

Fragments of Red Space Vehicle in Orbit Over Earth

Washington — (UPI) — Fragments of a Soviet space vehicle orbiting the earth Saturday indicated to U.S. scientists that Russia may have failed in an attempt to launch a space probe toward the planet Venus.

American space trackers discovered four pieces of the Russian rocket in orbit around the earth — one of the few instances of a detected Russian space failure. One of the pieces of "space junk" disappeared, apparently burned to ashes on re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

American scientists had said earlier that Russia might try to fire a Venus probe to outpace the U.S. launched

Mariner-2 rocket. The 447-pound Mariner is now nearly one million miles deep into space on its journey to the cloud-covered planet.

Faces Crucial Test

But on Monday the Mariner faces a crucial change of course maneuver that will decide whether it will be able to take a "close look at Venus."

The three remaining fragments of the Russian space vehicle are in relatively unstable orbits and are expected to have only a short life. Officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) predicted that they would burn up "in a matter of days or weeks."

However, officials said there was no firm evidence that the fragments were the remains of a Russian probe to Venus.

Another spokesman indicated that Russia might have tried to show its space prowess by firing an instrument package past the Mariner-2, using its more powerful booster capacity to turn the feat.

Same Orbit Track

The Soviet space fragments are at an inclination of about 65 degrees from the equator, officials said. This was the same orbital track taken by Russia's twin space cosmonauts this summer.

But officials said "not much can be concluded" about the nature of the shot from the position of the fragments. However, they did say time was running out on Russia, if it hoped to launch a Venus probe as the planet was passing out of the ideal position for a launch.

If the Mariner-2 carries out its mission it will be able to tell scientists if any kind of life exists on the planet.

Other instruments on board the package include meteoric dust detectors and a device to scan the surface of Venus to determine its temperature.

Fish Commission Plans Check on Oil Crew Blasts

Portland — (UPI) — The Oregon Fish Commission says it plans an investigation Thursday and Friday into charges that seismic explosions detonated by oil exploration crews are damaging marine life off the Oregon Coast.

Robert L. Rullison, water resources analyst for the commission, said the first experiment will be conducted off Astoria Sept. 6. Specifically, it will be sought to determine if appreciable damage is being done to such species as sole, flounder and Pacific Ocean perch.

A chartered trawler, the "Betty" of Astoria, and a Shell Oil Co. seismic boat will conduct the work in an area between the Columbia lightship and Cape Falcon, in water 20 to 50 fathoms deep. The experiment will involve catching various types of fish before and after a series of detonations is set off in an effort to determine if there is any change in abundance of fish.

Catches will be analyzed for species composition, size composition, total poundage and for dead or injured fish. Expenses for the investigation will be paid by oil firms engaged in seismic operations.

In another phase of the project, Dungeness crabs of various sizes held in commercial crab pots in waters off Newport will be subject to typical seismic explosions.

Wheat Men Approve Marketing Quotas

Washington — (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman said Friday the narrow margin by which wheat farmers Thursday approved 1963 marketing quotas demonstrated their discontent over the slow pace of farm legislation.

Wheat farmers voting in a 39-state referendum approved marketing quotas for the 1963 crop by a margin of 68.4 per cent. This is barely over the legislative requirement that two-thirds of those voting must approve quotas before they can be put into effect.

Of 235,696 farmers who voted, 161,242 voted for quotas and 72,454 against.

MAYOR HONORED

Corvallis — (UPI) — The mayor of Corvallis was honored for meritorious service to the Air Force Friday in a brief ceremony at his home.



NEW BLM MANAGER — Don Schofield, left, and Russell E. Getty, right, are shown in their new offices. Schofield is the new BLM manager for Oregon and Washington. Getty is the state director for the BLM. They are shown with a new pamphlet commemorating the 25th anniversary of the O and C sustained yield act of Aug. 28, 1937.

Juras Regards New Federal Welfare Laws as 'Complex'

Salem — (UPI) — State Welfare Administrator Andrew Juras Friday called new welfare laws passed by Congress "the most complex I have seen in my many years in public welfare."

He explained that he would have to wait until he read the directives from the U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare before he would know how they would work.

One new law would up the federal payment in some welfare cases from 50 to 75 per cent of the cost.

These are cases providing self-care and self-support services specified as likely to prevent or reduce delinquency and for the cost of

training staff in the public welfare program.

Rules for getting the added money are yet to be spelled out and Juras doesn't expect to receive them before the special Sept. 14 meeting of the commission which will approve the agency's 1963-65 budget.

Juras said that the state probably will be getting into the providing of day care nurseries for working mothers under another new federal program. The state has been allotted \$48,000 to set one up.

Other new laws passed by Congress would allow persons under the aid to the aged

and aid to the dependent children programs to keep some of the money they might earn without having it deducted from welfare payments.

One purpose of the new law is to encourage youngsters to take part time jobs. In a report on Oregon's medical aid to the aged program the commission was told that 4,478 persons are presently eligible and to date \$261,720 has been spent.

The 1961 legislature provided \$10 million for the program assuming 55,000 would be eligible.

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Value of All Farm Assets Hits Record \$207.3 Billion

Washington — (UPI) — The value of all farm assets in the United States rose 3.7 per cent to a whopping record \$207.3 billion on Jan. 1, an increase of \$7.3 billion from a year earlier, the Agriculture department has reported in its balance sheet of agriculture.

Total farm debt reached a record \$27.7 billion, up \$2.2 billion or 8.9 per cent, from Jan. 1, 1961. The total debts were equal to 13.4 per cent of the value of farm assets. This ratio in 1940 was 18.9 per cent, and in 1950 it was 9.5 per cent.

Equity \$179.6 Billion

The assets minus the total debt left the equity of farm operators and other farm owners of farm property at \$179.6 billion. This compares with the revised equity of \$174.3 billion on Jan. 1, 1961. In 1940 the equity was \$52.9 billion.

Rising prices of farm real estate, the principal farm asset, accounted for most of the increase in total assets. Farm real estate on Jan. 1 was valued at \$138 billion, up \$6.2 billion, or 4.7 per cent, from a year earlier. It was one of the largest annual increases in recent years.

The balance sheet of agriculture views agriculture as though it were one large enterprise. In effect, it is comparable to a consolidated balance sheet of all farms, reviewing in general the previous year's financial condition of the agricultural economy.

Gross farm income of about \$40 billion was nearly \$2 billion higher in 1961 than in 1960. Although expenses rose, the realized net income of farm operators increased by more than \$1 billion, or close to 10 per cent.

The higher farm income in 1961, which resulted from strengthened markets for farm products and from government payments to farmers under the feed grain program, eased the current financial position of farmers.

Mortgage Payments Higher

Payments on farm mortgage debts were somewhat higher in 1961 than in 1960, and currency and bank deposits owned by farmers, which had dropped off in both 1959



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Russian Troops, Weapons Have Landed in Cuba, Reports Say

By United Press International

Anti-Castro Cuban leaders and a U.S. senator have voiced extreme disagreement with President Kennedy's declaration that no Soviet troops have landed in Cuba.

The reports that "Russian troops" have arrived in Havana, bringing with them heavy and long-range weapons, and possibly rockets, have increased in frequency and insistence in recent weeks. The reports sharpened with the attack on an American Navy plane Thursday by two vessels believed to be Cuban.

Kennedy has maintained that only Soviet "technicians" have been landed in Cuba, and not uniformed or unit-designated soldiers.

Kennedy, at his news conference Wednesday, said, "there certainly are technicians there in Cuba. There may be military technicians." However, the President emphasized that "on the question of troops, as it's generally understood, we do not have evidence that there are Russian troops there."

Expressed Surprise

The Chief Executive said this country has "no information" about reports that the Cuban Communist regime had received anti-aircraft missiles.

He expressed surprise when told that State Department officials have previously indicated that such missiles had been sent to Premier Fidel Castro's government.

Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.) differed in the Senate Friday with Kennedy's statement.

"I am reliably informed that between Aug. 3 and Aug. 13, at the Cuban port of Mariel, 10 to 12 large Soviet vessels anchored at the former Marante docks. The dock area previously had been surrounded by construction of a high cinder block wall."

"The Soviet ships unloaded 1,200 troops. I call these men troops, not technicians. They were wearing Soviet fatigue uniforms. Keating said boats also were unloaded and "are now moored" nearby. "There is every indication that the naval compliment to handle these disembarked at the same time," he added.

No Action Taken

He said they could not "reasonably be called technicians."

Keating maintained that "no action has been taken by our government" and the public of the modest awards."

The California Republican said that Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.), a member of the Senate at the time the 1948 act was passed, had confirmed that Congress had not intended the awards to be taxable. Cooper was one of 10 co-sponsors of Kuchel's amendment to the tax credit proposal.

\$25,000 Damage Suit Filed Here

Mrs. Betty Fichtner, 227 North Oakdale ave., Medford, is seeking \$25,000 in general damages and \$916 in special damages from the Chrysler corporation and Parsons Motor company, Medford, as the result of an auto accident March 19, 1961, according to a complaint filed in Jackson county circuit court.

Mrs. Fichtner alleges she was seriously injured when her car struck a concrete abutment at Table Rock rd. and Crater Lake highway. In the complaint she blames foot-brake failure as the accident cause.

The brake failed when she attempted to slow the car while making a left turn near Camp White, according to the complaint. She is asking for \$466.05 in medical expenses and \$450 for loss of earnings while recuperating from her injuries.

ATTEND PICNIC

About 175 persons attended a picnic for city employees in Hawthorne park Thursday evening. The picnic was followed by games and swimming in Hawthorne pool. The event lasted from 6 to 9 p.m.

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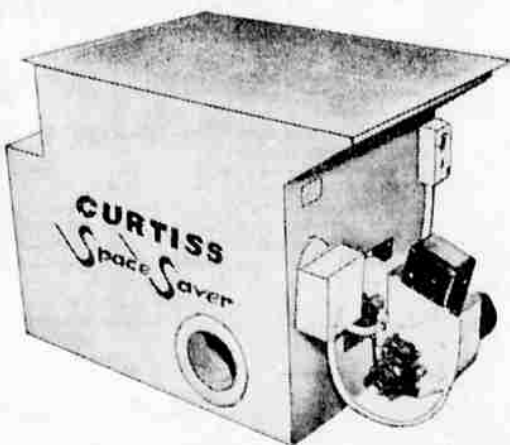
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