

Air Force Hails Shots Of Missile

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (UPI) — The Air Force hailed the ability of the Minuteman missile Saturday to provide the United States with an immediate retaliatory force against a nuclear attack.

For the second day in a row Friday, the Air Force successfully launched the Minuteman missile, America's "instant ICBM," under fully operational conditions.

Both missiles were fired under simulated war conditions by a Strategic Air Command crew and employed full weaponry, including mock nuclear warheads. Air Force Systems Command and private contractor personnel supervised the crew.

The solid-fuel Minuteman, which can be fired within minutes after an enemy attack, blasted out of its 85-foot-deep underground silo and shot in a ballistic arc for its destination 5,000 miles away in Pacific.

The three-stage, 65-foot missile, which has a potential range of 6,300 miles, streaked downrange over the Pacific at a flashing 16,000 miles an hour.

Although the Minuteman was declared operational last Dec. 11 after it underwent successful testing at Cape Canaveral, Fla., the last two shots marked the first war-like launches.

The back-to-back successes of the "instant ICBM" last week dispelled concern expressed earlier this year over failures of Minuteman both at Cape Canaveral and here to either hit targets or fire successfully.

Two previous launches from the Pacific missile range—Sept. 28 and Dec. 10—veered off course immediately after blastoff and had to be destroyed by remote control.

The first operational Minuteman site has been activated at Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Mont., with other operational bases under construction in North and South Dakota, Missouri and Wyoming.

The Air Force is scheduled to install nearly 1,000 Minuteman missiles in silos throughout the United States during the next three years.

Visa Given To Cardinal

BUDAPEST (UPI) — Hungarian officials confirmed unofficially Saturday that Viennese Archbishop Franz Cardinal Koenig has been granted a Hungarian entry visa for his long-scheduled meeting with Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty.

Reports in Vienna Friday night said Hungary had granted a visa. A spokesman for the Hungarian foreign ministry confirmed this but said he could make no official statement since Koenig is coming to Hungary at invitation of Bishop Endre Hamvas and not the Hungarian government.

Informed sources expect the Australian archbishop to leave for Budapest Monday morning.

Koenig indicated last month he will include a meeting with Mindszenty during his Hungarian itinerary. Koenig will be Mindszenty's first outside visitor with the exception of his mother since the Hungarian primate entered the U. S. legation Nov. 4, 1956. After the revolt, the Americans gave him sanctuary. Mindszenty's mother visited him before she died three years ago.

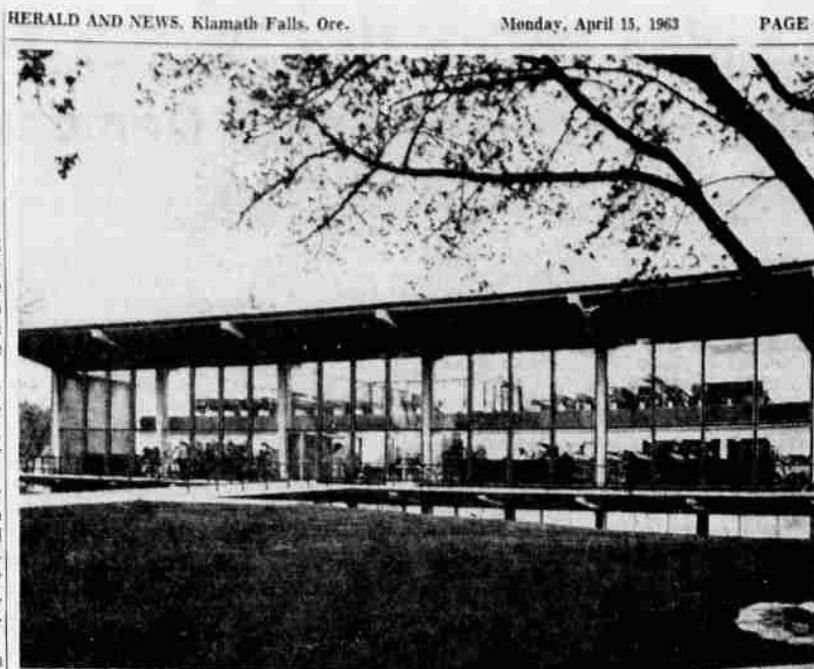
After an audience with Pope John XXIII in Rome last month, Cardinal Koenig said he planned to talk to Mindszenty. He denied, however, that he had been officially entrusted by the Pope to persuade Mindszenty to leave the country.

U.S. Drafts Ban Treaty

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States has completed a draft of a nuclear test ban treaty proposal embodying its new positions. But officials said no decision has been made on when to formally present the document to the Geneva disarmament conference.

The Kennedy administration has been under attack by some congressmen for alleged concessions to the Soviet Union in modifying earlier demands of treaty safeguards.

Changes in the U. S. position have failed to produce any significant evidence that the Russians are ready to accept a treaty providing adequate inspection and control as seen from the Western viewpoint.



AWARD OF MERIT — Seventeen U.S. library buildings have been selected to receive awards in the first library buildings awards program sponsored jointly by the American Institute of Architects, The American Library Association and the National Book Committee. This Grinnell, Iowa, college library won an award of merit, for a design being used more and more in college construction. — UPI Telephoto

SPECULATION

Can Life Move From Planet To Planet Via Meteorites?

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Scientists have discovered biological forms in meteorites which they believe might once have been living matter that originated somewhere in the solar system other than on earth, it was reported Saturday.

In a cautiously worded report, the team of scientists left the door open to speculation on the movement of primitive living matter from one planet to another within the solar system.

The disclosure was made in a paper delivered by a group of scientists headed by Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize winning chemist who played an important role in development of the atomic bomb during World War II.

The paper said electron microscope of particles of a meteorite revealed organized structures which "suggests, but does not prove, biological origin."

Urey, now on the staff of the University of California at San Diego, headed a team consisting of Bartholomew Nagy, Kurt Fredriksson, George Claus, Christian A. Anderson and Joan Percy. Urey said he did not participate in the actual microscopic studies but helped evaluate the data compiled.

Urey stressed caution in evaluating the preliminary data, and emphasized more work was needed to determine the significance of the undertaking. He said as a scientist, he remained skeptical, but felt the subject worth full investigation.

"If its true, its very wonderful," he said.

The report itself said "preliminary work with the electron microscope needs to be confirmed in order to evaluate properly the possible biological origin of some such acid-resistant particles."

The note of caution accompanied further elaboration by Urey that there was no general agreement among scientists on the possibility there were microfossils in meteorites that would substantiate theories that life forms exist in space.

Further substantiation would open the way to studies of the possibility of life being transmitted from one planet to another. Such fossils could have been caught in inner space, remnants of living forms that died billions of years ago, one scientist theorized.

Urey himself said he was of the opinion life of some kind did exist on Mars, for example.

Yugoslavia produced 25,000 tons of aluminum in 1960.

Sabotage Seen Possible In Nuclear Sub Sinking

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — The Long Beach Independent Press - Telegram Saturday published an article quoting the nation's top submarine admiral in World War II as saying he believed there was a strong possibility the sunken nuclear submarine Thresher was sabotaged.

The newspaper said that Vice Adm. Charles A. Lockwood, ret., indicated that the Thresher could have been tempered with in such a way that the surface ship with which he was in contact could not have heard an explosion.

"I figured it was a manhole or sea valve in the attack center, the heart of the ship, that carried away," Lockwood said. "This forced the crew out of the control room, the attack center, and therefore forced them away from control of the ship."

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McNamara Wins Funds At Session

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara emerged Saturday as a big winner in the Senate's extraordinary secret session which produced a decision not to speed deployment of the Nike-Zeus missile killer.

Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., who fashioned the clear-cut victory, won new laurels too. His very considerable prestige was put to something of a challenge by Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C.

In the end, the Senate opened its doors—closed to the public for the first time in 20 years—and voted with Russell to uphold McNamara's judgment on a rather touchy question. The vote came at a time when McNamara's judgment was being sharply questioned by congressional critics.

With Russell's support the Senate, in the same Thursday session, voted McNamara some \$364 million in authorizations he does not want to speed development of the R570 strike plane. That underlined the long-held congressional view that McNamara was moving too rapidly to phase manned bombers out of the nation's striking force.

The Nike-Zeus decision was a more recent one, however, and it involved the matter of defending U. S. cities against a possible nuclear attack. The McNamara-Russell viewpoint was that the Nike-Zeus anti-missile missile should be developed into the more sophisticated Nike X, with the new Sprint missile, before Congress begins spending the \$12 to \$20 billion which will be required to deploy the system around U. S. targets.

Thurmond led forces who contended that the Nike-Zeus, successful in several intercepts of U. S. intercontinental ballistic missiles, should be deployed as soon as possible and converted to the Nike X after it is developed. The additional cost—\$1.5 to \$2.3 billion—would be well spent, they said.

Adding to the complexity of the issue was the fact that the Joint Chiefs of Staff were not unanimously behind McNamara. Chairman Maxwell D. Taylor, an old Army man, and Gen. Earl G. Wheeler, the Army's current chief of staff, supported the Army's Nike-Zeus. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, the Air Force chief of staff, was quoted as saying the speeded program would not be worth the effort.

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All military men are covered by Social Security.

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Husband Gets Bulk Of Cassini Estate

NEW YORK (UPI) — The will of Mrs. Charlene Wrightman Cassini left the bulk of a \$100,000 residuary estate to her husband, Igor Cassini, the society columnist.

The 38-year-old Mrs. Cassini died Tuesday in a hospital here after taking a quantity of sleeping pills. Pending laboratory tests, authorities have not ruled whether the death was accidental or suicide.

The will, executed about a month before her death, was filed for probate Friday. It waived any powers of appointment she might have, such as trust funds set up by her wealthy family. It was pointed out that these might have been exercised on behalf of her husband.

Cassini, who writes under the name of Cholly Knickerbocker, was named guardian of their son, Charles Alexander Cassini, and of Mrs. Cassini's son by an earlier marriage, Dana. The latter's father is actor Helmut Dantine.

Cassini currently is under indictment for allegedly acting as an unregistered agent for the late Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic. He is scheduled to go on trial in Washington May 13.

Private services for Mrs. Cassini are to be held here Monday.

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