Sub Fleet Range Extended by New Polaris Missile

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)—The Navy's missile-firing submarine fleet will take a major step forward next month with the maiden flight of a Polaris missile capable of hitting harder and ranging 1,000 miles farther than ever before.

The added range is expected to put all of Russia within striking distance of American Polaris-armed submarines.

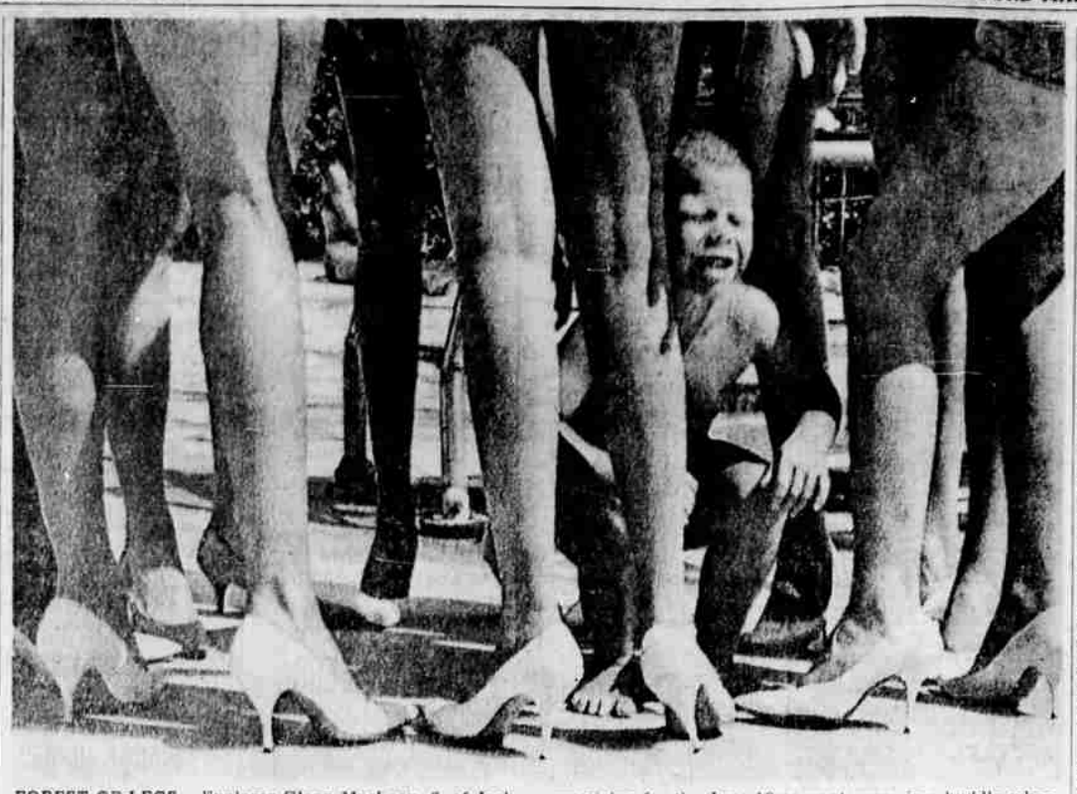
Current versions of the Polaris are capable of hurling their warheads up to 1,725 miles when fired from a submerged submarine. The new model, known as the A3 Polaris, will have a maximum range of 2,800 miles.

Host of Improvements

The A3 Polaris is the ultimate goal toward which we've been working," said a spokesman for the Polaris project. He indicated it would include a host of improvements over its predecessors, the A1 and A2 models.

It is expected to have room for a bigger nuclear warhead, though the defense department has kept the exact details under close security wraps.

The first of the new 2,800-mile Polaris will be fired from a fixed launching pad and the Navy has set next month as the target date for the launch. Then the A3 will go through a complete land and sea testing program before being put on combat-ready submarines sometime late in 1963.



FOREST OF LEGS – Explorer Glenn MacLean, 6, of Jacksonville, Fla., found himself in a bit of trouble when he lost himself in this forest of legs belonging to contestants in the Miss Tall Atlanta Pageant last week. The girls, practicing for the June 16 pageant, were in a huddle when Glenn began exploring. When the girls closed up, Glenn decided it was time to get out and with the help of a few tears he made it. (UPI)

Auto Industry May Set All Time Sales Record in 1962

Detroit – (UPI) – The auto industry may yet set an all-time sales record in 1962.

The official guidepost will be the number of new car registrations – cars sold and actually licensed this year. Those figures are compiled by R. L. Polk & Co. in Detroit.

The present record was set in 1955 when 7,169,908 new cars were registered.

Slightly Below

Industry leaders have been estimating 1962 new car volume at 6.5 to 7 million, or slightly below 1955.

But Polk said that registrations this year are continuing to run at a record rate. "Not once have the accumulated totals been below the comparable periods in 1955," the firm said.

Registrations figures are always more than a month behind actual sales because the figures are obtained from state offices around the country. The latest tabulation is for the month of April.

Higest April

Polk said April registrations were 640,449 cars-best since May, 1960, and the second highest April on record. The April, 1960, total of 647,287 cars holds the record.

"The April surge lifted the year-to-date total to 2,218,569 new cars registered and also established a new record for this fourmonth period," Polk said.

The January-April total this year is about 2 per cent ahead of the old record in 1955. If the pace holds about the same for the rest of the year, the industry would have a new record.

The compact car's share of the market is dropping, according to the figures.

A total of 610,173 compacts were registered in the four months, 27.2 per cent of the market. Last year at the same period, 551,697 compacts were registered, but this represented a much better 31.3 per cent share, since the overall market was smaller.

Of all the automotive divisions, Chevrolet is the pacesetter by a wide margin. On June 5, Chevrolet produced its one-millionth car of calendar 1962, a mark not reached in 1961 until Aug. 30.

Through the first week in June, Chevrolet has produced 1,033,764 cars. This represents 31.9 per cent of the industrywide total of 3,244,465 cars.

Linde Elected at Civil Rights Meet

Salem – (UPI) – Hans Linde of Eugene, assistant law professor at the University of Oregon, was elected vice chairman of Oregon's Advisory Commission on Civil Rights at a meeting here Sunday.

Mrs. Mercedes Diez, Portland, was named secretary. The chairman, designated earlier by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, is Eric W. Allen Jr., managing editor of the Medford Mail Tribune.

The meeting, first since the advisory committee was reconstituted by the commission, was devoted mostly to orientation of the new members in their duties, and discussion of their responsibilities.

The next meeting, when the committee plans to outline its program for the coming two years, will be held in Portland. The tentative date is July 7.

MANAGED NAMED

Bend – (UPI) – Glenn Cushman, general manager of the Bend Bulletin, has been named president and general manager of the News Publishing Center, Inc., Salt Lake City, Robert W. Chandler, editor and publisher of the Bulletin, said today.

Bulk of Mail To Oregon Congressional Delegation Opposes King-Anderson Bill

By YVONNE FRANKLIN
Washington Bureau

Washington (Special) —The pulse of the public is being carefully taken as the letters on medical care for the aged pour into Oregon's congressional offices, but the offices disagree on just what it indicates. There is, however, no quarrel over the fact that the volume has increased since President Kennedy's and the AMA television broadcasts, and that it is the issue on which they receive the most mail. All agree that the bulk of it is against the King-Anderson bill which provides hospital and other services, but no doctors' fees.

Franklin

Rep. Edwin R. Durno's office reports the mail running 10 to 1 against; both Reps. Al Ullman and Walter Norblad were about 5 to 1, and Rep. Edith Green's mail was 2 to 1 against.

Ullman's office called some of the mail against the King-Anderson bill "inspired." Their suspicion was aroused before Kennedy's broadcast when mail began to arrive in noticeable clumps. A special check with a city directory indicated that the writers were wives of doctors, nurses, secretaries, technicians — all of whom did not mention their medical connection. There was "even one doctor who didn't sign his M.D." according to a secretary.

However Ullman's secretary went on to say that since the AMA and Kennedy broadcast, the mail, although maybe not inspired, was filled with the known AMA arguments against medicare under social security.

On the other hand, Robert Parkman, Durno's administrative assistant, said:

"In all my memory I have never seen such spontaneous mail!"

Parkman has worked on Capitol Hill since 1925 and said he had seen some "stimulated" mail in his time.

"I read most all of the letters and kept looking for some evidence of some organization behind it. It doesn't exist," he said.

Reading through Durno's file back to the middle of May bears this out. Some, to be sure, bristled with pithy slogans of "down the road to socialism" "doctor-patient relationship destroyed". But the majority — whether handwritten, typewritten, a spidery aging scrawl or a firm and bold stroke — had a common quality of deep and thoughtful concern over the problems of meeting medical expenses in old age. Here are quotes from a few:

". . . . inadequacies in the (King-Anderson) bill. In our immediate family my wife's three grandparents would not be covered. Her mother would be, but needs no financial assistance. My mother would be but she is a Christian Scientist and is not interested in free medical care."

Some Confusion

Some wrote in confusion (and some confesed it) over what the legislation covers. A 72-year-old woman would "rather pay for doctors out of my pension rather than lose my personal freedom of choice."

". . . . It has been noted in the past that once a program such as this is instituted it becomes a permanent feature and in fact grows with time to encompass much more than was the stated intention at the beginning. Those who favor this bill scoff at the warnings of the danger of socialized medicine mainly because we have enjoyed the benefits of a system free of controls, and they somehow believe that control by a third party does not alter the foundation of a patient-doctor relationship, whereas it has been by experience that it does and not for the better."

Durno answers his mail by stating that he opposes the President's measure.

Stacks of Letters

Ullman's office gets stacks of out-of-state letters, which are not answered, because he is on the Ways and Means Committee. For lack of a single vote the committee is holding the King-Anderson bill and Ullman says anything might happen in this session of Congress.

Ullman's mail is so heavy that he must resort to a mimeograph letter on the medicare bill. He gives everyone who writes the same letter which states his position in favor of the bill and outlines some of its features.

Many of the same people are writing all the legislators in opposition to the bill.

Many elderly people wrote in support who had had insurance policies cancelled without warning or because of an illness. One older lady who wrote Mrs. Green said "insurance agents who call hang up quick when I ask if they would cover a person with high blood pressure and asthma."

One 67-year-old man who had had extensive cancer surgery at Vancouver Veterans Hospital wrote a long letter to Mrs. Green that "Eisenhower had no finer treatment than I had at Vancouver, except that he didn't have to humiliate himself by pleading poverty to get it." This man was concerned for the other oldsters who wouldn't get the medical care he got and he supported the King-Anderson bill.

Minister Not Covered

But a doctor who wrote a long letter asked if it were not true that "we did not have to disclose assets to get an FHA loan." A minister in his 80s who lives with his wife on a small pension said they were not covered under social security and he wondered how they would make it if taxes were increased.

An aged lawyed wrote at age 76 his insurance was abruptly cancelled and that after he complained to the AMA the insurance company blandly said that his age had nothing to do with it. He stated that he was a Republican and he supported the King-Anderson bill.

A spokesman for a committee which had studied the various proposals wrote that the insurance companies which now offered uncancellable insurance had premiums which were too high for most older people to pay.

Mrs. Green's letters in reply varied. In some cases she attempted to persuade her writers to favor the administration's bill by enclosing a copy of a speech by Portland doctor Morton Goodman supporting the bill.

Rep. Norblad, who is a keen checker of the public pulse, indicated that he is introducing medicare legislaton. At the time of the interview he had not had a bill prepared and preferred not to discuss what it might contain. He was miffed at statements made in his district which he said did not give a true picture of his views on medical care for the aged.

"It has been said that I am opposed to any program for our elderly," he said. "This is not the fact at all. I recognize the need. But the question is how to solve the problem."

He mentioned a few of the drawbacks of the administration's bill.

"King-Anderson would cover just one-quarter of all the cost of an illness for a person over 65," he said. "Another objection is that it leaves three or four million out who are not under social security. I think they are just as entitled to coverage as anyone else."

Working on Legislation

"I feel definitely that we have to work out a good program, and I am working on one right now which is more comprehensive," he indicated, saying that his legislation should be ready in a week or so.

When asked if he thought the charges of socialism were justified in criticism of King-Anderson, Norblad said he thought the charges were "very much over-emphasized. There may be a certain factor, but I can't think it is particularly material. I just think there are better approaches to it."

He said he thought the Kerr-Mills legislation, now in effect, which adds federal money to state welfare programs for medical care, was "one way to handle the problem, but apparently it is not working out satisfactorily, judging from the number of people who have taken advantage of it."

He said he felt there must be "something to it" when people object to the "pauper's oath" under Kerr-Mills, and this must be a reason why more aren't responding to it.

FAIR ATTENDANCE

Seattle—(UPI)—World's Fair attendance passed the 2 million mark Sunday as 49,655 paid admissions went through the turnstiles to increase to 2,027,050 the total for the first 51 days operation.

Producer of Film Epic Declines Cut

Rome —(UPI)— Producer Walter Wanger said Monday he has refused to take a cut in salary to ease skyrocketing costs of the $30 million film of "Cleopatra," starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton.

He said the matter is in "the hands of my attorney." But he said he has not been fired "unless there is some new development that I know nothing about."

Wanger, who also has a "substantial percentage" of the trouble-plagued film, said he refused to take the salary cut "because I'm not a 20th Century - Fox executive. I'm here with my own company."

Most of the film's trouble has centered around its star, Miss Taylor, and her health. An illness that almost cost her life last year forced nearly a one-year postponement in beginning the film and cost 20th Century-Fox several million dollars.

State Board Okays Building Plans

Eugene —(UPI)— Preliminary plans for several buildings were approved by the State Board of Higher Education Monday.

The board, meeting as a committee of the whole, also took up proposals for a $42 million building program recommended for presentation to the legislature.

Buildings would go up between 1963 and 1965.

Business Professor Gets Highest Award

Eugene —(UPI)— The University of Oregon has presented its highest award for teaching excellence to Dr. David A. Baerncopf, assistant professor of business statistics in the school of business administration.

The $1,000 Ersted Award for Teaching Excellence was announced Sunday at the University's 85th commencement exercises.

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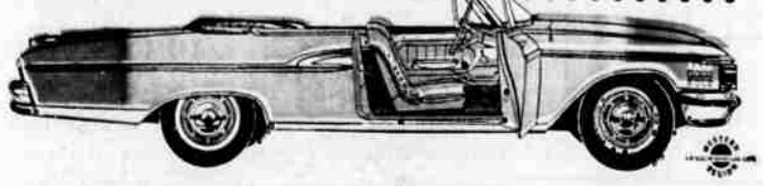

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