

Pentagon Orders Priority Work On Powerful Missile

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Pentagon has ordered top priority for development of a missile powerful and accurate enough to deliver a shattering hydrogen charge, at super-sonic speed to targets thousands of miles away.

Secretary of Defense Wilson took this action yesterday in appointing Eger V. Murphree to be a new assistant with broad authority to direct the job of striving for superiority in the missile race with Russia. Murphree, 57, is president of the Esso Research and Engineering Co. He will serve without pay while on leave from Esso Research.

DIRECTIVE
Wilson said in a formal directive that Murphree would "devote major emphasis to missiles of the long-range type, particularly ballistic missiles."

The defense secretary designated Murphree to speak for him in all matters pertaining to new missiles within the defense establishment and before the National Security Council and the President.

Wilson said Murphree will start work next week and stay on the job for at least a year. Within this period, the secretary said, he thinks "a great contribution" can be made toward achieving an effective rocket-powered ballistic missile.

Some Democrats in Congress have been critical of Eisenhower administration efforts in the missile field, contending this country has been lagging behind Russia.

Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.), one of these critics, said of Murphree's appointment: "Better late than never."

Neuberger Asks Federal TV Pay

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) today introduced a bill which would authorize the federal government to pay a million dollars for radio and television broadcasts by the major parties' presidential and vice presidential candidates.

Such a plan, he said, would help correct the present "unevenness" of modern media of communication which makes collection and expenditure of unprecedentedly large campaign funds a necessity.

Swedish Train Wreck Kills 13

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—Thirteen persons were killed Wednesday in a train wreck in northern Sweden, police reported. A freight train collided head-on with a railway diesel car between Arvidsjaur and Mosköle, about 700 miles north of Stockholm.

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Shivers Scores Proposal To Boost Johnson Naming

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Gov. Allan Shivers last night labeled as "cynical and calculated" a proposal that Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson be named Texas' favorite son presidential candidate and head of the state's Democratic National Convention delegation.

Hitchcock Sees Labor Support

SALEM (AP)—Philip Hitchcock said here Tuesday night he expects some labor support in his campaign for Republican nomination to the U. S. Senate.

He told a meeting that "Labor has never asked more of me than that I be fair. I feel that my record in the Oregon Senate demonstrates that I've lived up to their expectations. I expect to pick up labor votes in the coming election because of my record and because labor realizes that it has to have friends in the Republican Party."

The meeting was arranged by the Salem Central Labor Council. Young Republicans of Marion and Polk counties were guests.

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The proposal was made by House Speaker Sam Rayburn, long a political enemy of Shivers.

The governor, who also is being boomed for Texas delegation chief, praised Johnson for his work as Senate majority leader but questioned his qualifications as "majority leader for Texas Democrats."

Rayburn's proposal, Shivers said in a speech, "was a cynical and calculated effort to divide the conservative Democrats of Texas and maneuver the senior senator into the Democratic Advisory Council Political Action Committee camp, where he does not belong."

"It was and is their trump card in their game to take over the state convention, the Texas delegation — and Lyndon Johnson."

Shivers and Rayburn's last big fight dates to 1952 when Shivers was among the Southern govern-

ments who belted the Democratic party to support Dwight D. Eisenhower and Rayburn led the Adlai Stevenson campaign in Texas.

They are spearheading rival factions in a fight for control of the party in Texas at a series of conventions in May. The May 22 state convention selects the Texas delegation to Chicago.

Shivers' speech last night was to a shouting, whistling crowd of 2,000. It interrupted him 37 times for applause. Shivers and others of his conservative bloc confidently predicted victory in the May struggles.

The State Executive Committee voted unanimously to make interposition a rallying-point in the

conventions. It recommended precinct, county and state sessions decide whether or not to urge that the question submitted in a referendum in July.

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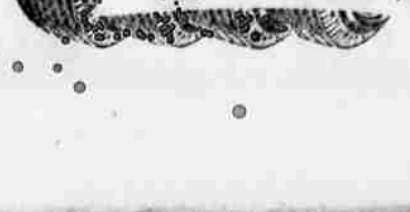
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