

By FRANK JENKINS As this is written, exciting news on this terrestrial ball that we call the Earth is momentarily lacking. So let's turn to outer space.

A Soviet scientist, quoted by Moscow radio today, thinks there may be oil and gas on the moon. He has been researching the pockmarks on the moon's face, which have long been referred to as craters, and thinks they may be exits for natural gas.

This would mean, he says, that in the direct vicinity of these craters one could expect to find deposits of oil. How to get the oil HERE — where we can use it? He doesn't go into that. He thinks the moon's oil and gas could be used as a source of energy on the moon itself. There are quite a few problems up there, you know. Among others, the moon HAS NO AIR. Air would have to be manufactured. So far as known, the moon has no water. So water would have to be manufactured. And so on.

The Russians aren't doing all the pipe-dreaming. Americans are taking a back seat at it. Scientists of the Lockheed missile systems division down at Sunnyvale, in the Bay area, think that in maybe a decade the space art will be so advanced that man can build a laboratory some 500 miles up from the earth.

Well, first we'd toss up a sealed compartment in which men could live. Then we'd toss up other compartments, which would be caught up there in the wild yonder by the men on the first compartment — much, presumably, as a rivet-catcher on a high building catches red hot rivets tossed up to him by his assistant.

These components would be put together to provide quarters for a crew of ten scientists. The cost? About two billion bucks.

Wait a minute. You haven't heard anything yet. Dr. John Lyman, associate professor of psychology and engineering at UCLA, speculates that space travelers of the future might be QUICK FROZEN like a can of peas before starting on the trip to the stars.

The space tourist's body, he says, could be reduced to a temperature of say minus 300 degrees until all chemical body activity has stopped. He adds: "At the end of a THOUSAND YEAR trip to some other world the process could be reversed, by inductive or inside heating, thus bringing the temperature back to normal and apparently leaving the space explorer NO OLDER physically than when he started his trip."

Hmmmmmmmm. D'ya reckon man might be getting too big for his britches?

Soviets Give Orb's Travel

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet cosmic rocket Mecha is more than half a million miles from the earth and has practically entered orbit as the solar system's first artificial planet, the Soviet Union announced today.

Alexander Topchiev, vice president of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, told a Moscow news conference that the 1 1/2-ton projectile is now 310,700 miles beyond the moon.

His remarks were broadcast by Radio Moscow. Since it left earth on Jan. 2, the rocket has traveled 497,120 miles, Topchiev said.



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School Road Plan Tabled By Council

The city council tabled plans for an alternate access road to Riverside School at its regular Monday night session when it developed that there apparently was no difficulty in negotiating the street to the school.

Fire Chief Roy Rowe, who apparently started the exploration of an alternative route to the school with a remark about the road being impossible at times, told the city council that in the 10 years he had been fire chief that his department had "always gotten up the hill."

Mayor Slater pointed out that the street department had been instructed to put this street on the top of its priority list to be the first one to be plowed out after any snowstorms, and if the street were icy, it would be sanded by the department.

After discussion on the question, the council moved to table the matter of building another route to Riverside School. Assistant City Engineer Cliff Sanders estimated that there were two possible alternate routes, that one would cost about \$5,044 and the other approximately \$6,674.

"We don't have the \$5,000," the mayor said. "And it appears proper to conclude that the alternate road is not needed, and that there has never been any difficulty getting up the hill in the first place."

When questioned about his earlier statement about the bill being impossible, Rowe explained that he did not mean that it was impossible to get up the hill, but rather that when the hill was icy it was almost impossible, although he admitted again he had never been unable to get up it.

A large delegation from areas of California Avenue appeared in the council chambers to protest some of the assessments made for the paving of North Second Street from McKinley to Roosevelt.

Several persons reported that they had only recently purchased the property and were unaware that any lien against the property was in the works. It was pointed out to them that the persons who owned property on North Second at the time California was paved, were required to help pay part of the cost of paving California, and therefore the payment now for North Second by California residents was only justifiable reciprocity.

However, it appeared that the title insurance companies had failed to inquire of the city street department as to possible improvement liens against the property and the council to furnish the title companies copies of city ordinances which propose the improvement work. This would be done at the time construction was commenced on a street, and would alert the company to possible liens against the property in the area.

Assessment rolls were approved for the North Second Street paving, as well as three other paving projects on Mesa Street, Manzanita and Hawthorne and Van Ness. In annual reports, Verne Schortgen, building inspector, reported that total construction permits in 1958 totaled \$1,743,996. This was compared with \$2,191,546.20 in 1957. However, Schortgen pointed out that in 1957 there was over \$719,000 in building and remodeling public buildings as against only \$408,000 during 1958. Deducting the difference, it would make 1957 and 1958's total figures very close together.

December building figures for 1958 showed an improvement over 1957. Figures for December, 1958 were \$50,821 against \$43,730 for the prior year. In his annual report, Fire Chief



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KREMLIN'S NO. 2 MAN, Anastas Mikoyan, left, chats with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, center, at the State Department in Washington. At right is Russian Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov. Mikoyan is in the U.S. for a two-week unofficial visit, but it is speculated that he may have brought a Soviet proposal for easing cold war tension.

Provisional President Of Cuba Puts Government In High Gear

HAVANA (AP)—The provisional government announced today it will dissolve Congress and the criminal courts and rule by decree until free elections can be held. The decision was taken at a meeting of Provisional President Manuel Urrutia and his Cabinet. Acting speedily after his arrival in the capital Monday night Urrutia:

1. Named Jose Miro Cardona, president of the Havana Bar Assn. to be premier of his government.
2. Announced free elections would be held within 18 months to two years.
3. Summoned his new cabinet into a post-midnight meeting.
4. Rescinded the martial law proclamation and curfew extension decreed earlier by the provisional government's military chief for Havana province.

Urrutia flew to Havana from Camaguey following a talk with Fidel Castro, leader of the uprising that ousted Dictator Fulgencio Batista. Castro continued his victory procession toward Havana with 3,000 of his guerrilla warriors and new supporters from Batista's military forces. He is expected in Havana Wednesday.

Urrutia said the rebel chief prefers to remain outside the cabinet in order that he may observe developments. The President named additional cabinet officers, bringing it to 11 members, but still had to appoint ministers of defense, communications and interior.

Urrutia also announced his government would not allow gambling, which under Batista had grown to a multimillion dollar business carried on largely by American interests. Some elements of confusion remained in the government setup that probably will be clarified when Castro arrives. The only framework of government in the first few days after Batista's fall was provided by radio announcements from the rebel leader in Santiago, at the other end of Cuba. The brief period of martial law in Havana province had been de-

creed Monday by Maj. Camilo Cienfuegos, Castro's army-navy chief for the province, during a dispute with a rival group of rebels over possession of the Presidential Palace. The rival group, which calls itself the Revolutionary Directorate, is made up mostly of students. They had seized the palace right after Batista fled while numerous armed bands were roaming Havana. Castro's partisans later restored order in the city but the Revolutionary Directorate continued to hold the palace and some Batista guards as bargaining points for a voice in the provisional government.

Urrutia also threatened resumption of the general strike, and the student group buckled. It cleared out of the palace and formed an honor guard for Urrutia when he moved in. Havana generally was returning to normal. Businesses were open again and services were restored after the general strike Castro called to consolidate support for Urrutia.

Swift military trials were promised for more than 1,100 persons jailed since the rebels took power. They include civilians, more than 600 members of Batista's national police and 500 army aviators. Batista had jailed fliers for refusing to attack towns harboring rebels; the fliers now jailed presumably are accused of carrying out those attacks, which hit civilians as well as rebel soldiers. Five Batista followers are known to have been already executed.

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Red Assures U.S. Of Berlin Access

WASHINGTON (AP)—Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan was reported today to have assured the United States of continued free Western access to Berlin.

Such a pledge would go to the heart of the current East-West tension over Berlin's future. It would signal a major concession by the Kremlin to the West's objections to Soviet demands to make a "free city" of Berlin. Mikoyan was understood to have told high level State Department, business and congressional leaders Monday night.

1. The Soviet Union is determined to turn over administration of East Berlin to the puppet East German Communist regime, regardless of U.S.-British-French denunciation of the plan.

2. The Soviet Union is not trying to throw the Allies out of West Berlin, even though Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, in a Nov. 27 note, suggested withdrawal of all Allied troops from the city.

3. The Soviet Union simply feels the time has come, 13 years after the end of World War II, to give Berlin a new status.

4. The United States, Britain and France, in replying last week to Khrushchev's note, were remiss in not coming up with some counterproposal which might have provided the basis for negotiation.

5. The Soviet decision to hand East Berlin over to East Germany by next May in no way implies a peace-or-war ultimatum; continued free access to Berlin, 110 miles inside East Germany, could be arranged, and a role may be found for the United Nations to play in guaranteeing this.

The 63-year-old Mikoyan, second in Kremlin power only to Khrushchev, laid these cards on the table in replying to questions at an exclusive dinner given for him by Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Assn. of America. Johnston was apologetic afterward for inviting some newsmen and letting others shiver outside his swank headquarters in 15-degree temperature. He said the five invited were "personal friends."

Hovering outside also were about 50 anti-Communist pickets, refugees from Iron Curtain countries. Sparked by former Freedom Fighters in Hungary's abortive 1957 revolts they brandished placards, shook fists and screamed in cadence: "Mik-o-yan the murderer!"

Mikoyan and his party, arriving for the dinner in a Soviet Embassy Cadillac, paid no attention to the pickets. Neither did the 48 other guests, about equally divided between State Department officials, congressional leaders, selected newspapermen and business executives.

Mikoyan conferred for 95 minutes with Secretary of State Dulles at the State Department Monday, primarily about Berlin. Afterward, he said he will talk about Berlin and other tension topics with President Eisenhower on Jan. 19 or 20.

He is due back in Washington Jan. 19 after visiting several American cities. It was learned he will fly at 8 a.m. EST Wednesday to Cleveland to confer with industrialist Cyrus Eaton. The American millionaire recently conferred in Moscow with Khrushchev and Mikoyan.

After Cleveland, Mikoyan goes Thursday to Detroit and Friday to Chicago, with stops later at San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Boston and Philadelphia. An expected Dallas visit was tentatively ruled out.

Maine Solon Joins Meeting Of Rebellion

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine joined a meeting today of Republican senators in rebellion against a Senate party leadership they contend is out of touch with the times.

The group, headed by Sen. George D. Aiken of Vermont, is backing Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky for GOP floor leader over Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois. It supports Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel of California for party whip or assistant leader in succession to Dirksen.

Kuchel had some support for whip from among senators backing Dirksen for floor leader. But Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said today he was withdrawing his support from Kuchel because of the California's association with the Aiken group.

With Mrs. Smith's arrival the Aiken group mustered an attendance of 11. They need 18 votes to win since the Senate has 34 Republican senators. In addition to those present, the insurgents counted on the vote of Sen. Thurston B. Morton of Kentucky, Cooper's colleague, for the floor leader's post. Morton has said he would support Dirksen over any one but Cooper. They also claim the vote of Sen. Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, who has been unable to attend any of the meetings. In addition to Aiken and Mrs. Smith, the following senators were present: Frank Carlson of Kansas; Jacob K. Javits of New York; Cooper, Kuchel, Prescott Bush of Connecticut; Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania; Kenneth B. Keating of New York; Winston L. Prouty of Vermont and Clifford P. Case of New Jersey. The Aiken group apparently was not minded to challenge the reelection of three veteran Republican leadership posts.

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World News In Brief

By United Press International CUBA — Havana — Revolutionary government has weathered its first inner crisis. Urrutia now is attempting to cement relations with the rival faction.

WEATHER — Undated — The arctic cold wave has reentered in the Southwest and Middle West.

HOUSE — Washington — House Republicans claim enough votes to unseat Representative Martin as party leader after two decades in control.

LABOR — Washington — Rayburn's call for anti-rackets legislation hailed by Senate Republicans as move "long overdue."

BALLOON — Bridgetown, Barbados — Crew of balloon "small world" says storm forced them to crashland 1,000 miles from Canary Islands.

DULLES — Washington—Dulles confined to home with virus infection but ailment reported not serious.

ROCKET — London — Russian rocket estimated 500,000 miles in space.

DAILY NEWS — Chicago—Sale of Chicago Daily News to Sun-Times puts ownership of city's four major dailies in hands of two owners.

Murder Suspect Held For Court

ALTURAS — An Alturas man, James Boswell, 36, has been bound over to the superior court for second degree murder, according to District Attorney Paul Baker.

Boswell had been held by the Alturas Police Department on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon after David Davidson, 35, was shot during a Christmas party at the Davidson home on December 26. Davidson died January 3 in a Reno hospital where he was being treated for gunshot wounds.

Anti-Red Forces Gaining Strength

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VERY SERIOUS BURNS

resulted for the father and sole support of a family of four in this blaze which occurred at 11 p.m. Monday at 1723 Oak Avenue. Firemen said Opie (Ray) Ward, the injured man, was apparently using a petroleum product to start a fire when an explosion occurred. Ward's wife and two children escaped through the flames.

Detectives Comb Records

NEW YORK (UPI)—Detectives seeking kidnaped infant Lisa Rose Chionchio inspected hospital maternity records today for the names of women with histories of mental illness whose children recently died at birth.

They were operating on the theory that a mother frustrated over losing her own child had abducted the tiny infant at random from a nursery at St. Peter's Hospital in Brooklyn last Friday night, less than 2 1/2 hours after her birth.

Alarms already were out for two women resembling the heavy-set blonde woman seen leaving the hospital with a "bundle" under one arm shortly before the Chionchio infant was discovered missing.

Sought were Mrs. Betty Jean Benedicto, 31, Stockton, Calif., who was convicted of kidnapping a baby under similar circumstances in 1955; and a New York woman, a recent patient in a mental hospital, who was reported missing from her home last Sunday.

Neither woman, however, was regarded by police as a genuine suspect in the mystery. The latest clue uncovered in the search was a baby's diaper accompanied by a cryptic note, found Monday in the women's rest room of a Coney Island subway station.

KF Man Burned Seriously As Petroleum Can Erupts

A Klamath Falls man was very seriously burned and his family imperiled, when a can of petroleum product he was apparently using to start a fire exploded in his hand, just before 11 p.m. Monday.

Opie (Ray) Ward, 25, was in Klamath Valley Hospital Tuesday morning with burns on the chest, face and arms. Fire Chief Roy Rowe said that these were third degree burns, though this could not be officially confirmed at the hospital, where authorities said that he was doing "fairly well."

According to firemen, Ward was in the kitchen of his two-room dwelling at 1723 Oak Avenue, when the product he was using caught on fire and the can exploded. Firemen were not able to determine immediately what the product was using, but they reported having heard indirectly from Ward that it was kerosene.

The second room in the dwelling does not have an outside door, so Mrs. Ward, who was with their two sons in the other room at the time the explosion occurred, had to make her way through the flames, with Stanley A. 2 1/2, and Richard N., 13 months, in her arms. She reached safety with only second degree burns on her right wrist and on a small section of her left hand. The children

were uninjured. Ward was able to make his way from the house despite his injuries; a neighbor took him to Klamath Valley Hospital.

Another injury indirectly resulting from the fire was sustained by Thomas Rufft, 22, who lives in another building on the same property, which is owned by Neil A. Lasher. He dashed from his house

to give a fire alarm and returned to find that his front door was locked and he had no keys. Worried about his three children locked in the house, he broke a window to get in and had a foot cut by falling glass. He was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance and released after treatment.

Actually the fire did not spread, even to the Joe Birdwell residence which is in the same building as the Wards'. However, there was considerable damage to the Wards' property, nearly all of which was destroyed by fire or damaged by smoke.

Mrs. Ward and her two children spent the night at the neighboring J. H. Koehler residence. Ward, a service station employee, is the sole support of his family of four.

Shooting Hours

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