

U.S. Favors Stern Acts To Stop Mideast War

WASHINGTON (UP)—The United States was reported today to favor the sternest Western Big Three measures — short of war — to halt Israel's sudden military lunge into Egypt's Sinai Desert.

Administration officials were reported convinced only such united action could induce Israel to withdraw her troops.

U.S. officials obviously were banking also on swift moves by the United Nations to alleviate the threat of all-out Middle East war.

Officials hoped that Israel, with massive public opinion focused on her, might back down before Arab counterattacks could turn the limited fighting into a full-scale conflict. They conceded, however, that it might already be too late.

Eisenhower held an emergency meeting with top military and foreign policy advisers last night. The White House said the United States would stand by a 1950 pledge with Britain and France to aid any victim of aggression in the area.

"We shall honor our pledge," said White House press secretary James C. Hagerty, who said he spoke with Eisenhower's authorization. Hagerty said the problem of whether to call a special session of Congress "will be decided in the light of the unfolding situation."

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had said earlier the situation might necessitate an immediate call for a special session. Two committee members, Senators Langer (R-ND) and Fulbright (D-Ark) said, however, they saw no present need for Congress to re-

assemble. Sen. Knowland of California, the GOP Senate leader, old newsmen in Sacramento he doesn't feel a special session is necessary.

A scarcity of precise information of what was happening appeared to be a handicap.

Officials suspected that Israel had delayed telegraphic reports to Washington in hope of keeping this capital in the dark about initial developments.

Another suspicion, voiced only in most guarded fashion, was that

France might be secretly encouraging Israel. Officials said reliable weekend reports indicated that Israel's armed forces rushed to battle-ready positions with far more French equipment than U.S. authorities believed they had.

France has been critical of Egypt for allegedly helping Algerian rebels fighting French troops. The consensus of officials seemed to be that the Israeli troops would be able to move ahead in any direction they chose and beat off any Arab counterattacks on Israeli areas which they decided to hold.

Most authorities tended to regard Israel's thrust into Sinai Peninsula as a possible divisionary attack. Their chief fear was Abdel Nasser would order a counterattack, thus touching off all-out hostilities.

Israel's main goal, it was believed, was eventually to straighten out the Jordan bulge on its southeastern border.

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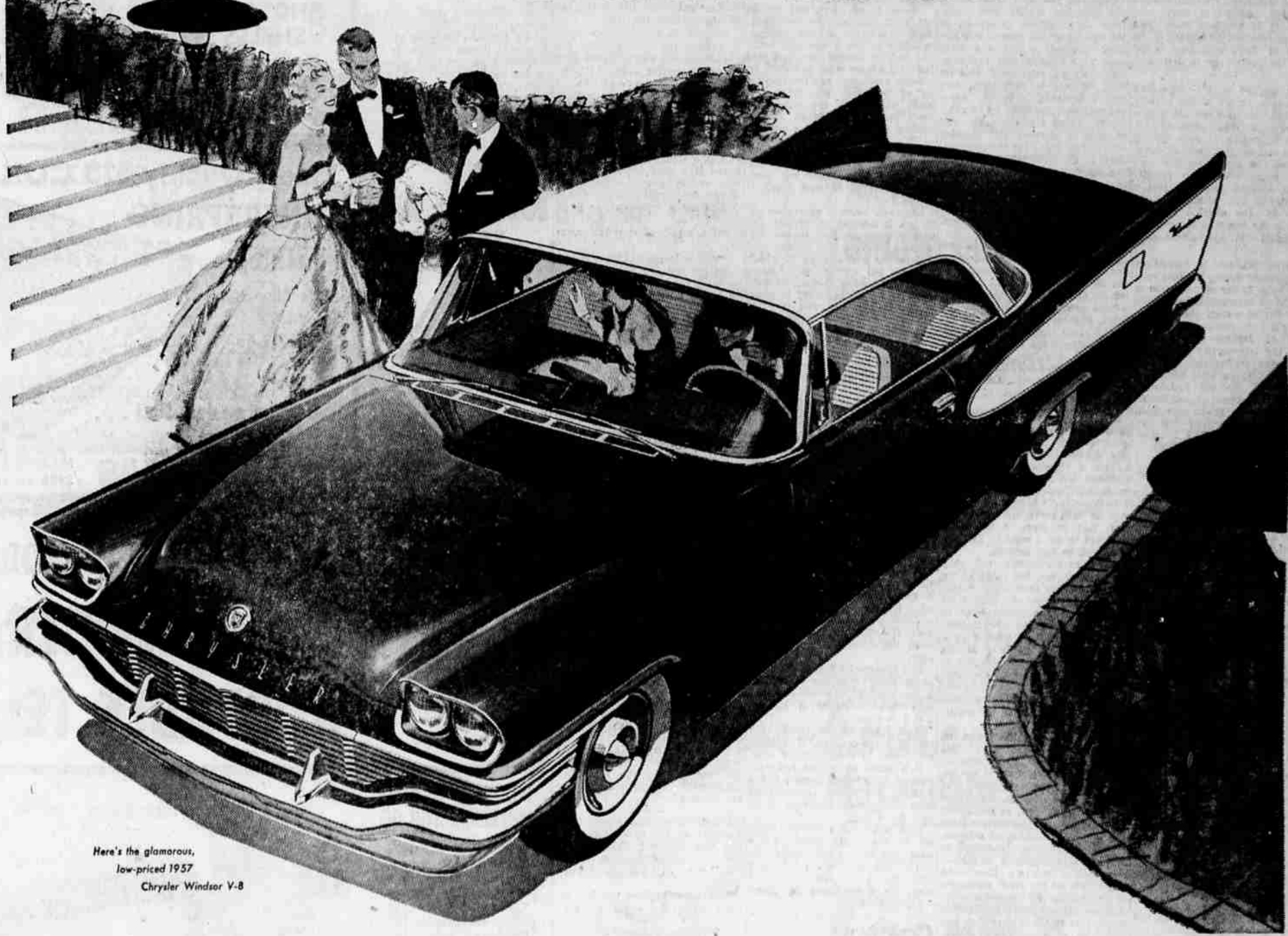
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Quake Jolts Oklahoma

TULSA, Okla. (UP)—A mild earthquake jarred northeastern and north central Oklahoma shortly before dawn today, jolting residents from their sleep in at least eight cities.

There were no reports of damage or injuries.

The quake, which produced as many as three separate tremors in some areas, was felt in Claremore, Pawnee, Sand Springs, Tulsa, Sapulpa, Okmulgee, Bristow and Perry.

Les Rogers, manager of the Tulsa United Press Bureau timed the tremor at 4:37 a.m. "It felt like something popped in the wall, then the whole house shook," said Rogers, who lives in a second floor apartment. "It shook me so hard, I woke up."

Highway Patrolman Thomas Garner said he heard at least two separate rumblings at the Tulsa Patrol Station.

Tulsa County Deputy Sheriff Harold White said he felt "two or three little tremors then a big one" at the courthouse.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Tulsa received dozens of calls from alarmed residents.

The quake appeared to be one of the most intense to hit Oklahoma since a much larger tremor that shook millions of residents in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Missouri on April 9, 1952.

AF Tests New Super Bomber

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Air Force has begun testing the nation's first supersonic bomber while the Navy announced plans for a giant nuclear-powered supercarrier.

The bomber — reportedly designed to attain speeds of about 1,000 miles an hour — is expected to make its first flight in 10 days. It began ground taxi tests Monday.

Construction of the nuclear-powered supercarrier — a giant 43 per cent heavier than the Forrestal — is expected to begin next year.

The Air Force said Monday the new bomber — the P59 "Hustler" — made its first taxi run at the Fort Worth, Tex., plant of the General Dynamics Corporation's Convair Division.

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