

Ike Urges Congress To Give Full Responsibility To Space Exploration

WASHINGTON AP — President Eisenhower today urged Congress to give the civilian space agency full responsibility for development of a national program of nonmilitary space exploration.

In one special message to Congress, Eisenhower called for amendment of the 1958 National Aeronautics and Space Act to eliminate what he has termed deficiency provisions.

In a second message he put before Congress his plan first announced last fall for transfer of the Army rocket development team to the Civilian National Aeronautics and Space Administration. That plan will go into effect automatically in 60 days unless vetoed by the House or Senate.

In his message calling for amendment of the space act, Eisenhower said the present law contains several provisions which tend to obscure the responsibility of NASA for planning and directing a national program of space exploration and peaceful space activity.

Eisenhower said he has become convinced during the 15 months since NASA was established that the law needs to be revised "so as to place responsibility directly and unequivocally in one agency, NASA, for planning and managing a national program of nonmilitary space activities."

The proposed shift would place the Army rocket team, headed by German-born Dr. Wernher von Braun under the direction of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Shell Collectors Find Life Jacket

BOLIVIA, N.C. AP — Two women collecting sea shells came near Fort Caswell, about eight miles from the field where a National Airlines DC7B crashed Jan. 6, killing all 34 people aboard.

One body, that of Carlos Ramos Valdes, banker of Havana, Cuba, still is missing. The life jacket was marked, "Property of National Airlines." But authorities, still searching for the body, pointed out that the plane apparently broke apart in the air, and that bits of metal and equipment fell as far as 25 miles away from the main crash scene.

Thirty-two of the bodies were found in a 20-acre area of piney woods and marsh land near here. One body was found on the bank of the Cape Fear River near Fort Fisher, close to the place where the river empties into the Atlantic Ocean. That is about 15 miles from the main crash scene.

The women who found the life jacket are Mrs. E. V. Leonard, wife of the Brunswick County sheriff; and Mrs. J. T. Bigford, whose husband is police chief of Long Beach.

Nuclear Tests Seems Hopeless

LOS ANGELES AP—John A. McCone, the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission sees little prospect of a worldwide agreement on suspension of nuclear tests.

He said the Soviets apparently want an agreement that "halts our tests while permitting theirs to go forward." And, he added, Soviet negotiators dismiss scientific facts with political propaganda.

Soviet Ambassador To Take Up Duty As Foreign Minister

LONDON AP — The Soviet Embassy said today Ambassador Jacob Malik will return to Moscow Wednesday to take up duties as a Soviet deputy foreign minister.

Milik has held the rank of deputy foreign minister for years but since 1953 has functioned as ambassador to London. Moscow announced Wednesday that Milik was being replaced as ambassador by Alexander Soldatov, a Foreign Ministry official.

Charlotte Man Is Named President

CHARLOTTE AP — A Charlotte insurance man has been named president of the trustees of the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., a two and one-half million dollar fund benefiting Presbyterian educational institutions.

Philip F. Howerton, former moderator of the Southern Presbyterian Church, was chosen Wednesday to succeed Dr. F. L. Jackson of Davidson as president.

The election came at the trustees' day-long meeting here.

Other officers are John S. Cansler, vice president; the Rev. J. Cecil Lawrence, secretary; and A. Walton Litz, treasurer. All are from Charlotte.

Almond Proposes Largest Budget In History Of The State Of Virginia

By THOMAS JOHNSON RICHMOND, VA. AP — Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr. today proposed for fiscal 1960-62 a budget of \$1,320,000,000, largest in the state's history and geared for the first time to a sales tax.

Public schools drew the major portion—just over 44 per cent—of proposed general fund appropriations totaling better than 555 million dollars.

Institutions of higher learning, mental hospitals, penal administration, public health and welfare on a percentage basis followed schools in proposed general fund appropriations. General fund revenues are derived largely from taxes levied upon individuals and corporations and from profits of the state liquor monopoly.

Almond's first budget since he entered office two years ago called for the appropriation of more than 764 million dollars in special funds, coming from such sources as gasoline taxes, federal grants, state liquor sales and college tuition charges.

The governor conceded in his budget message to the Legislature that the outstanding feature of the budget was the proposed 3 per cent general sales and use tax, with downward revision of certain other levies.

It is estimated the sales tax will produce a net 142½ million dollars in fiscal 1960-62, with the localities to share in 45 million dollars on a population basis.

Explosion Will Make Delay In Production

MARSHALL, Tex. AP — There may be up to 90 days' delay in production of solid propellant rocket motors as a result of a terrific explosion at the Army's Longhorn Ordnance Works last week.

Quoting an unnamed spokesman for Thiokol Chemical Corp., which operates the facility near here for the Army, the Dallas News said today it will be early April before the plant is back in full operation.

The newspaper also said the violent blast caused damage estimated by Lt. Col. John E. Harrison, who commands the ordnance works, at one million dollars.

Harrison told a reporter he had made no such estimate. Until Army Engineers finish a survey, he said he was unable to predict how long production might be crippled.

"I don't know whether it will be a month or six weeks," Harrison said.

Other sources at the installation, 15 miles northeast of Marshall in northeast Texas, have said production will be at least slowed for about three months. Thiokol is the Army's biggest builder of solid propellant rocket motors.

Ripping through a remote-controlled plant unit, the explosion last Friday rocked a broad area of northeast Texas and northwest Louisiana. Harrison reported at the time there were no injuries but damage was considerable.

Thiokol builds engines for the Nike-Hercules, Falcon, La-Crosse, Honest John and other missiles. It does similar work on a smaller scale at plants in Brigham City, Utah; Huntsville, Ala.; and Elkton, Md.

Tobacco Dealers Want 10 per cent

WASHINGTON AP — The Burley Leaf Tobacco Dealers Assn. today urged an increase of 10 per cent in his year's federal marketing quotas for that type tobacco.

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation said it favored an increase only if Congress changed farm law to make it a permanent policy that larger reserves of all types of tobacco should be maintained.

A 10 per cent increase would allot 331,000 acres compared with 301,000 last year. This allotment would produce a crop of around 550 million pounds compared with 500 million pounds last year.

These views were presented at an Agriculture Department hearing on the level of 1960 quotas and allotments.

The department soon must set these figures under a crop control program designed to prevent over production and to help stabilize prices.

Carolina Man Is Arrested In Texas

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. AP—FBI agents arrested Thomas Clarence Dorey, 23, an escapee from a North Carolina prison camp, here Wednesday.

Leonard Blavlock, special FBI agent in charge at San Antonio, said Dorey escaped from the Pitt County Prison Camp at Greenville, N.C., last Oct. 28 while serving a three to eight year term for armed robbery.

He was picked up at a carnival.

Movie TV Writer Freberg Is Trying To Death Knell Rock "N" Roll

By BOB THOMAS HOLLYWOOD AP — Stan Freberg is trying to sound the death knell for rock 'n' roll, but he's running into problems.

The satirist's latest jibe at American manners and morals is a record called "The Old Payola Roll Blues." It's a pointed fable about a fast-buck artist who pulls a teen-ager off the street and makes a rock 'n' roller out of him.

The con man then tries to bribe a disc jockey to plug the atrocity, is rebuffed and slips out under the door.

The disc came out last week and took off immediately—in some places. A top Las Angeles radio station played it six times a day. The store sales indicated the record was moving as fast as Freberg's million-and-a-half seller "St. George and the Dragonet."

Elsewhere, the story is different. Capitol Records says that between 60 and 70 per cent of its field men report opposition in their areas to getting "Payola Roll Blues" played on local radio stations.

The author, usually known as Steady Stan, is incensed.

"The fact that a Los Angeles station would play the record six times a day, even though it is overlength, shows that it must have some value for the public," said Freberg. "The record is not anti-disc jockeys are honest."

"The record is against certain independent record companies that have bought their way to success and have inflicted this atrocity called rock 'n' roll on the unsuspecting public. Music should be selected on its merits alone, not because somebody gets paid to play it on the radio.

Communist China

TOKYO AP — Communist China today charged the United States and Japan with planning to conclude a military pact "for the preparation of new aggression and war and for menacing Asian and world peace."

Red China's foreign ministry, in a statement broadcast by Peiping Radio, said a military alliance was being prepared "under the pretext of revising the Japan-U.S. security treaty." The statement said that "this is an extremely serious step taken by the Japanese reactionaries and the U. S. imperialists."

American Markets Overseas Are Urged To Do Something More Than Gripe

By SAM DAWSON NEW YORK AP — Americans who have lost markets overseas are being urged today to do something more about it than just gripe. The same to a degree goes for those who have lost markets here at home to foreign imports.

Some are starting industrywide sales drives. The Department of Commerce is doing some fatherly chiding about lax American sales habits abroad. Some companies are reviewing operations to see if efficiency can bring down prices. Others are studying advice about the training of their overseas salesmen.

For two years American exports have been slipping while imports have been rising. This is a new experience for many businessmen used to having markets abroad they considered safe.

But competition has been rising fast. Steelmen admit that it wasn't just the steel strike alone that accounted for steel imports topping

Ballistic Missile Test Completed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. AP — The Air Force has announced that the military test program of the Thor intermediate range ballistic missile has been completed and the missile soon will be used in a series of three shots to test a new space engine.

If successful, the new engine will boost small scientific satellites into orbit and deep into space. It probably will be employed on Thor-Able and Thor-Delta rockets, three-stage vehicles utilizing the Thor as a first stage.

The engine reportedly will generate about 165,000 pounds of thrust on liftoff, 15,000 pounds more than that poured out by the regular Thor.

This is not designed to match the power of the U.S. Atlas or the Soviet Lunik rockets, which are driven by thrusts of about 360,000 pounds and 800,000 pounds, respectively.

Thor-Ables using the regular Thor engine have been fired previously on space assignments, and another is expected to try within a few weeks to send a 90-pound

payload to the vicinity of the planet Venus.

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Passing Friends Is No Lost Stranger

PASADENA, Calif. AP — They were strangers but they struck up a friendship in passing.

Every other day he roared past at the throttle of a passenger train diesel engine. Joanne Willens sat on her front porch—30 feet from the track.

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