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Marines Set Invasion Maneuvers Near Cuba



Mrs. Jane Smith shows broken pen.

Vandals Cost Taxpayers Pretty Penny for Pens At Downtown Post Office

Vandals who destroy and damage El Paso Post Office pens are costing taxpayers a pretty penny. Postmaster J. J. Kaster today said: "We battle this thing all the time. It's a continuing problem."

A citizen complained to The Herald-Post last week that he couldn't find a usable pen at any desk in the downtown Post Office. For some reason, the downtown Post Office has a higher rate of vandalism than any other branch. Two things stymie postal inspectors in their efforts to stop the vandalism. First, about 90 per cent of the damage is caused by youngsters and much of it is done at night or early in the morning.

\$1000 Fine Possible
Adults damaging postal property can be fined up to \$1000 or sentenced to one year in the Federal penitentiary, but it is more difficult to mete out punishment to children.
"We use the cheap ball point pens furnished to us by the Post Office Department," Mr. Kaster said. "These require fillers, and keeping fillers is a real problem. We use about 400 a month in the downtown Post Office."
Recently the Supply Center has been in short supply and we have not been able to get all the fillers we need. We know it's a real pain in the neck to citizens who go in expecting to use the pens.

"But we decided, even at a cost of \$30 to \$35 a month for fillers, to keep the pens twice a day and put in new fillers if needed."

Only Three Inspectors
Mr. Kaster said the job of catching offenders is up to the three postal inspectors stationed in El Paso, but they are kept busy with other things.
"They have to catch thieves who take Government checks out of mail boxes, and also vandals who damage privately owned mail boxes," he said.
Mr. Kaster said not only do Post Office vandals damage pens and pencils, but they jerk off chains and even tear up the small scales used to weigh mail.

Stockmen Meeting
ROSWELL, Oct. 18.—Chaves County Agent Al Woodburn met at the Nickerson Hotel in Roswell today with stockmen from nine counties interested in a sereworm eradication program.

Juarez Teachers Receive Back Pay
The Juarez state tax collector reported today that it has paid back salaries of teachers, thereby averting a threatened strike. Tax Collector Manuel Quintones Ponce said the Chihuahua state government has paid its teachers not only for the first half of October, but also for September.
"A strike had been called for Oct. 26," he said.

Assault Planned On Small Island

Make-Believe Premier is Ortsac; Castro Backwards

By JIM G. LUCAS
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Armed Marines will storm the beaches of a sparsely populated island approximately 30 miles from the other side of Castro Cuba under "enemy" fire at dawn one day next week in a full-scale dress rehearsal of a classic Caribbean invasion.

The assault will be launched on Vieques, an island 10 miles long and 10 miles wide. Much of Vieques is uninhabited. Its only town, Santa Isabel, will be some distance from the mock battle.

The Navy can, and does, say Vieques is no stranger to invasions. The Marines have taken out most of the island as a training area. It has purposely avoided giving the exercise a warlike code name. It is referred to as Phibriglex, which, translated means Amphibious (for boys) Exercise (for rice). And this is the best season for Caribbean maneuvers.

But there are important differences between this and other routine assaults on Vieques. The usual Autumn maneuvers involve no more than 800 marines. This time there will be defenders. For strictly unofficial planning purposes—it won't show in any of the papers—the island now is the mythical republic of Vieques with a tyrannical premier named Ortsac.

Try spelling the Premier's name backwards.
This time, a much-decorated Spanish-speaking Vice Admiral Horacio Rivero, will be overall command. His selection one Navy source says, was no accident. Admiral Rivero, a native Puerto Rican, is graduate state of the Naval Academy. He is newly appointed commander of Atlantic Fleet's 1st Marine Division, three-star Marine, Lieut. Gen. Robert B. Luckey, will be in overall command of amphibious troops. General Luckey is commander, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic. Brig Gen. R. M. Tompkins is the 1st Marine Division's (Continued on Page A-8, Col. 1)

U.S. Delays Cuba Shipping Control

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—President Kennedy prepared today to put his Cuban policy above compliance of smooth relations with the European.
The President was ready to invoke economic sanctions which claim the most stringent controls in recent peacetime history against foreign shipping engaged in Soviet bloc trade with Cuba.

White House announcement of the order, which would in some cases deny U. S. Government cargoes to ships involved in this trade, originally was scheduled for today, but now may be delayed a day or so for "mechanical reasons."
Though there have been no official protests from NATO maritime nations, European shipping associations and diplomats privately have strongly objected to the proposed order.

Norwegian shippers called it a "blacklist" similar to Egyptian President Nasser's closing of the Suez Canal to vessels trading with Israel.

Water Main Breaks; Streets Flooded
A 16-inch water main broke early today in the 3000 block of Yland drive sending water streaming down nearby streets and forming a "lake" at Missouri and Cebada intersection.
The pipe, described as a "main feeder line across town," by Public Service Board Director E. J. Umberhauer, broke at approximately 6 a. m. and washed a hole 10 feet by 20 feet in Yland drive before PSB workers could get to the site.
The break was near the branch pole on Yland.
Police were called to reroute traffic around the break.
Mr. Umberhauer said cause of the break had not been determined. "There were no pressure surges that we know of," he said.

E. P. Liquor Tax Evasion Attacked

National Dealers Join Fight On Export System

The National Liquor Stores Assn., representing 44,000 dealers through the nation, has stepped into the fight against "border warehouses in El Paso. Sale of tax free liquor to persons crossing into Mexico is knocking a gigantic hole in sales of regular El Paso liquor retail and wholesale.

News of the additional support to the fight, close down the warehouses was welcomed by agents of the Texas Liquor Control Board, whose hands are pending a district court decision in Austin.

Have Court Order
The two bonded warehouses, Ammex and Ayuda and Wardy, obtained a restraining order from the district court judge, which keeps Liquor Control Board agents from stopping operation of the export business.

Here's how the operation works. The export company buys whiskey from Scotland and it comes into the U. S. under a Customs' bond or seal. No taxes are paid. The law says that the exporters sell it at low cost to residents of Mexico for direct exportation or to tourists leaving the country for a vacation in Mexico.

Loss Business
"We feel the two warehouses are operating in direct violation of state law," a Liquor Control Board agent said. "The law says that no one can sell liquor in the State of Texas without first obtaining a permit. Neither warehouse has obtained any such permit."
"In the second place Ammex is violating the law on signs, which says a place selling liquor can have only one sign. There is a big sign on the wall of the building and another hanging out from it. On top of that, their trucks are plastered with signs."

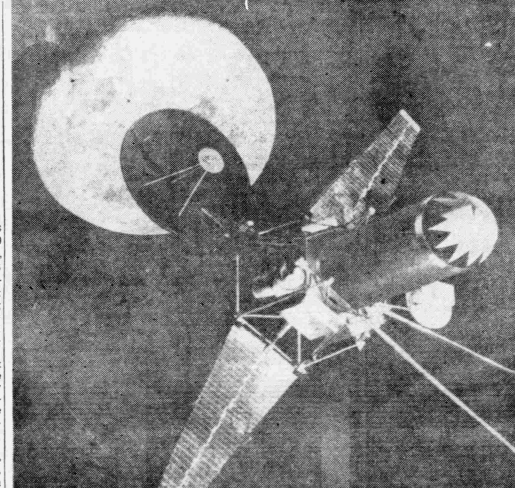
"But until the case is heard in court," he said.
Soldier Admits Attack on Woman
"When I saw the blood on the seat and the floorboards of my car, I knew I had hurt her bad. I washed it off the seat and waited for you to come and get me. This is what Dr. [redacted] Carpenter told Sheriff Bob Bailey" (Continued on Page A-8, Col. 2)

El Paso Sunshine

The sun shone today for the 28th consecutive day. The sun has failed to shine only 12 of the last 1437 days.

Unions Back Builders to Obtain FHA Approval for Loans on Homes
The El Paso Central Labor Union threw support behind Upper Valley builders and developers today in their effort to gain FHA approval for home loans in Westway.
Tightening of FHA qualifications is making it difficult for low income families to buy homes in their income bracket, according to Henry De La Garza, Central Labor Union secretary.
"We sent letters of protest to FHA Commissioner Neal Hardy on two major problems which they have created in the Westway subdivision. The first is the general tightening up of qualifications which presents a hardship on our working people in particular.

U. S. Launches Rocket To Moon



MOON BOUND—The U. S. today launched a camera-equipped Ranger-5 spacecraft in a planned three-day flight to the Moon. The gold-and-chrome plated space probe was rigged up to take the first closeup pictures of the Moon and to "crashland" an instrument package on the lunar surface for a month of detailed study. Artist's conception shows Ranger-5 as it must look in flight toward the satellite, (UPI Telephoto).

Kindergarten Rules Eased
City Council today passed on final reading an amended kindergarten ordinance providing for eased restrictions on operators of small schools.
The amendment originally called for separate bathrooms for boys and girls at kindergartens of 15 children or more.

News Reports Displease Churchmen
United Press International, WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—A Roman Catholic editor said today prelates attending the current Ecumenical Council were "displeased" by press dispatches reporting council elections "as though they were those of a parliamentary session."
The Rev. Ralph M. Wilgen of Chicago, who operates a small missionary news agency here, attributed the comment to a council delegate "who was a member of his country's parliament for many years."

Rain, Warmer Weather Due
Slightly warmer weather is forecast for tomorrow, with a high of 73 predicted. Cloudiness is expected to continue through tomorrow and widely scattered showers and thundershowers through tonight.
Lows tonight will be about 55 in the heights and 50 in the valleys.
Light misty fogs fell last night in various parts of the City with 0.2 recorded by the U. S. Weather Bureau at International Airport.

U. S. Tests Bomb
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The Atomic Energy Commission says it has exploded a multi-megaton nuclear device in the air near the Johnston Island testing grounds in the Pacific.

Three-Day Flight Starts Successfully

Probe To Take Photos and Land Instruments

United Press International, CAPE CANAVERAL, Oct. 18.—The United States today put a Ranger-5 spacecraft into a "parking orbit" around Earth, and then successfully ignited a second stage rocket that started the payload on a three-day flight to the moon.

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The gold-and-chrome plated space probe, representing America's 11th moonshot in four years, was rigged up to take the first close-up pictures of the moon and to "crash land" a package of instruments on the lunar surface for a month of detailed study.

70-Hour Flight
A silvery, 10-story-high Atlas-Agena rocket blasted from its launching pad at 11:50 a. m. EST in an attempt to hurl Ranger-5 away from earth at a speed of 24,000 miles per hour.
Scientists said the flight plan called for 75-pound spacecraft to cross the 231,500-mile gap between earth and the moon in about 70 hours. This would put it in the vicinity of the moon about midnight Sunday.

Separates on Schedule
The space agency said the booster separated on schedule, sending the Agena upper stage and its delicate payload soaring toward a brief orbit around earth on the first leg of the long journey.
The next step was to shoot the payload off toward the moon from a point somewhere high over the Atlantic.

Russia Fires Rockets
Russia fired a pair of multi-stage rockets 7000 miles to bulls-eye landings in the Central Pacific Ocean — feats which Western observers said could speed Soviet efforts to be the first to reach a manned flight to the moon.

The third launching was the successful orbiting of Russia's 10th in a series of "Cosmos" satellites designed to learn more about space between earth and the moon.

Ella Churns North

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 18.—Hurricane Ella poured steadily northward in the Atlantic with 90 mph winds today, but forecasters said the center of the storm likely would steer clear of the North Carolina coast.

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