him for only six months my stepfather seems to expect me to love and respect him as a father. He thinks he can boss

me around and I'll jump and do everything he wants. He has never had any children of his own and I don't think he understands anything about the younger generation. He is middle-aged.

I see my father every week and he lays down the law to me. I do pretty much what my father expects of me. I don't think a boy should be required to obey two fathers. My mother is on my stepfather's side.

Mrs. L.T.—My husband is a fine, sensitive man who has taken on a serious sense of responsibility for my two children. He loves them as his own. He has been successful in winning over Dan's younger sister, but has met only rebellion in Dan.

My ex-husband always shirked his responsibilities. He was more interested in running around with women than in his own family. Now that we are separated, he is suddenly very concerned about every detail of their lives.

My present husband tries to do everything for Dan's welfare. Since he sees him every day, many occasions arise in which he must lay down the law to Dan and I think he should obey.

The Council: This youngster has a very difficult adjustment to make and the three adults involved must recognize this and proceed cautiously.

Dan is reaching the age where rebellion against parental authority is almost inevitable. More than the usual authority is suddenly imposed upon him. Whatever resentment he has ever harbored against his own father for real or fancied neglect, he is now free to transfer to a strange man. He sees his own father once a week, and a pleasant occasion is undoubtedly made of it. He sees his stepfather from day to day when many occasions arise calling for restrictions rather than pleasure.

At the same time the new father may be a little over-eager to take on his new responsibilities. Childless, perhaps he longs for affection and respect from a son. But these can't be built in a day. He must put his own feelings aside and trust to time and the natural growth of love in those who have received kindness from others.

Mrs. L. T. must play a crucial role in this relationship. She is all wrong to point out defects in Dan's natural father. This will not help him develop love for his stepfather. She must let Dan stick to his loyalty toward his father, merely pointing out that he also has a duty to respect his stepfather.

The stepfather should confine his role, for the time being, to showing his interest in Dan and encouraging him in all wholesome pursuits. He should avoid criticism until such time as the boy shows he is ready to accord him the necessary respect. He should never give the impression that he is trying to usurp the position of Dan's natural father.

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CENSUS REACTION

Austin, Tex. - (AP) - When census-takers announced that Austin's population was some 15,000 below Chamber of Commerce estimates, the Austin Statesman headlined: "Get Bigger - or Lost: Ultimatum for Austin?"

Father of H-Bomb Warns on Being First To Use It

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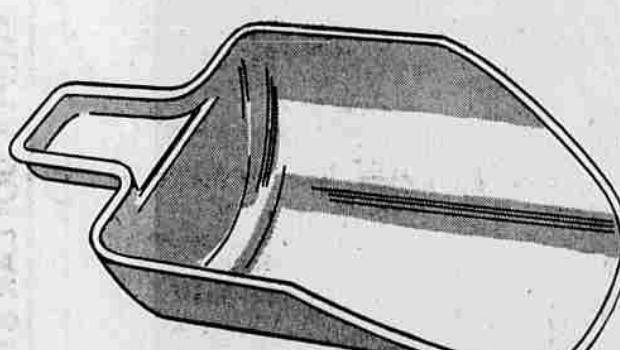
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