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Scientists Rescued

LOURENCO MARQUES, Mozambique (P) — Four Portuguese scientists were rescued yesterday after 56 hours drift in a launch off the coast of Mozambique, surrounded by sharks and without food, water or covering from the sun and rain.

More Spending

WASHINGTON (P) — Industrialist David Sarnoff today urged more unified military leadership, a stepped-up effort to build antimissile weapons and whatever spending is necessary to counter the mounting Soviet threat.

Off-Duty Cop Shot

CHICAGO (P) — A young off-duty policeman was shot to death today as he was driving his woman companion to her home. The slain patrolman was John Quirk, 23, who four days ago was cited for his part in capturing a man who furnished narcotics to a 15-year-old youth.

Moon Settlement

WASHINGTON (P) — A top astronomer predicts that man will reach the moon by the year 2,000 and establish a major settlement that will lead to a new civilization.

Jet Satellite

VIENNA (P) — Radio Broadcast said today Russia has perfected a "jet-plane earth satellite" which will go into production shortly.

Inability Anxiety

WASHINGTON (P) — Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said today this Congress should try to resolve the "difficult and vexatious problem" of how to determine whether a President is unable to carry on his duties.

Tax Cut Asked

WASHINGTON (P) — The U. S. Chamber of Commerce today proposed three billion dollars in tax reductions to "re-establish incentives for productivity and investment for all income groups and minimize hardship for the lowest income group."

Strike End Near

NEW YORK (P) — Settlement today of the historic strike of 22,000 millinery workers on a pattern similar to a Massachusetts agreement is predicted by the strikers' union.

PUBLICIST DIES

HOLLYWOOD (P) — Death has taken publicist George Latst, 51, former newspaperman and son of the late Jack Latst, editor of the New York Daily Mirror. He died yesterday of lung cancer after being ill several months.

Today's

Weather



Freezing rain or sleet changing to rain this afternoon. Rain ending late tonight or tomorrow morning.
Low this morning — 31
Low tomorrow morning — 35
High today — 41
High yesterday — 51
High tomorrow — 45
Sunset today 7:32 a.m.
Sunset today 5:32 p.m.

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CLOSE CALL FOR HECTOR

Hector the penguin looks shocked at what he reads in a medical journal in Portland, Ore. Eleven of his fellows have died of a lung infection, and Hector himself was revived by a shot of a new drug.

McElroy To Testify

Probers To Hear Missile Lag Cause

WASHINGTON (P) — Secretary of Defense McElroy reports today to House investigators seeking the reasons for the apparent lag in American missile development.

The House Armed Services Committee has said its closed-door probe, expected to last for weeks, will not merely duplicate the continuing hearings by the Senate preparedness subcommittee, but cover more ground—including Defense Dept. organization. A part from launching its new investigation, the committee was expected to approve today legislation to authorize more than half a billion dollars in emergency spending for defense. The committee okayed the measure Saturday, but held up final action for technical changes.

HALF OF REQUEST

The bill would authorize nearly half of the \$1,200,000,000 in additional defense funds requested by President Eisenhower for this fiscal year ending June 30. The money would go for long-range ballistic missiles, improving attack warning devices and for facilities to permit wider dispersal of strategic bombers. The rest of the money items in the supplemental request do not require specific authorization. The House Appropriations Committee is considering the bill covering the entire amount.

Although starting its investigation with missile problems, the armed services group later will go into the controversial question of the roles of the individual services and improving central control over all of them.

The new House investigation was likened by one committee source to the group's last big inquiry nine years ago.

CHANGE NAMES

"Then it was the Navy wanting to keep its share of the bombing job," he said. "Change bomber to missile and put the Army in place of the Navy — with the Air Force still on the other side—and you have it."

CHATEAUBOX, France (P) — Maj. Howard Curran today sought "peace and quiet" with his three young, motherless children after 19 days as a prisoner in Communist Albania.

"I just want to be alone with the kids," the 39-year-old test pilot at the U. S. Air Force base here said. "I'm going to take a short leave and spend it here with them."

The major was flown out of Albania Saturday. He disappeared Dec. 23 on a flight from Chateaubox to Naples and was given up for lost. It was not until Jan. 8 that Albanian authorities

Congress Will Seek Budget Cut

WASHINGTON (P) — Congressional fiscal leaders said today they will do what they can to cut the record peace-time budget President Eisenhower sends to Congress today.

Government sources disclosed last week the budget would call for spending of more than \$73,000,000,000, and Eisenhower said in his State of the Union message it "will roughly balance." The sources said the balance was precarious, and said a deficit now was expected for the current year.

But even before the new budget's formal submission, key House members indicated they were more hopeful of assuring a bigger balance than they were of avoiding an increase in the national debt limit, now 275 billion dollars.

HEARINGS SOON

Chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) of the House Appropriations Committee, whose money-spending bills originate, said most of the 16 subcommittees handling the overall budget in piecemeal fashion would start hearings almost immediately.

Cannon expressed regret the budget for the 12 months starting next July 1 will provide for a surplus less than one billion dollars if revenues keep up with expectations.

"The attitude of our committee," he said, "is that money for legitimate defense needs must be provided without question. There is some feeling, though, that since the Pentagon has about eight billion dollars in unexpended funds which won't be spent for several years, they might dip into that instead of using new funds. We can always provide the money later if it should be needed."

NON-DEFENSE CUTS

Since defense needs account for more than half the new budget, Cannon said "We are going to cut much deeper than we usually do in non-defense items."

Rep. Taber of New York, top Republican on the appropriations committee, agreed with Cannon the 1958 budget must be kept in balance if at all possible.

"We have never seen a budget that couldn't be cut," Taber said. "It will be difficult but we will give it a try. We won't be too backward."

Due to stepped-up defense programs, the 1958 budget will provide the highest government spending since World War II and will be only slightly below the 74.3 billion dollars in the fiscal 1953 budget, when the Korean War was at its peak.

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, give ear to our prayers and supplications this night that we may shine as lights to illuminate the whole world. Use us to lead and encourage others to accept Christ and follow Him. We ask in His name, Amen.

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Ike Lists Conditions For East-West Peace



A New Start For Bruno

Taxi driver Bruno del Carlo (left) of San Francisco holds \$50 and \$5,000 checks given him by retired Navy Capt. Jesse L. Kenworthy Jr. (right) of Parkersburg, Pa.

The \$50 covered taxi fare run up in futile attempts by Kenworthy to cash a check. The \$5,000 is for del Carlo to start his own taxi business.

Policeman Father Of Six Killed By Denver Bandit

DENVER (P) — A young vacationing policeman, father of six, was shot and killed as he drove to the nearby home of W. L. K. Pomponio, Denver Democratic political figure, screaming: "My husband's been shot! Call an ambulance!"

The officer, Patrolman Donald L. Seick, 27, was shot in the heart by the lone gunman, who escaped.

Seick died in the street near his car as his wife, Elaine, ran to the nearby home of W. L. K. Pomponio, Denver Democratic political figure, screaming:

"My husband's been shot! Call an ambulance!"

The 26-year-old woman told police she and her husband were out for a drive and stopped at the service station while the holdup was in progress. She said

her husband became suspicious when a man walked away from the station and drove after him. After turning a corner near the station, he stopped at the curb and called to the man.

HEARD SHOT

As Seick got out of the car, she said, she got out on her side and heard her husband order the man to "take your hands out of your pockets." There was a shot.

She ran to the other side of the car, she told officers, and saw her husband slump to the street. The gunman, she said, stood over her husband, pointing the weapon at her.

"Don't shoot me! I've got six children," she pleaded.

The holdup victim, Edmund Guy, 53, said he was alone in the station when the bandit entered. After holding up Guy, the

bandit forced the owner into a rest room while he escaped. Pomponio told officers he saw the gunman casually walk to his getaway car and slowly drive away.

CARRIED PISTOL

Mrs. Seick said her husband's service revolver was at home, but that he was carrying a pistol in a shoulder holster. Officers are required to carry guns at all times, both on and off duty.

Investigating officers could not find Seick's pistol, and said it is possible the killer may have taken it.

The getaway car was described as an older model, dark sedan. The gunman was described as 32-35 years old, 5-feet-8, about 160 pounds, medium build, medium complexion, dark hair and eyebrows. He was wearing a green nylon jacket with yellow sleeves, a dirty gray felt hat and tan trousers.

The young officer's death came almost three years to the day after he joined the force. He was enlisted as a patrolman Jan. 2, 1955.

Wrecks Kill 22

TOLUCA, Mexico (P) — Two bus accidents last night killed 22 persons in this central state of Mexico. Thirty-five others were injured, some gravely.

Defense Undecided On Wetzel Appeal

ROCKINGHAM (P) — John T. Brown near Sanford in Lee County.

Lee County Solicitor Jack Hooks announced after the trial here that he will bring Wetzel to trial for the Brown murder and will ask the death penalty.

Wetzel, 36, was convicted of first degree murder in the slaying of Highway Patrolman W. L. K. Pomponio, Denver Democratic political figure, screaming:

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Assurances Required Of Russia

WASHINGTON (P) — President Eisenhower held open the door to an East-West summit conference today with word to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev that "I am ready to meet" on two conditions.

Eisenhower's reply to Bulganin also urged Soviet agreement to a far-ranging peace program that would end nuclear weapons manufacture and testing, curtail use of the United Nations veto and production of space age missiles, and dedicate outer space to the peaceful uses of mankind.

Any top-level meeting, the President told the Premier, must be preceded by an airing of issues in negotiations among diplomats and foreign ministers. Furthermore, he said, these negotiations must show "good hope of advancing the cause of peace and justice in the world" by agreement at the summit. He thus rejected Bulganin's call last week for a meeting in three months.

4,000 WORDS

Eisenhower's 4,000-word personal letter replied to one Bulganin sent him Dec. 10, but also clearly covered the essence of a second Bulganin note last week.

Eisenhower rejected or discounted about eight proposals Bulganin had put forward, including those for an East-West nonaggression pact and a German-Polish-Czech zone free of nuclear weapons.

He accused Russia of a great error in failing to reunify Germany as agreed at the Geneva summit conference in 1955. He blamed the cold war on the "expansionist policy" of Soviet Communism. He pledged the United States would never engage in aggression and pointedly expressed hope that "the Soviet Union will feel a similar aversion to any kind of aggression."

BASIS POINTS

Eisenhower's proposals covered nine basic points:

Outer space—Eisenhower declared, "can we not stop the production of such weapons which would use, or more accurately misuse, outer space? . . . should nuclear space be dedicated to the peaceful uses of mankind and denied to the purposes of war?"

Nuclear weapons—The United States and Russia should work to end "now unrestrained production" and to adapt weapons materials to peaceful purposes.

Testing — The United States would be prepared to "stop the testing of nuclear weapons" not just for two or three years (as Russia proposed), but indefinitely.

Conventional military — Steps should be taken to cut back conventional weapons and military manpower.

Surprise attack — Measures to rule out surprise attack, evidently meaning reciprocal aerial and ground inspection, should be taken.

Safeguards—Every step in all

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California 'Spacemen' Start University Class

LOS ANGELES (P) — School bells

to ring tonight for the first time in the history of the University of California in launching a 17-week course in space technology.

Classes will be held simultaneously in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego and Lancaster, Calif., beginning tonight.

Purpose of the course, says J. C. Dillon, head of the university's Engineering Extension Division, is to provide "a sound yet imaginative exposition of fundamental principles of very long-range ballistic vehicles."

"We will avoid the sensational and space cadet type of material," Dillon says.

The Los Angeles series has attracted 1,800 students and the San Francisco and San Diego courses more than 400 each. The Lancaster

course was a last-minute addition to accommodate more than 500 military and civilian personnel of Edwards Air Force Base, where the nation's new jet and rocket planes are tested. Each student pays a \$35 fee.

The university is joined in sponsorship of the lectures by Ramo-Woodridge Corp., which handles the technical end of the ballistic missiles program for the Air Force Research and Development Command.

Dillon says about half the students hold college degrees and are taking the course for credits leading to higher degrees. Others are from private industry and academic circles.

The university and Ramo-Woodridge have assembled an impressive array of experts to deliver the lectures.

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