

Russians Confident of Ability To Control Space Flight

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Almost from the moment of launching the Russians exhibited supreme confidence in their ability to control the first space man's flight and return him safely to earth.

In an unprecedented performance Moscow Radio broke into its programs to report

the progress of Maj. Yuri Gagarin's history-making flight even while he still was in orbit.

The Russians never have described any space failures, and official announcements of other projects always have been withheld until all risk was past.

Today was different.

Moscow Radio's initial announcement dramatically concluded:

"He is still in orbit."

Then came the announcement that the "cosmonaut" was flying over Africa. He reported:

"Flight is normal. I am withstanding well the state of weightlessness."

Over South America:

"Flight proceeding normally."

Then the news that he was returning to earth and the emotional welcome from the announcer:

"Mother earth is awaiting you with outstretched arms, first cosmic traveler."

American scientists congratulated the Russians on another "first" in space, but made no effort to hide their disappointment that the United States had trailed in another achievement which, aside from its scientific value, was bound to have an enormous worldwide psychological effect.

Scarcely had the first space-

man returned to earth than the Communist propaganda mills began grinding.

The official press and radio plugged it as a demonstration of the superiority of communism over capitalism.

Said the East German Communist news agency:

"The technical miracle was brought about by workers, engineers and scientists whose

hearts were filled with the glorious doctrine of the international proletariat and who worked according to dialectical principles."

A Soviet government statement said the achievement "inspires all Soviet people to fresh feats in the construction of communism."

In conclusion:

"Let us end the armament

race. Let us bring about universal and complete disarmament under strict international control."

The scientific breakthrough had been forecast two days ago by Henry Shapiro, chief of the United Press International bureau in Moscow.

On April 10, he reported that reliable but unofficial

sources told him the Russians may have put the first man into orbit and returned him. An air of expectancy hung over Moscow.

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School Budget Approved For District 549C

The Medford school district budget committee last night approved a 1961-62 proposed general fund budget totaling \$4,047,728.

The total is \$154,160.01 more than this year's operating budget, an increase of about 4 per cent. The increase is commensurate with an expected 4 per cent increase in the number of students in the district next school year.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the school administration office. An election on the amount outside the 6 per cent limitation will be held Thursday, May 25. The amount of the budget outside the 6 per cent limitation is \$2,070,805.95.

Most of the increase in the operating budget next year is in salaries for instruction. The salary total is \$2,621,444, an increase of \$200,183.

Several factors account for the rise in instruction salaries:

1. Increased salaries provided in the salary schedule on a regular increment basis. This increment totals \$79,600.
 2. Additional salary money for 15 new teachers to handle an expected increase of 350 students, and two special education teachers. This amounts to an \$85,000 addition in the budget.
 3. The addition of two part-time counselors at the junior high schools.
 4. Shifting half of two principals' salaries to instruction because they serve as part-time teachers. This is a reclassification item.
- Revise Salary Schedule**
- The budget committee approved a revised salary schedule for teachers which provides increased salaries in the initial probationary period to attract beginning teachers. All other teachers will receive regular salary schedule increments.
- Increases in six operating fund classifications, and decreases in seven other classifications were approved.
- Classifications in which increases were approved, and the amount, and the increase are:
- Instruction, \$2,843,416, an increase of \$217,179; pupil transportation services, \$122,671, increased \$26,827; operation of plant, \$339,126, increased \$45,464.50; fixed charges, \$223,890, increased \$7,905; food services, \$23,079, a new classification; and community services \$3,829, increased \$1,013.
- Decreases Noted**
- Decreases were noted in seven classifications:
- Administration, \$66,021, decreased \$5,644; attendance services for public schools, \$770, decreased \$180; health services for public schools, \$17,794, decreased \$3,596; maintenance of plant, \$254,440, decreased \$27,947.08; student body activities, nothing budgeted, decreased \$7,150; capital outlay, \$119,992, decreased \$110,900.41; and payments to other school districts, \$12,700, decreased \$12,400.
- Many of the increases and decreases in general fund items are due to reclassification in the budget form. The large reduction in capital outlay is the elimination of several projects.
- The budget committee also approved a bond interest and redemption fund totaling \$479,089.94, which is \$15,819.53 less than this year's fund, and the school lunch fund totaling \$273,444.29, for which there is equal revenue.

Plans To Organize Packing House Workers Revealed

The Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Warehousemen Union, Local No. 962, said today that it is attempting to organize local packing house workers, and plans to petition for a National Labor Relations board election in the "near future."

Bob Shaw, secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters union, told the Mail Tribune that the workers themselves are seeking union organization. Efforts to organize them have been under way for about six weeks, he said.

Shaw estimated that from 3,000 to 3,500 workers would come under the union during the peak fruit-packing season, but this would dwindle to about 150 in the off-season. Included in the organizing attempt are packers, sorters and other year-round and part-time workers in the packing houses, according to Shaw.

Directed to Packing Houses

Shaw emphasized that the organizing attempt is directed only toward workers in the packing houses, not agricultural nor orchard workers.

Union organizing cards are being circulated among the workers by the workers themselves, Shaw said. He declined to estimate how many workers have signed the cards to date, but pointed out that the union should be ready to petition the NLRB for elections in the various packing houses in the near future.

When the NLRB has received the union's petition, it will determine whether 30 per cent of the affected workers have signed union organizing cards. If they have, the NLRB will call for an election in the various plants. If the union wins the election it will then become the bargaining agent for the workers.

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Shaw said Teamsters officials met with a group of workers last week at the request of the workers to explain what the union could do for them. Future meetings are planned.

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Demo Committee To Meet Tonight

Final plans for the 11th annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner, which will be held Saturday, April 15, will be discussed at a meeting of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee at 8 o'clock tonight at the Labor temple.

U.S. Sen. Frank Church, Idaho, will speak at the Memorial dinner. Former Idaho residents planning to attend the dinner and wishing reservations for the special Idaho table are asked to notify Mrs. Hugh Freil, executive secretary. All Democrats holding tickets for the event have been asked to turn in proceeds to Mrs. Friel at tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Thomas Rutter, chairman of the county home rule study committee, will speak at tonight's meeting. She will give a report on work done by the committee to date. A question and answer period will follow.

Schumacher Becomes Ill While at Office

County Assessor Ray J. Schumacher is in Sacred Heart hospital today for observation and treatment.

He became ill in his office at the courthouse yesterday afternoon. Dr. A. Erin Merkel made the preliminary examination, and contacted Schumacher's private physician, who ordered him to the hospital.

VACATION ENDS

Palm Springs, Calif. — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower ends his desert vacation tonight.



ORBITS EARTH—Shown above is Russia's Yuri Gagarin who, according to Tass, successfully orbited the earth and returned safely. Gagarin was the first man to break through the space barrier and fly above the confines of the earth's atmosphere. (UPI Radioteletype photo)

DA Says Emergency Funds May Be Used For Lines to Lakes

Jackson county cannot use emergency funds for construction of boat piers at Howard Prairie and Emigrant lakes, according to an opinion given to the county court by District Attorney Alan Holmes today.

Dock sections have been constructed, but the anchored pier sections are yet to be constructed. County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen estimated labor costs and materials at \$400 if old county bridge timbers can be used.

Emergency funds could be used for installation of electric power plants at Howard Prairie and for water and sanitary facilities at Emigrant lake, the district attorney stated.

Cost of Power Plant

Estimated cost of the power plant, including the installation and wiring, is \$6,000, and the water and sanitary facilities, \$5,500, according to a letter from Robert J. Keeney, Jackson county parks and recreation commission chairman.

Representatives of the California Oregon Power company have been discussing the possibilities with the county court of running power transmission lines to Hyatt and Howard Prairie lakes and Willow lake near Butte Falls. No cost estimates have been established, according to a Copco official.

Holmes advised the county court to declare an emergency, explain the circumstances, and enter this information into the minutes. If this is an emergency situation, it may be possible to bypass public bidding on the needed power, water and sanitary facilities even though the purchase

Hearing Date Set For Ashland Budget

Ashland—May 3 will be the date for a public hearing on the 1961-62 general fund budget for the Ashland school district.

The preliminary budget prepared by the school board and district budget committee totals \$1,303,275, an increase of \$197,086 over this year's figure.

The hearing will follow the annual school elections May 1, and will be held in the district administration building at 8 p.m.

The school board accepted resignations of four teachers at its meeting. They were from Doris Henderson, girls physical education instructor at Ashland High school; Mrs. Gloria Thorpe, third grade teacher at Briscoe school; Mrs. Marsha Ferte, second grade teacher at Briscoe, and Ruth Esther Hill, junior high school librarian.

Approval was granted for offering nine contracts for teachers for next year.

OSC PROFESSOR DIES

New Delhi — Dr. Joseph S. Butts, 57, professor of biochemistry at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Ore., died Sunday of an infection contracted while on a field trip in South India.

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JFK, Adenauer Discuss Unity Of NATO Allies

Washington — UPI — President Kennedy and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today discussed means for "achieving greater unity" among the North Atlantic allies.

Kennedy and Adenauer discussed NATO in a 90-minute conference — the first of a series of meetings between the two leaders at the White House.

In summarizing the first round of talks, the White House said the parley dealt generally with problems involving NATO. But White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said they "also engaged in a general review of world problems."

Salinger described the meeting as "a personal discussion" attended only by Kennedy, Adenauer, Secretary of State Dean Rusk and West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano and their interpreters.

Petition Opposing Road Submitted

The county court this morning took under advisement a resolution from the Eagle Point Parent Teachers association opposing conversion of the Medco logging railroad right of way to a log truck road.

The county court indicated it was outside the court's jurisdiction since the proposed logging road is a private one.

A letter from Medford Lawyer Ben Day said the PTA has strong personal concern over the proposed logging road and the general public would be adversely affected if the logging road should become established. He requested the county court's assistance in preventing the conversion.

Day is representing the Jackson County Home Owners' Protective association, consisting of a group of residents along the proposed road right of way which opposes the road.

The resolution declared the road would be a public nuisance and dangerous for school busses and school children using the many public roads intersecting with the proposed log truck road.

Board Approves Three Candidates

Three candidates for election to the school board were approved by the Medford board last night. One board member will be elected for a five-year term at the general school election May 1.

The candidates are Dr. David C. Boals, 34 Glen Oak ct., Medford; Gerald M. (Jerry) Gastineau, 2847 Eastover Terrace dr., Medford; and Leroy J. Smith, 1015 Whitman ave., Medford.

Board Chairman Edward Branchfield is not seeking reelection.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent, reviewed legislative measures relating to education, and reported on progress of a study of new high school needs in the district.

Russ Acheson, assistant superintendent, reviewed progress on the high school physical education addition, noting that it is almost complete. Two classrooms in the addition are now being used, and two others are ready to use.

The board voted to schedule commencement exercises in the Medford High school stadium because of limited indoor facilities. The exercises were held in the stadium last June.

One teacher resignation was accepted, and 18 teachers were elected by the board.

Bloodmobile Gets 'Poor Response'

The poorest response in years to a Bloodmobile visit was the way Red Cross officials described this week's visit of the unit to Medford.

Only 170 pints of blood were collected during the two day visit. The visit was an experiment, according to Mrs. J. W. Burba, blood program chairman, with evening and morning hours scheduled as well as afternoon hours.

The quota for the visit was 300 pints. The next visit will be in June.

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Senate Approves Billboard Measure By 25 To 2 Vote

Salem — UPI — A bill to clean away many of the billboards along interstate highways 99 and 30 passed the Senate 25-2 today. It would qualify the state for some \$600,000 in federal bonus funds.

The measure, SB235, is a companion to another bill, SB233, which would create a scenic area commission, including representatives of the billboard industry, to police highway signs along state highways.

Both now must receive House action.

Directional Markers

The interstate bill, based on federal laws, would permit directional and official markers, signs advertising activity within 12 miles, and signs of special interest to the public such as restaurant, motel and filling station advertisements.

Limited billboard advertising also would be allowed on certain stretches.

The two measures were drafted with the support of highway advertisers themselves after a ballot proposal to wipe away virtually all highway signs was beaten last year.

Rep. Grace Peck said her committee on health and welfare was to meet this afternoon to vote out the governor's \$13 million medicare program. The Association of Oregon Counties submitted an amendment that would make county participation permissive, not mandatory. A spokesman said counties don't have the money, about \$1.7 million.

Commerce Approved

The House State and Federal Affairs Committee approved the governor's commerce department bill, part of government reorganization.

Meanwhile, public power advocates Tuesday cried "monopoly" and said a Senate-approved bill would strangle people's utility districts to the advantage of private power.

The House Planning and Development Committee was urged to kill SB487 which would let the public utility commissioner ratify private agreements between utilities on what areas they want to serve.

Hatfield Proposes Industrial District

Astoria — UPI — Gov. Mark Hatfield today proposed establishment of a Lower Columbia River Industrial district. He made the proposal during a talk as Astoria honored the descendants of its founder on Astoria's 150th birthday.

Hatfield said prospects of low cost power had stimulated interest in the Pacific Northwest among electro-process industries and other heavy industrial users of power. He said active inquiries about possible plant sites had been received from four such firms in the past few months.

Hatfield said the Lower Columbia area had the potential to meet site requirements but had few good sites now ready to show prospective new industry.

The need, he said, was for an organization or agency to develop and carry out a plan to create good sites. He suggested as possibilities a Lower Columbia Port Authority, a Lower Columbia Development Corporation, or an association of existing ports, local governmental units and Chambers of Commerce in Clatsop and Columbia counties.

No Orchards Heated In Area Early Today

Orchard heating has eased off the last two days with light heating early Tuesday morning, and no heating this morning.

Low temperature early today was estimated at 38 degrees. In his preliminary forecast, William Rogers, of the fruit frost forecast service, predicted brief light frosts during clear periods tonight and early tomorrow morning. He forecast a 30-degree low in the coldest places.

Tuesday morning the low temperature in the coldest places was 29 degrees. Frost started at 4 a.m. and stopped at daybreak.

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U.S. Officials Long Resigned To Russian Feat

Washington — UPI — U.S. officials have been resigned for more than two years to the probability that Russia would be the first nation to put a man in orbit.

The announcement that the Soviet Union now has achieved this goal surprised them only to the extent that the Russians were not able to do it sooner.

American space officials had anticipated that Russia would get a man in space last year. They long have credited the Russians with the skills and necessary rocket power, and believe they have been working toward that end at least since 1955.

The United States does not expect to put one of its Mercury astronauts in orbit before late this year or early in 1962.

Test Hop First

First, this county must complete a series of preliminary steps. These will include a brief rocket hop down the Atlantic missile range by an astronaut some time next month and the launching of a chimpanzee into orbit later this year.

The United States, however, regretful that the first man in orbit was a Russian, will go ahead with its Mercury program. Officials consider it the absolutely vital first step toward later attempts to send men to the moon or planets.

When the Mercury project became an official program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration 27 months ago, officials warned that Russia probably would get a man up first.

They were convinced of this probability on Nov. 3, 1957, when the Russians put the dog Laika in orbit aboard Sputnik II. Laika was sent up for the express purpose of testing the effects of weightlessness and other novel space conditions.

Big Rocket Booster

According to Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, NASA's deputy director, the Russians have been performing all of their space spectaculars with a basic rocket booster generating about 800,000 pounds of thrust.

Using it, they have put into orbit spacecraft weighing more than seven tons. This country will not be able to match that performance until 1964 when the Saturn rocket will become operational.

The Saturn booster will have 1.5 million pounds of thrust.

The first Mercury astronaut will be put in orbit by an Atlas inter-continental ballistic missile developing only 360,000 pounds of thrust—less than half the power of today's Russian boosters.

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Snowfall Ceases

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The actual orbiting time was announced as 89.1 minutes for the trip of more than 20,000 miles at heights ranging from 109 to 187 miles over the earth in the space ship named Vostok (East).

In Constant Touch

The craft was controlled from the ground all the way, and the Soviet scientist said they were in touch with the Cosmonaut, as the Russians call him, by radio and television all the way. The additional time given for the trip apparently covered landing time. And although it was announced Gagarin returned to a predetermined spot in the Soviet Union, it was possible his takeoff and arrival sites were widely separated.

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