

Annual Christmas Lighting Contest

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 Jaycees P.O. Box 407 Klamath Falls
 Must be postmarked no later than midnight, December 20.
 Light display 6 to 11 p.m., December 21 and 22, for judging.

U.S. Missile Position Seems To Have Improved

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new estimate by American authorities of Soviet missile-bomber progress gives the Reds a lower rating than half a year ago.

An assessment last spring indicated substantial leads by the Soviets in several fields.

Responsible sources said the relative, over-all position of the United States in ballistic missiles now appears to have improved.

In manned bombers this country retains what the analysts consider a clear superiority.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's recent claim of an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of 8,700-mile range does not seem to have influenced this re-evaluation. Nor are the analysts ready to accept completely reports that the Soviet Union is flying a nuclear-powered bomber.

The United States may not have a high-performance nuclear bomber flying for another five to eight years.

In the case of the ICBM, U.S. authorities make these points:

Khrushchev speaking to U. S. Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) in Moscow, did not appear to have claimed that the Soviet Union had fired a missile 8,700 miles but merely said it had a missile capable of such range.

Navy Slashes Missile Slate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Costs and weapons advances have triggered a sweeping Navy cutback in shore establishments and spelled the end to a major missile program.

To keep pace with cutbacks in its operating forces, the Navy said Thursday night, 30 ground bases in 17 states will be closed, reduced or merged.

The announcement spoke of rising prices and higher labor costs. About 9,000 civilian jobs will be abolished over the next several years.

Canceled after an outlay of 78 million dollars was the Regulus II guided missile program. The air-breathing missile can soar more than 1,000 miles at twice the speed of sound. It flew in about 40 successful tests.

The Navy figured that by jettisoning Regulus II now it could save more than 100 million dollars for other projects. It said ballistic missiles — shot more like bullets — have better potential than the air-breathers guided like pilotless planes.

The Navy is now developing the Polaris 1,500-mile range ballistic missile. Like the Regulus, the Polaris could be fired with a nuclear warhead from submarines.

F. O. Detweiler, president of Chance Vought Aircraft Inc. which held the Regulus development contract, said the cancellation will leave "a void that cannot be filled by any other weapon in existence or planned." He blamed the Navy action solely on budget limits.

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Christmas Party — for all children in the Bonanza area on Monday night, December 20, at 7 o'clock, sponsored by the Bonanza Fire Department. Members of the fire department set up and decorated the large pine tree in the Bonanza park last Sunday. Santa will be present.

Langel Valley — A community Christmas party for everyone will be held in the Lorella Community Hall in Langel Valley on Saturday night, December 20. Program and Santa will have treats for the children.

School Program — Pupils of Fort Rock School will present their Christmas program Tuesday evening, December 23, at the Fort Rock Grange Hall. Mrs. Hubert Wagers and Mrs. Merlin Black are in charge of the program. Treats will be sponsored by the grange and the Fort Rock Community School.

Attend Conference — Everett Green, work unit conservationist, and Jack Gillette, engineer, serving the Fort Rock-Silver Lake Soil Conservation District, took part in an area staff conference of Soil Conservation Service personnel in Bend last week. Gillette was moderator for a round table discussion on equipment.

Caroling — Fort Rock Valley residents will join in caroling on Sunday evening, December 21. They will meet at the Fort Rock Store at 6:30 p.m. and travel in a caravan. Mrs. Leonard Pitcher and Mrs. Earl Lyman will be in charge.

Christmas Party — The Women of the Moose Merrill Chapter No. 18 will have their annual Christmas party for children on Sunday evening, December 21, at 8 p.m. in the Merrill Moose Hall.

Pollock Dinner — beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23, will be held by the Women of the Moose, Merrill Chapter No. 18, at the Merrill Moose Hall. Bring a gift for your secret sister and a gift for exchange.

Open House — Mr. and Mrs. John Stolt of Merrill will hold open

house at their home on Sunday, December 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. The occasion is in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. All friends are welcome to attend. No formal invitations will be issued.

Midland Grange — will hold a Christmas treat for the children of the community on Sunday, December 21, at 8 p.m. in the grange hall. Please bring cookies.

Hay Ride — The young people of the New Pine Creek First Baptist Church will have a hay ride party tonight, leaving the church at 6:30. They will sing Christmas carols and distribute homemade cookies to the older folks.

New Pine Creek — The nativity scene will be enacted by the young people of the New Pine Creek First Baptist Church at the church on Sunday evening. Treats will be distributed to the children following the program.

From Redding — Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hoffman, Redding, were guests last week at the home of their son, W. J. Hoffman, and family in New Pine Creek.

To Fort Bidwell — A large group of people from the New Pine Creek and Willow Ranch areas attended the joint installation ceremonies of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges at Fort Bidwell on Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pochop, Willow Ranch, were installed as worthy patron and matron, respectively, of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Eunice Cogburn and Mrs. Bertha Snider, both of New Pine Creek, were installed as chaplain and marshal, respectively.

From Hospital — Bill Allen of New Pine Creek returned home last week from the Lakeview Hospital last week.

Surgery — Jim Vincent of New Pine Creek had surgery at the Klamath Valley Hospital recently.

Boy Angry; Tells Fib

DENVER (AP) — Bennie Hurtado, 10, told the policeman he had been kidnapped — but he hadn't really. It was just that he was angry with Santa Claus.

When Bennie spied a pair of blue jeans which his parents had bought, he thought that was his Christmas present instead of a toy machine gun which he'd asked Santa to bring.

Bennie headed a different direction when school let out. He walked for nearly four hours before stopping a service station attendant and asking him to call the police.

"I was kidnapped by three men in a car," Bennie told Dep. Sheriff Bob Elliott.

Then Bennie admitted it was a fib. Elliott took the tired youngster home, where a toy machine gun is waiting for Christmas.

The combined state police forces in the United States today total almost 22,000 men.

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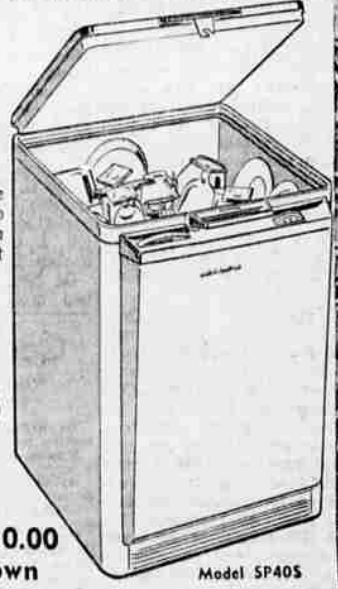
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