

Army Seeks New Guided Rocket Plan

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — The army doesn't want a base on Mars or even the moon; it will settle for just a good guided missile.

Ordnance and research officials who read the prediction today of Maj. James R. Randolph, a reserve officer, that a rocket race to build military outposts on neighboring planets might come sooner than expected, decided their own ideas sum up this way:

"The cold, practical people here are working just to get a guided missile. Any flights to the moon or Mars are so far in the future that we give them no study or attention. We are interested only in staying ahead of competitors in time and design."

Randolph, writing for the Army Ordnance Association Journal, non-official publication, suggested that in World War III an attack launched from an outpost established on Mars would have "vastly greater opportunities for secrecy and surprise."

He urged peacetime studies of "these other worlds, sending expeditions to them, and devising equipment to meet their special needs."

Randolph, author of several other speculative articles on rocket travel, said the problem of space navigation was pegged to development of a multi-unit rocket to produce the desired size and speed.

Truman Plane Dodges Storm

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — President Truman dodged an oxygen mask on his flight back from Florida yesterday when his plane climbed to an altitude of 17,500 feet to avoid a storm.

"It was very quiet up there," Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross related today in telling a news conference about the incident.

Newsmen, who flew in another plane at 11,500 feet, experienced rough weather between Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C.

Mr. Truman came back tanned and rested. He arrived at 6:22 p. m. (EST) last night after a 41-hour flight from Key West where he spent a week fishing and taking it easy.

Forest Land Buying Probed

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — Oregon's plea for congressional action to stop the forest service from purchasing land in the various states without congressional approval has been placed before the house by Rep. Angell (R-Ore.).

Angell put into the Congressional Record a joint resolution of the Oregon legislature urging the practice be stopped. It recited that under a law enacted in 1922 the forest service has the right to purchase land out of funds derived from sale of timber.

The memorial said that the forest service has acquired more than 1,000,000 acres of land in Oregon through use of its timber fund and without approval of congress or the state. It said such a method of acquisition not only is against public interest but impairs tax structure of local government units, forcing them to increase taxes on the remaining property.

The legislature asked the law allowing the forest service to purchase the land from its timber fund be repealed and the acquisition of forest lands in any state be restricted to those for which congress has appropriated the money.

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Former Luxury Liner Burns While Tied To Army Pier

JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 20 (AP) — The former luxury liner George Washington which carried President Woodrow Wilson and his party to the peace conference in 1919, was damaged today by a fire as it lay anchored to a two-and-a-half mile concrete army pier near Caven point in New York bay.

An army transport in both world wars, the 23,870-ton ship was scheduled to sail Tuesday for Baltimore where it was to be decommissioned.

The blaze was discovered at 3:45 a. m. in the officers lounge midships on the boat deck by one of the 70-man maintenance crew aboard.

Capt. Wilhelm Johnson said quick action by the crew who were called from quarters prevented serious damage. He said the fire apparently was caused by defective wiring "because it

started in the ceiling and worked downward."

The blaze was confined to the officers lounge which was completely burned out. Johnson estimated damages at \$5000.

No one was injured.

Flashes Of Life

SLIPUP BARES SLIP

OMAHA, Neb., March 20 (AP) — The familiar reminder that "your slip is showing" was something of an understatement for an office employee at Union Pacific railroad headquarters here.

Arriving for work, she discovered that in her haste she had forgotten to don a skirt over her black slip.

A smock hanging on a nearby coatrack served as a temporary substitute.

EARTHLY SUGGESTION
DES MOINES, Ia., March 20 (AP) — State Representative Harold Nelson has his own scheme for speeding up adjournment of the Iowa legislature.

"The Sioux City republican has a cigar box filled with earth on his desk in the house chamber. Sprouts of corn, wheat and oats are visible."

"When the corn gets a couple of inches high," Nelson said, "the farmer members will become restless and will want to go home."

RC Sewing Project Plan

FORT KLAMATH, March 20 — A new Red Cross sewing project is to be started in Fort Klamath, due to the urgent need of women to sew for the organization. Following discussion among a group of local women interested in the work, it was decided to hold an initial meeting on Friday afternoon, March 28, at the home of Mrs. Gus Page, when anyone who is willing to sew for the Red Cross is invited to be present to formulate plans for the project.

Mrs. Page asks that all who can possibly attend come to the meeting, so that it may be decided which day and time will best suit the majority of local women to meet and work for the Red Cross. Mrs. Page emphasizes especially that there will be no individual invitations issued and that anyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Noted Naval Architect Dies

HOBOKEN, N. J., March 20 (AP) — W. Starling Burgess, 68, noted naval architect who designed more than 2000 yachts, and was best known for his design of three famous America's cup defenders, died last night. He was born in Boston.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings for our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, N. A. Coulter.

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WAA Outlines Farragut Plan

SPOKANE, March 20 (AP) — A minimum enrollment of 1500 students, improved standards of instruction and a "sound financial program" were listed today as prerequisites if the Farragut, Idaho, college and Technical Institute is to receive consideration for a new permit or a five-year lease.

The conditions were outlined in a letter by Thomas E. Drumm, deputy administrator of the real property disposal division of the war assets administration, to Dr. Joseph H. Kusner, president of the veterans' school.

In Seattle, the 13th naval district declared the training center and hospital at Farragut to be surplus and suggested it be put to institutional or recreational use.

The property, activated early in 1943 and covering 4038 acres, was erected at a wartime cost of nearly \$60,000,000.

Conway Back On Motor Association

PORTLAND, March 20 (AP) — Ray Conway, ex-state liquor administrator, became secretary

and general manager of the Oregon State Motor association last night, a position he held prior to 1943.

Directors named at the annual meeting included Carl Washburne, Eugene.

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