

Balloon Launch Hailed; Orbit Around Earth Eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has a spectacular new entry in the space derby — a balloon as big as a 10-story building that inflates 250 miles above the earth.

The first space balloon launching Wednesday at Wallops Island, Va., was a smashing success. Not only did the balloon perform as planned, it startled the dickens out of hundreds of citizens all over the Eastern Seaboard.

The balloon, 100 feet in diameter, was the biggest object anyone has ever sent up into the fringes of space. But it weighed only 130 pounds.

minutes. Newspaper, police and radio station telephone switchboards were glutted with calls.

David O. Tyson, of Mendham, N.J., an Associated Press reporter, gave this description: "I looked up and it appeared to me at first to be a blimp high in the sky. There was one bright central light in the middle and around this were dimly flickering smaller lights. They looked almost like sparks. The smaller lights seemed vaguely to form the outline of a

blimp with its running lights blinking outside.

"The object began to float downward slowly, drifting off to the southeast. But as it drifted downward it looked more like a flare."

The balloon was sent up in a two-stage rocket with a thrust of 130,000 pounds.

The space agency said the whole huge balloon was folded into a container 26 1/2 inches in diameter. The sphere was made of plastic and coated with silvery aluminum

After the balloon was released 250 miles up, air trapped inside it began to expand it. Then four pounds of water in two plastic bags was released inside the balloon. At that altitude the water expanded into vapor and completed the blowing up of the balloon.

NASA said it couldn't tell how far it drifted before it fell into the sea, but it was believed to have come down more than 300 miles off Virginia.

'Rock' Seeks More Support Before Entering Campaign

WASHINGTON (AP)—New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller apparently wants more evidence of popular support before venturing into the 1960 Republican presidential nomination race.

Rockefeller said some political topics were discussed when he got President Eisenhower's approval at a 70-minute White House meeting Wednesday for a proposal by the nation's governors (or a conference of executive, congressional and military leaders on civil defense.

But Rockefeller turned off with "no comment" efforts by reporters to pin him down as to whether he will contest Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the nomination. Nor would he say whether he and the President had discussed this matter.

The best he could offer, the governor said, was what he had told supporters trying to get him to enter the New Hampshire presidential primary next March—that he couldn't decide on that question until he had completed work on

the New York state budget and legislative program.

The legislature meets in January and Rockefeller said it will remain in session for three months. But since he must decide in January whether he is going to file in New Hampshire, it was evident he was talking about the completion of only his own budget and legislative recommendations.

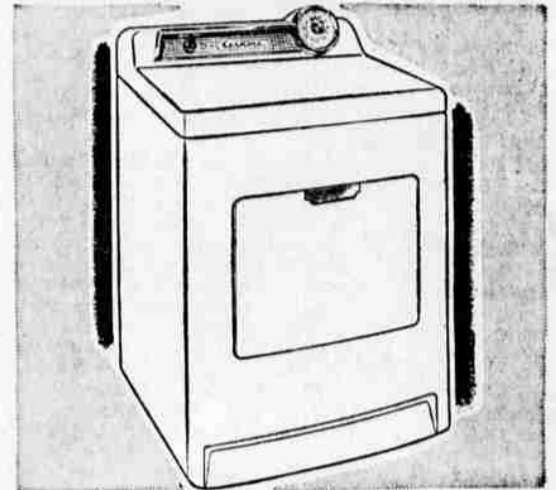
Although he deftly avoided questions on his availability, Rockefeller left the impression he would be happy to become a candidate

for the nomination if he felt the signs were right.

In the few public appearances he has made outside of New York state the governor has run into evidences that Nixon has widespread backing for the nomination.

He will test out that situation further on a trip early next month to the West Coast where he has speeches scheduled at Los Angeles, San Francisco and Salem, Ore. He describes the speeches as nonpolitical.

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CITY BRIEFS

Open House—at KUHS cafeteria, 8 p.m. November 8, with members of KUHS Parents and Patrons as hosts. Refreshments, entertainment and explanation of students' schedules, according to R. Frank Tucker, president.

Annual Halloween—party for the children of members of the Moose will be held Friday, October 30, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Moose Hall.

Improving—Mrs. G. L. Holbrook, Klamath Falls, who has been ill in Hillside Hospital is now at home and slowly recovering. Mrs. W. J. Holbrook, Malin, is caring for her during her illness.

A Masked—ball is to be held upstairs in the Eagles Hall Saturday, October 31. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Eagles Aerie—No. 2090 and the auxiliary will have a Halloween party for all Eagle members and children in the basement of the hall from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, October 30. Free doughnuts and cider for children.

Past Matrons—Club Aloha Chapter of OES will hold the first meeting with newly elected officers Friday, October 30, 1 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 418 Klamath Avenue. Chairmen for the 1 p.m. dessert will be Grace Cole, Ida Grimes and Katie Peyton.

Klamath Archers—will have a potluck meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 29, at the old indoor range at Farmers Lumber Company, 7151 South Sixth Street. Range is set up. Plans will be made for the winter indoor shoot. Please bring own table service. Club will furnish coffee.

EYC—Youth group of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will have a car wash Saturday, October 31, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Minute Man station on Sixth and Klamath.

Rummage Sale—under the sponsorship of the Oregon Federation of Post Office Clerks will be held Saturday, October 31, in the Pelican Theater Building. Doors will open at 8 a.m. and remain open late.

Housewives Near Victory

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP) — A group of angry housewives who didn't want their street paved appear to be winning their fight.

The women staged a sitdown strike Tuesday closing a three-block area that was about to be paved. Frustrated road builders took their machinery elsewhere.

Wednesday the contractor said he has no intention of returning as long as the women maintain a picket line.

A. G. Meyers, the real estate developer, said he would just as soon not pave the street. He said he thought he was pleasing the homeowners in the first place by paving it.

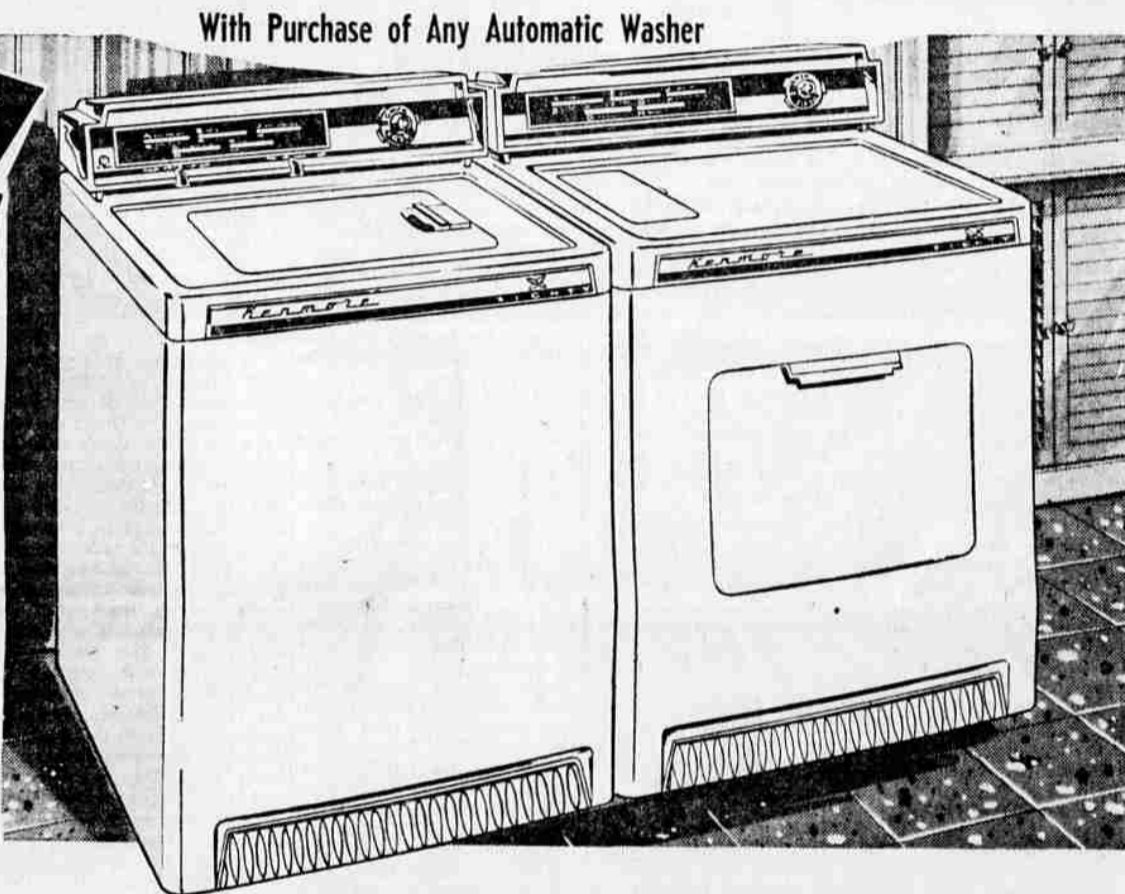
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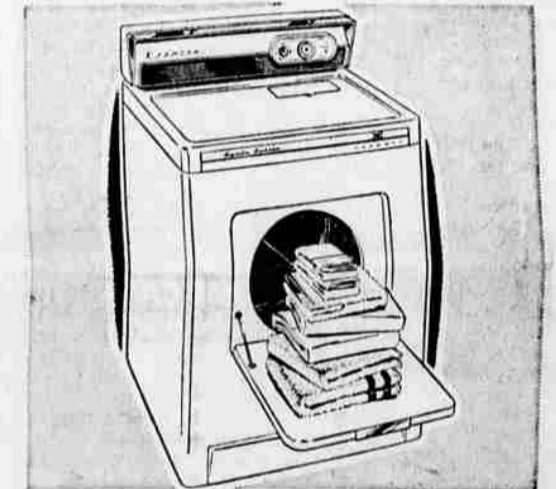
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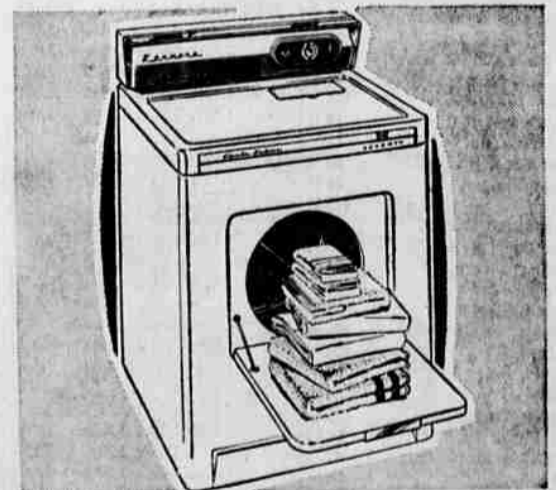
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