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Washington News

Washington, D. C.—More discouraging news continues to turn up in Washington concerning the deadly rocket and missile race with the Soviet Union. And with practically every new disclosure the situation revealed is even worse than was formerly suspected.

The latest analysis by some of the nation's experts in this field shows the United States to be about five years away from catching up with the Soviet Union. And this lead, obviously now being enjoyed by the Russians, is not something that has just recently occurred.

The United States, it will be recalled, launched a major missile program only in 1951—six years after World War II. And it was only in 1955 that we decided to go ahead with a "crash" program in this field. But although we decided on a crash program, it has never been carried out with true all-out urgency.

The services have bickered and the powers that we have ordered the various services to achieve certain goals. This has slowed progress considerably since all of these fields are interrelated and progress is best achieved by close coordination and collaboration.

The Russians, on the other hand, began their rocket program in earnest immediately after World War II. That means they have been going all-out since 1945. The United States has been concentrating on the problem, on a broad scale only since 1951, and even when the program was supposedly speeded up in 1955, the speed-up was not all out because of the handicaps in our approach to the problem.

It is now expected that the Russians will beat us to a number of other important "firsts," such as reaching the moon, putting a satellite around the sun, etc. Experts say they are very close to achieving these very goals at the present. The United States is not.

It will probably take the United States five years to catch up with the Reds, if we ever catch up before a time of war, and even if we do this it will be no easy mat-

ter. The scientists are blaming the government, and the people are blaming both the government and the services, but it is also true that our scientists have not kept pace on their own, with the enemy's.

The most surprising thing about the whole dilemma, however, is the obvious failure of our intelligence organizations to learn that the U. S. was so far behind the Reds in the rocket and missile field.

Just as this country was shocked at the speed of Russia demonstrated in developing the hydrogen bomb, we have now been more seriously shocked by their satellite and rocket achievement. So have the rest of the countries of the world.

The Eisenhower Administration, regardless of the justice or injustice, is credited with the blame for dropping behind the Reds in this vital security field. It is true that our rocket and missile program was just getting started when President Eisenhower came into office but he has been the resident at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue for five years. The people look to him to get the United States back on top.

But it is to be a hard pull. This is a strange experience for the United States—where technical and scientific progress has so long been the greatest military asset of the country. And the question naturally arises that if the Reds have a five-year lead will they allow us to catch up without taking advantage of their new superiority?

The answer to that question might be the key to war or peace in the next few years.

HIGH 1958 INCOMES

An economic report of the Agriculture Department predicts high U. S. consumer incomes in 1958. As a consequence, it said, the domestic demand for farm products is expected to remain at or above present levels. "The average disposable income per person in 1957, at around \$1,700, was 16 per cent above the 1952 level," the report said.

Good Lighting Aid To Grading

Good lighting of uniform quality is essential to separate the various colors, shades, and qualities of burley tobacco, according to specialists of the N. C. Extension Service. The light must have the proper color and intensity. Natural light from the north or a combination of fluorescent lights have been found to be satisfactory.

Natural light should be from the north. The windows should be high enough so that the light comes over the workers' shoulder. Other windows or doors should be blocked out. Cross lights make it difficult to detect color differences.

With natural light, work is limited to the part of the day suitable for sorting tobacco. Natural light also changes in intensity and color during the day and varies during the season.

Fluorescent lights can greatly improve preparation. Fluorescent light fixtures should be four feet long. Use one 40 watt super deluxe cool white tube and one 40 watt daylight tube. This combination of tubes gives a steady uniform light that brings out all the colors in burley tobacco.

This light is uniform throughout the day; it lessens eye strain; and it may be used twenty-four hours per day.

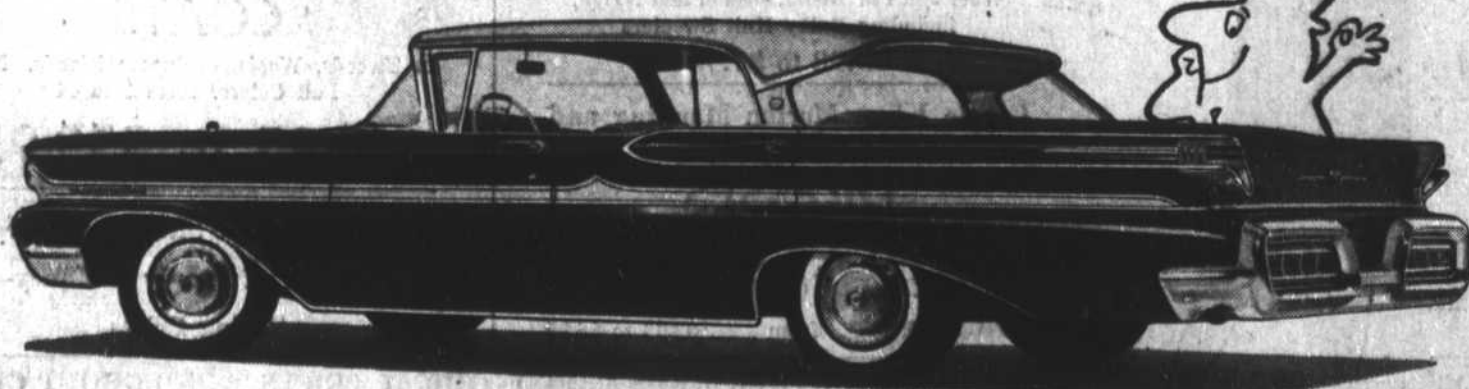
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