

Neither Side Lays Claim To 'Orphan'

WASHINGTON (AP) — No one has stepped forward to claim the mysterious space orphan that is circling the world in an erratic orbit.

Is it American? Probably is, said Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp. He said he thinks it may be the casing of an early U.S. Discoverer experiment, since the Discoverer casings and the mystery object are both a little over 19 feet long.

Is it Soviet? Could be, said Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, retired chief of Army research and development. He said he had no inside information but believes it is a space spy that might even be able to distinguish one plane from another on American airfields and send that information back to the Soviet Union.

The Pentagon said Wednesday the satellite could be of Soviet origin. Its near-polar orbit would be good for a reconnaissance vehicle. But American space scientists have learned that it is difficult to receive signals from a space traveler that is tumbling in space as this one is.

Navy trackers are keeping more than a fatherly eye on the object which showed up on their electronic tracking screens about three weeks ago. They have not picked up signals from it. But there is no way of telling whether it might have been gathered to send information when triggered by some remote receiving station.

Boy Survives Sewer Trip

ERIE, Pa. (UPI) — If little boys, like cats, have nine lives, Virgil Swartwood has one down and eight to go.

Curiosity almost killed him. Virgil decided to investigate a six-foot hole in the ground Wednesday. He tripped and began a 2 1/2 mile tumbling, twisting trip through a murky sewer tube filled with icy, swift-moving water.

The eight-year-old's harrowing adventure began when he peered over the edge of a concrete flood control and sewage tube which runs from the city to the shore of Lake Erie.

Virgil tripped on a log and plunged screaming into the swirling water.

A passerby heard the boy's screams and notified the right man.

Disposal plant workman John Grochulski was waiting at the lake's edge when the unconscious boy was swept from the sewer tube 20 minutes after his fall.

Grochulski, 50, dived from a 15-foot wall into the freezing water and held Virgil's head above water for 20 minutes until a rescue boat was launched.

Doctors at Hammot Hospital revived the boy. He was listed in good condition although suffering from shock and exposure.

"COWBOYS" ROUNDED UP DELAND, Fla. (UPI) — Two 15-year-old would-be cowboys had a Wild West spree at the expense of 75-year-old Amos Hare.

Police said today the teen-agers, whose names were withheld, stole \$419 from Hare, then filled up with hamburgers and rode taxis to spend all but \$50 of the money on cowboy boots, western jackets and ten-gallon hats.

Furor Arty, Conflict Passe As NY City Opera Opens

By W. G. ROGERS
NEW YORK (AP) — Up the workingman! Join the union! Don't let church, press and college sell you out!

That revolutionary message was sung, danced and fiddled Thursday night at the opening of the spring season of New York City opera in City Center.

The work, "The Cradle Will Rock," was Marc Blitzstein's fiery music drama about the outbreak of a strike in a place he called Sleetstown.

It raised a furor here in 1937 when the director of the Works Progress Administration, under whose federal theater program it had been prepared for Broadway, forbade its presentation on the New York stage.

It whipped up a furor again Thursday night.

The first time the fuss was all ideological. Too many people were supposed to be too afraid of workers of the world uniting; and WPA begging Congress for more funds didn't want to appear to be too far out on a leftist limb.

Theme Told For Revival

"The Prodigal Daughter" will be the closing sermon subject at the revival meeting at the Klamath Gospel Center, 1625 Mitchell Street at Shasta Way, Sunday at 7:45 p.m.

Evangelist Warren D. Combs, gospel singer and trumpet-player of Yakima and former pastor of the church in Klamath Falls, will be in the pulpit. The message will be an Old Testament story parallel to the New Testament story of "The Prodigal Son."

The revival meeting continues Friday at 7:45 p.m. with special prayer for the sick at the conclusion of the service. The evangelist's theme will be "When Will the Lord Heal Me?" The pastor and evangelist will bring a special gospel vocal duet.

The Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. with Sunday School and classes for all ages. Mr. Combs will give a special object lesson to the boys and girls. Awards will be given to all those who bring someone who has not been present for four Sundays. At the 11 o'clock worship service, the theme will be, "Jesus, the Sovereign King!"

Special Services
The Rev. Norvie O. Cliff, evangelist, Nampa, Idaho, will conduct special services at the First Church of the Nazarene, Garden and Martin streets, February 18-23. The nightly services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Assisting will be song evangelist, Mrs. Goldie Conrad, Vancouver, Washington, commissioned in the Church of the Nazarene, now giving full time to this type of evangelism.

She will have full charge of the entire musical program during the services in Klamath Falls. The Rev. Cliff is also devoting full time to evangelistic work. He has been active in youth work since 1945, and served three years as associate minister and youth director in the First Church of the Nazarene, Los Angeles.

He has traveled in Europe and visited mission churches in the Holy Land. He devotes Monday nights in each campaign to the showing of colored pictures, with special missionary emphasis, and prophecy message on the second coming of Christ. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Solon Sees Senate OK Of Test Ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) said today a nuclear weapons test ban along the lines of the new U.S. proposal should have a good chance to win Senate ratification.

Aiken and several Democratic senators joined in commendation of the proposal, although some said there didn't seem to be much hope it would break the deadlock in the 15-month-old Geneva talks.

Initial Soviet reaction supported that idea.

"Our reaction is negative," Soviet Delegate Senyion K. Tsarapkin told newsmen in Geneva.

"These proposals cannot serve as the basis for any sort of agreement."

But U.S. officials expressed hope the Soviet Union would take a more favorable attitude after a thorough study of the proposals. Otherwise, they said, the Geneva negotiations will be threatened with collapse.

Some Democrats in Congress said they had long advocated just such a plan as President Eisenhower announced Thursday.

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont), the Democratic whip, commented that it was "a good way to display bipartisanship" when the administration "takes up recommendations from the Senate."

The proposal, formally presented to the Soviets in Geneva, calls for a ban on all sea and air atomic and hydrogen blasts, as well as large explosions in underground tunnels.

Warhead Neutralization Revealed By Tongue Slip

WASHINGTON (AP) — A three-star general's apparent slip of the tongue has disclosed that a small atomic explosion can be used to neutralize thermonuclear warheads on ballistic missiles.

Involved in the process is the principle of neutron flux, but the details of the technique are classified top secret. Even after it was mentioned publicly, research officers declined to say anything about it.

Lt. Gen. Arthur G. Trudeau, the Army's chief of research, made the disclosure Thursday during a movie-news conference on development of the antimissile missile, Nike-Zeus.

At this same movie-with-questions conference, the Army also exhibited a one minute film clip showing the first known interception of a ballistic missile by a guided missile.

The film showed a Hawk anti-aircraft missile, which carried a conventional high explosive warhead, shooting down a short-range bombardment rocket called the Honest John. The test was made Jan. 29 over White Sands, N.M. They collided at a combined impact speed of about 2,000 miles an hour.

Since the script with the Nike-Zeus film carefully refrained from saying a direct hit was necessary to destroy the warhead of an incoming missile, Trudeau was asked if this didn't imply a means had been found to render the warhead harmless.

Trudeau's answer was "yes," the warhead could be neutralized through the employment of the neutron flux principle.

He added that an explosion of

the Zeus' atomic warhead was involved in the process and offered the opinion that it would be better to have "a small explosion a hundred miles over Hartford, Conn., than a large explosion in New York City."

Officials declined to give any further information on the neutron flux, but its general principles have frequently been discussed.

In an atomic explosion, used to trigger a thermonuclear explosion, there is an abrupt and staggering release of neutrons which bump into each other, setting up a chain reaction. This reaction releases an enormous amount of heat and energy.

OHIO G.I. HELD
FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI) — Army officials refused to comment today on the claim of Pfc. Richard T. Wettrich, of Columbus Station, Ohio, that he is being held on charges of selling military secrets to the Russians.

Army authorities said earlier they are holding Wettrich on charges of being absent without leave and absconding with money from his unit.

To use the flux principle, some means must be found to damper, or decrease, the release of neutrons in the enemy's warhead. How this is done through the explosion of a small atomic bomb in the Nike-Zeus is, of course, still a top secret. There was no indication whether it has been proved by any tests.

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