

MARINER OBEYS EARTH SIGNALS

McNamara Calls on Allies To Increase European Forces

Troops Claimed Inadequate To Forestall Attack

Requests Meet Cool Reception

Paris — (UPI) — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara called on America's European Allies today to increase their conventional forces in Europe. He warned a Soviet surprise attack in Europe might succeed initially against present Western forces.

His appeal was backed by Allied Supreme Commander Gen. Lauris Norstad, who also warned the forces under his command are "dangerously" below strength and might not hold even a modest Soviet attack.

Both spoke to the Council of Ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

But the requests met with a cool reception. British Defense Minister Peter Thorneycroft was said to have intimated Britain cannot shoulder a heavier defense spending load than it already carries. Defense ministers of Italy, The Netherlands and other European countries replied in the same vein.

Norstad said his air forces are too weak and will become even weaker unless they are brought up to date.

He called on Western leaders to stop "philosophizing" on how they would meet a Soviet attack and to do something about strengthening Western forces.

McNamara delivered a broad-sweeping 50-minute speech to a three-hour NATO council session devoted entirely to defense problems.

Before McNamara spoke, Secretary of State Dean Rusk told of plans for creation of a seaborne, multinational mobile nuclear force composed of European NATO members.

He said the United States was willing to "take the feelers" of the European NATO countries on this. But he warned that the Europeans first must make up their minds on two major points:

—Political controls for the force and how they should be exercised.

—The costs of such a force, which he said would be huge.

Damage Suit Seeks Sum from Medco

Ben L. Sheppard, Butte Falls, is seeking \$251,159.60 in damages from Medford Corporation as a result of injuries suffered while working in the woods during the early October wind storm.

Sheppard charges in a complaint filed in Jackson county circuit court yesterday he was seriously injured when a tree fell on him while working in the company's logging operation near Butte Falls.

He further alleges the company was negligent in failing to provide a safe place in which to work, failing to warn him of the dangerous conditions due to the high winds, ordering him into the timbered area in spite of the high winds and failing to stop work when the company learned of the high winds.

Sheppard is seeking \$250,000 in general damages and \$1,959.60 in special damages involving medical expenses to date.

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GOOD SKIING—Avid ski enthusiasts by the hundreds turned out at Mt. Shasta ski bowl this week when the area was blessed with sufficient snow to assure good skiing. (UPI)

JFK's Long-Awaited Tax Cut Plans To Be Unveiled Tonight

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Relay Satellite Develops Trouble In Power Supply

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — America's new radio-television relay satellite swept around earth in a near-perfect orbit today. But scientists called off a planned intercontinental television test after getting indications of a possible power problem around the moonlet.

The federal space agency said a test station at Nutley, N.J. turned on the 172-pound moonlet at 5:42 a.m. (PST) today and "received telemetry for approximately 55 minutes" on that orbit, the fifth for Relay.

But they called off plans to beam test transmissions at the satellite when "a quick look" at the radioed information

indicated the power supply may be a little lower than normal.

However, officials said "this cannot be completely confirmed" yet. A space agency spokesman at Cape Canaveral said "it is a problem but does not necessarily mean that the whole thing is conked out by any degree."

The space agency said that, in view of the possible problem, it was decided to suspend a television test transmission that had been planned for the relay satellite to link America and Europe during the sixth orbit.

The station at Nutley would continue its remote "look" at Relay for the rest of the day, officials said.

Plans Not Cancelled

The trouble did not immediately cancel elaborate plans for a two-continent television show scheduled to be handled by Relay next week.

Relay was hurled into orbit by the 14th successful shot in a row of the Douglas Delta Rocket Thursday night. The orbit, described as "89 and 44-100 per cent perfect," sent Relay 4,612.18 miles into space at its deepest point, and 819.64 miles up at its closest approach to earth.

The satellite was making one swing around the globe every three hours, 5.09 minutes.

Two Youths Arrested In Assault Case

Two 17-year-old youths were taken into custody by city police yesterday in connection with the assault and robbery of a veterans domiciliary resident in downtown Medford last Friday night.

One youth was lodged in county jail on a charge of assault and robbery. The other was turned over to juvenile authorities.

Two other youths, one 17 and the other 20, were questioned in connection with the matter and then released, officers said.

The pair taken into custody gave statements to officers admitting they had forcibly taken money from the man. The victim claims he was robbed of \$150, officers said, but his assailants said it was \$50.

The youths told officers they threw the man's empty wallet into Bear Creek afterward. The alleged incident occurred in an alley at Fifth and Bartlett sts., according to reports.

Local Man Pleads Guilty To Charge

Gregory Brian Wolfe, 18, of 55 Quince st., Medford, was arraigned in Jackson county circuit court this morning and pleaded guilty to charges of burglary in a dwelling.

A pre-sentence report was ordered.

Wolfe was arrested by Medford police last Saturday in the American Cancer society office in the Leverette building.

The state department of motor vehicles will act on the suspension recommendation.

Gillmor received two citations from Medford police Wednesday afternoon after he lost control of his car which came to a stop on the front lawn of a White Oak dr. residence climaxing a high speed chase through the east side of the city.

He was cited for reckless driving and not having an operator's license in his possession.



FAUCET SOUVENIR—Linda Jane Hinchman, 17, a freshman at Colorado Women's College in Denver, shows the saved-off bathtub faucet that gave her a bad time Thursday. She was taking a bath when she decided to find out if her big toe would fit in the faucet. It did, and then she couldn't get it out. The toe was finally released with the aid of a hacksaw, petroleum jelly, five firemen and four policemen. (UPI)

Flood Damage Along Bear Creek Noted As Relatively Light

Flood damage along Bear creek Dec. 2 was relatively light, according to a flood report summary issued by Vernon Thorpe, city engineer, to city officials and the city council.

In the report, it was pointed out that flood waters in south-east Medford came from Lazy creek, originating on South Roxy Anne slopes and from Larson creek, originating in the Coal Mine rd. area.

It was noted that Lone Pine creek overflowed at road crossings, with light damage except along Crater Lake highway near Whittle ave.; Hopkings irrigation canal overflowed in three known places, two in Brookhurst area and one along McAndrews rd., and flood waters in the Berrydale area came from an overflowing culvert on North Pacific highway and washouts on the Southern Pacific railroad.

The gauge measurement at Main st. gauging station was 8.05 feet on Dec. 2 compared with the 1955 height of 7.5 feet. It was noted that Bear creek has been widened at this location since the 1955 flood.

Damage noted along Bear creek by high water was mainly erosion of the creek banks on the west side upstream from Cottage st.; along the east bank between Eighth and 10th sts.; a part of the freeway construction and a portion between the Medford Motors property and the Riverside Apartment building. Erosion was also reported along the east bank between Fourth and Main sts. along the freeway construction and along the west bank by the Chalet motel.

Flood crests also were noted by Thorpe in his report. It was reported that there was ample clearance under the bridge at Barnett rd.; four inches of clearance under the beams of the Cottage st. bridge and 2 1/2 feet clearance under the Eighth st. bridge. The water came within one

Blood Donations Increase Noted

Jackson county residents exceeded the quota for the Red Cross Bloodmobile's visit this week, but the county is still short 428 pints of blood to replace the amount used during 1962.

Red Cross officials said 411 pints of blood were donated in Medford and Ashland during the three days the Bloodmobile was in the county. The quota for the quarterly visit here is 350 pints.

Mrs. J. W. Burba, blood program chairman, said that while the county did not reach 100 per cent of the amount used, this year's donations were much better than other years. She said that the county is generally 600 pints short.

A total of 237 pints were donated in Medford during the two-day visit, and 174 pints were donated in Ashland.

Replacement donations were particularly high, Mrs. Burba noted. In Medford 40 pints of blood were donated for an injured logger, and in Ashland 90 pints were donated for two residents who are scheduled for open heart surgery.

Thursday the Bloodmobile was in Grants Pass. The Bloodmobile will be at the American Legion hall in Cave Junction from 2 to 7 o'clock this afternoon and evening.

OFFICE TO CLOSE

Portland — (UPI) — Closure of a third federal agency in Portland is scheduled with the announcement Thursday that the regional disbursing office of the Department of Disbursing will be moved by next Aug. 31.

Medford Policeman 'Placed Under Arrest' By Former Resident

A 69-year-old former resident at the Camp White domiciliary yesterday walked up to a startled Medford police officer and placed him "under arrest for high treason."

The man claimed he was the chief of the U. S. secret service.

After some discussion, Officer Robert Allen took the man to the domiciliary for a checkup, whereupon he promptly placed the examining doctor under arrest, too.

At the conclusion of the examination, it was decided to commit the man to the veterans hospital in Roseburg.

Mrs. Bettie M. Stevenson, widow of pilot William A.

109-Day Flight Reaches Climax Close To Venus

Craft Transmits Data From Space

Washington — (UPI) — Signals from the Mariner 2 spacecraft were received clearly today as the historic flight of the vehicle achieved its goal of flying by the mystery planet Venus, 36 million miles from earth.

The signals from Mariner 2 were picked up by the Goldstone, Calif., tracking station of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and relayed directly to a jammed news conference at NASA headquarters here.

The spacecraft was scheduled to fly within about 21,000 miles of Venus.

Planet in View

Instruments aboard the complicated spacecraft apparently were operating normally. NASA spokesmen indicated, about half an hour after the vapor-shrouded planet came into view of Mariner's scanning devices. These were turned on this morning as the 109-day flight reached its climax.

The command climaxed several tense hours for space scientists who have been waiting expectantly since Aug. 27 in hopes of penetrating the age-old mystery of the bright planet.

Mariner was supposed to have turned on scanners automatically early today in preparation to begin viewing Venus at 10:55 a.m. (PST).

Mechanism Fails

But the spacecraft's built-in mechanism failed to trigger an electronic foreman, or sequencer at the scheduled time. A second attempt at automatic triggering at 3:41 a.m. (PST) also failed.

Another attempt was possible after another three hours and 20 minutes, or at 6:01 a.m. But at 5:35 a.m., the Goldstone, Calif., tracking station sent a command to Mariner to turn on the scanners.

Six and a half minutes later, after a 72-minute mile round trip, the radio message from Mariner came back. The spacecraft had received Goldstone's command and had obeyed it.

Longest Trip

Never before has any radio command been sent on such a long trip and been acted upon.

As a result there was no need for the spacecraft to make a third attempt at fixing its eyes on Venus without a command from Earth.

Mariner 2 already has transmitted the greatest amount of information ever gleaned about magnetic fields, charged particles, cosmic dust, and solar winds in interplanetary space.

It already has smashed all records for long-distance radio communications. It has performed the first successful course-correction maneuver in deep space. Today's brush with Venus will mark the nearest approach ever made by a spacecraft to one of earth's planetary neighbors.

Post Office Plan Sent To Committee

Cave Junction—A proposal to construct a new \$220,900 post office in Cave Junction is being sent to the House and Senate public works committees, Sen. Wayne Morse announced today.

Morse said the General Services Administration is sending a prospectus to the committees for approval of the post office project.

The proposed building would have a total area of 6,113 square feet and a net area of 4,359 square feet, Morse said.

Stevenson, and Mrs. LaVern A. Elliott, widow of T. Sgt. Robert Elliott, asked more than \$3 million in wrongful damages. The two men were killed when their aircraft struck the mountain at the 18,000-foot level where Day and three others were stranded by a fall that broke Day's leg.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

BRAZILIAN PLANE MAKES FORCED LANDING

Rio de Janeiro—(UPI)—A Brazilian transport plane with 50 persons aboard today made a forced landing on a small island in the Amazon river near Manaus on the flight from Rio de Janeiro. The air rescue service said all 50 persons aboard were safe and well.

CHINESE REDS IN MASS WITHDRAWAL

New Delhi—(UPI)—The Communist Chinese have made a massive withdrawal from India's North East Frontier Agency, a government spokesman said today.

MONA LISA STARTS TRIP TO STATES

La Harve, France—(UPI)—The Mona Lisa, one of the world's great art masterpieces, was given a tumultuous sendoff today as it sailed aboard the luxury liner France on a journey to the United States. The painting will be exhibited for three weeks at the National Gallery in Washington.

8 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES