

House Committee Hearing on Venus Probe Continues

Washington—(AP)—The House Space Committee today continued its hearings on Russia's Venus probe, with three Defense Department officials scheduled to testify.

Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, deputy director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration told the committee Wednesday that the Russians now could put an "H-bomb" into orbit and shoot it toward earth targets.

President Kennedy said at his news conference Wednesday night the United States has made "exceptional gains in space technology" which he said should "give all Americans satisfaction in the efforts we have made."

Behind in Boosters
"Boosters, however, we are behind in," he said. "It is a matter of great concern. The Soviet Union made a significant breakthrough in this area some years ago, and they have continued to make their lead."

Kennedy said this breakthrough "explains why they were ahead of us in Sputniks and it explains why they have been able to put larger objects in space." He said they would continue to do so "unless we are able to make a breakthrough before the Saturn booster comes into operation."

The President said this country has "sufficiently large boosters to protect us militarily, but for the long heavy explorations into space, which requires large boosters, the Soviet Union has been ahead, and it is going to be a major task to surpass them."

Missionary Talks Of African Areas

Ten years ago only four areas of Africa were self-governed. Today there are 24, embracing 75 per cent of the vast continent, the Rev. Ira E. Gillet pointed out in an address Tuesday before the Medford Rotary club.

Speaking at the Rogue Valley Country club, the Oregon Methodist conference missionary to Africa described the surprising similarity between Africa and the U.S. since that continent and North America were colonized by the white race. Exploitation of the labor of colored races was cited.

The English won the Boer War but lost the peace in Africa, Mr. Gillet emphasized, through the policy of extreme segregation. The "lid will probably blow off Mozambique," the speaker warned. The country has 7 million natives controlled by approximately 7,000 Portuguese.

Mr. Gillet has spent more than 30 years on the mission field in Africa and has long been a student of that continent.

Two Cars Involved In Highway Crash

Automobiles operated by an Ashland man and his wife were involved in an accident Wednesday about 8 p.m. near the intersection of Highway 99 and Creel rd., according to state police.

Police said an automobile operated by Edwin Arnold Pettitt, 2332 Glenn st., Ashland, was northbound on Highway 99 when it slowed to turn onto Creel rd. Pettitt told police that something happened, causing the vehicle to stop quickly, and it was hit from behind by a car driven by Phyllena May Pettitt. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

A passenger in Pettitt's car, Norman Pettitt, was treated at Ashland hospital for a head cut and released, it was reported.

4-H NEWS

The Smart Cookies
Monday, Feb. 12, the Smart Cookies 4-H club meeting was called to order by Sue Lisensbee. After answering the roll call, each member gave his weekly recipe.

We voted on having our next meeting on Tuesday. Karen Ricks led us in playing a game. Refreshments, including chocolate chip cookies made by John Gilham as his weekly project, were served. Janet Pucci, Reporter.

Ruch Swine Club
The first meeting of the Ruch Swine 4-H club was held Saturday, Feb. 11, at the leader's home, Bill Barker. Glen Travis will be coleader, and Mary Barker, junior leader.

Officers were elected. They are Robert Straube, president; Louie Barker, vice president; Clyde Travis, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting will be at Travis' home, Feb. 25 at 1:30 p.m. William Travis, Reporter.

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