

Thor, Moon Rocket Heart, Blows Up After Launching

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A powerful Thor intermediate range missile—the heart of moon rocket Pioneer—blew apart with a brilliant flash shortly after launching early today.

It was the fifth straight time that a ballistic weapon had exploded in spectacular style in the past few months. The shattered sections of the missile appeared to plunge into the Atlantic just off the Cape.

The Air Force announced a malfunction occurred about 30 seconds after liftoff and that the missile was destroyed by the range safety officer.

The 65-foot war rocket blasted aloft at 3:53 a. m. from a huge pool of orange flame. It began to veer left and right almost immediately.

After about 25 seconds, still pouring out a thin trail of flame, the Thor suddenly jerked to the left. At that point, the range safety officer pressed a destruct button and the missile burst apart.

Flaming debris rained into the water. A huge black cloud hung against the moonlit Florida sky.

Missile men hoped the launch-



Story Says Doukhobor Boss Living In South America

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP)—Stefan Sebastian Sorokin, spiritual leader of British Columbia's Sons of Freedom Doukhobors, is living a life of luxury in Uruguay on money sent him by his poor followers, the Sun said Tuesday in a world copyright story.

In a story written by Simma Holt from Montevideo, the Sun said Sorokin, 56, named spiritual leader of the radical religious sect in 1950, has received a conservative \$300,000 from the Sons since he went to Uruguay in 1953 to seek a new home for his estimated 2,700 followers.

This money, the Sun said, does not include \$97,000 Sorokin was reported to have taken with him when he left British Columbia for the South American country.

"Sorokin is living the rich life on the Riviera of the Americas, surrounded with bodyguards and luxuries," Miss Holt wrote.

"He pays for it with the money that pours into him from the simple, uneducated peasant folk who live in the shacktowns in the Kootenays (B.C.) and worship him as their Christ."

The radical Freodomites, believed to be responsible for numerous acts of terrorism in south central British Columbia to dramatize their contempt for Canadian and provincial law, are negotiating with the provincial and Canadian governments for possible relocation in their native Russia.

The Sons have Soviet permission to relocate in the USSR, but the proposed move has been delayed by demands the Sons have made on the Canadian and B. C. governments.

One of the disputes has involved a demand by the Sons that the Canadian and provincial governments foot the entire bill for the move. The Sons have argued they do not have the money to pay for such a large-scale relocation.

Attorney Dies
OREGON CITY (AP)—William Hammond, 76, the dean of Clackamas County attorneys and a state Bar member more than 50 years, died here Monday night.

Survivors include the widow, a daughter and three sons, William Hammond of Salem, Dr. John Hammond of Oregon City and Circuit Judge Phillip Hammond of Oregon City.

Solon Pleased By Election
BAKER (AP)—Rep. Al Ullman, reelected to his second term in Oregon's sprawling 2nd District, said today that "I'm extremely pleased with the vote."

Ullman said his immediate plans are indefinite, but added he may leave here soon to join his Navy reserve unit in Washington, D.C., for a brief training period.

The Baker Democrat defeated Marion Weatherford, an Arlington wheat rancher making his first bid for public office.

Ullman took an early lead in the voting Tuesday night, and he picked up strength throughout the lengthy counting of votes.

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Shakespearean Festival Fund Drive Planned

ASHLAND (Special) — November 12 has been set as the opening date for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival's building fund campaign. The organization—oldest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere — is currently without a stage. The former structure, outgrown by the festival's expansion and for three years condemned as hazardous, has now been razed. There is need of \$275,000 to build a new theater in time for the summer season of 1959, Oregon's statewide centennial year.

During the 1958 production season, 29,500 persons witnessed the four Elizabethan-style stagings of Shakespearean drama, the biggest box office year in the theater's history. Each summer four or five plays are offered in nightly rotation over a six-week span. In 1958 the group completed its presentation of the entire canon of Shakespeare's plays — an accomplishment shared by only a few world theaters.

Hundreds of volunteer workers in the Ashland-Medford home area are currently organizing the theater's largest solicitation campaign to date. In addition to thousands of personal visits, the festival newsletter and other special explanatory materials are being sent to the group's worldwide list of patrons. Several communities in Oregon and California are also organizing their own local campaigns to help assure the theater's future.

Acknowledged to be one of the West Coast's leading cultural and entertainment attractions, the 24-year-old production company was founded in Ashland in 1935 by its present producing director, Angus L. Bowmer. From a three-day local event, the festival grew steadily toward its current status as an

US Scientists Note Success

LONDON (UPI) —Four American scientists reported success today in several dry runs with British scientists in an Anglo-American effort to keep tabs on the third U. S. moon rocket to be launched soon.

Officials using a powerful radio telescope said stars giving off radio waves are being used as targets to ensure the telescope works if the moon shot goes off on Friday.

The Americans headed by William Young have been at Jodrell Bank for several weeks. Their tracking equipment, linked electronically to the 250-foot diameter telescope, is contained in a trailer nearby.

Young said his group was "collecting signals from radio sources in the universe and feeding it into our data storage equipment." He said if the moon shot comes off the data will be relayed to Los Angeles and broken down there.

MAYOR LAWRENCE SLATER signed the proclamation declaring November 1-7 as American Art Week for Mrs. Walter Brown, left, appointed by Mrs. Hiram Blauvelt, national director to promote American Art Week in Oregon. Mrs. Brown, president, Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, in turn appointed Mrs. Colista Dowling, Portland, state chairman; Mrs. Robert B. Billingsley, Medford chairman; Mrs. Carl Peterson, Ashland chairman, and Mrs. Jack Warrick, right, chairman for Klamath Falls. Tribute is being paid this week to American artists and their distinctive role in the life of American society.

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internationally recognized theater. Although the majority of its audience members come from the three Pacific Coast states, representative numbers travel annually from all other states, Hawaii, Canada, and as many as 16 countries outside this continent. Acting and production staffs are formed from an equally wide geographical area. In recent years the theater has received feature attention and critical review from more and more of the nation's prominent newspapers, magazines, and broadcasting outlets.

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