

U.S. Plans To Fire Series Of Satellites In Few Weeks



Freighters Collide

LONDON (AP)—The Greek tanker Prodrimos II collided with the Greek freighter King Minos in a dense fog today and was abandoned and left sinking in the English Channel.

Bombardment Halted

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sec- — Syrian and Israeli artillery units divided across the border for an hour today. The shooting ended at 7:10 p.m. after U.N. truce observers asked for a cease-fire.

Union Boss Accused

WASHINGTON (AP)—A small businessman today accused union official Arthur H. Cronin of extorting payoffs for labor peace and participating in profitable bid-rigging in the Chicago area. Cecil H. Johnson, of the Bond Ventilating Co. of Bridgeview, Ill., told the Senate Rackets Committee he had to pay Cronin \$300 "for the privilege of going into business" in 1949.

New System

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Aviation Agency today announced the award of a \$381,786 contract for development of a new system for control of aircraft on the ground at airports.

Answer Wanted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Navy officials were called today to tell inquiring congressmen why their service is holding 143 million dollars worth of inactive industrial plants.

Up To Unions

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Court orders restraining picketing of six vessels at Mobile left the next step up to maritime unions today in their boycott of "flag of convenience" ships.

Work Threat

DETROIT (AP)—A strike of 7,000 United Auto Workers in a key Chrysler Corp. plant threatened today to idle 50,000 Chrysler workers in the Detroit area within a week.

Stoning Plot

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mexican authorities were reported today to have thwarted a Communist plot to stone Secretary of State Dulles at Mexico City this week.

The Lighter Side

Iron Horse Halted By Old Nemesis

(From AP Reports)
The Iron Horse was halted yesterday by a foe that caused railroad trouble in the early days of the west.
The Union Pacific train wasn't attacked by Indians, but buffalo from a ranch near Levan, Utah, wandered onto the tracks, and the train was stopped until they could be shooed away.

Long, Hard Wait

Every once in a while the old men cast anxious eyes at a silk curtain behind Queen Mother Elizabeth's chair, as she sat and stipped tea.
After the ribbon had been cut and the queen had left, residents of the new bungalow colony for retired barkeepers pulled back the curtain, pulled out the cork, and celebrated the bonnet-cutting in a manner fitting for London barkeepers.

There's A Lion In The Basement!

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The meter reader started down the basement stairs but quickly reversed himself.
"There's a lion down there," he grumbled, and called police.

Police found a lion, too—six-month-old Susie, a kittenish 80 pounds. They conferred, at a safe distance, and decided city law doesn't permit people to keep lions in their basements.

SO THEY CALLED the animal rescue league, which sent Don Cooper. He played with Susie a bit then took her away, saying he hoped some zoo would like to have her. He planned to see about it today.

Robert Minnick, whose basement it was explained, A man brought Susie to him when she was 12 weeks old. The man said she came straight from Africa and kept healthy on live rabbits a day. He left Susie, borrowed a gun and departed, ostensibly to hunt rabbits. That was the last seen of man and rifle.

MINNICK KEPT Susie chained in the basement, and the docile beast never gave him any trouble. But she kept on eating rabbits, he said, and he's been trying to find a more suitable home for her.

The city's Hogie Zoo has all the lions it wants. But Curator Jerry Debray said he would try to find room for lion in which to board the animal temporarily.



Susie Gets Goodbye Pat
Minnick's surprised neighbors said they weren't aware he had a lion in his basement.

Mice And Monkeys Will Be Passengers

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States will begin firing a series of big satellites from the new Vandenberg base in California in the next few weeks. Some of them will carry mice and monkeys.

Leo Reynolds' Trial Begins As Jury Fills

Bondsman Leo Reynolds went on trial today in criminal Superior Court on charges of obstructing justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

A jury to hear the case was being picked at noon.

Negro laborer George White was expected to be the state's star witness in its case against Reynolds.

White had three cases mysteriously handled in city court on Nov. 5, 1958.

Also expected to testify is City Policeman B. J. Smith, the arresting officer in the George White case.

Bondsman C. B. Bridges is also scheduled to be tried this week on charges that he obstructed justice and conspired to obstruct justice.

YESTERDAY former city court clerk Leo M. White pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges and was handed a 12-month suspended sentence and a \$500 fine.

Judge Basil M. Boyd was cleared of a willful neglect of duty charge two weeks ago when Judge Walter E. Bone allowed a motion to non-suit the case.

J. H. Brantley, a bondsman, was convicted of obstructing justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice and was fined \$100 and costs.

He pleaded guilty to three other conspiracy charges and three other obstructing charges and was fined another \$200.

Moon Rocket Is Unveiled

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A rocket unveiled its huge moon rocket today.

The Juno II yesterday when the service tower was rolled back as part of the preparations for a launching expected within a week.

The powerful rocket, very similar in appearance to the Jupiter-C that fired three explorer satellites into orbit, will be used for the Army's first attempt to probe for outer space.

When the tower was rolled away the base of the Army's highly topped Jupiter intermediate range ballistic missile was seen. The top of the rocket was covered, however.

For the moon shot, the Jupiter will be used as a first stage booster rocket in place of the smaller redstone missile which gave the big lift to the Jupiter-C satellite vehicle.

The Army moon missile is expected to be a four stage rocket by the time it is in the air.

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Wind Fans Flames

Expanding Butane Tank Sends Flames High In Air

Malibu Beach Fire Checked At Homes

Malibu Beach, Calif. (AP)—A wind-lashed fire has cut an eight-mile-wide swath from the mountains to the sea but a massed battery of pumps, virtually one to a house, today checked a threat to the famed film colony.

Elsewhere, flames 100 feet high roared on unchecked.

The blaze, driven by 50 in. gale winds, has destroyed an estimated 36 homes.

Hundreds of residents have fled the area.

The fire, perhaps set by an arsonist, burst out Tuesday on the brush and oak-studded inland slopes of the Santa Monica Mountains. The winds quickly whipped it over the crest of the hills and down canyons to the sea.

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The Pacific highway, U.S. 101, was blocked on either side of the fire zone. The highway, a main north-south route between Los Angeles and San Francisco, runs east and west along the coastline at this point.

The Malibu Beach film colony is on the ocean side of the highway. The flames jumped across the highway but the intensive efforts of firemen and their pumps checked the threat.

Stopped by the Pacific Ocean the flames turned their fury toward thickly settled Malibu Canyon, at the mouth of which lies the beach colony that has long been a favorite residential area for movie people.

Firemen battled fiercely through the night in an effort to keep the blaze out of Malibu Canyon, but lost the fight just before dawn when flames 100 feet high roared over the top of the last ridge and bore down on the beach's half-mile below.

Directly in the path of the flames are a dozen homes, a Catholic church and school and an elementary school that is being used as fire fighting headquarters and an evacuation center.

The explosive fire has already destroyed several expensive homes, among them the \$20,000 hilltop house of actor Lee Ayres.

A barn on actor Ronald Reagan's ranch was burned down, and ranches owned by Bob Hope and Glenn Ford had to be abandoned.

The possibility that an arsonist set the fire is being investigated.

YULE BLAST
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Some unidentified youngster sent a letter asking Santa for this: "Four or five caps for my dynamite."

Tentative Contract TWA, Machinists Come To Terms

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Weary negotiators reached a tentative settlement this morning of the machinists' strike which has stopped operations of Trans World Airlines since Nov. 21.

Shortly after 2 o'clock, the negotiators traded out of their hotel room and said they had reached an agreement subject to ratification by members and approval by officers of the International Association of Machinists Union.

In a statement, TWA President Charles Thomas said the agreement "was at the same rate as had already been agreed to by Capitol, National and Northeast airlines and includes for TWA a satisfactory agreement on other issues."

The settlements referred to by Thomas called for wage increases of 30 cents an hour.

Union sources had no comment. The agreement, if approved, would end the 14-day strike by 6,700 IAM members against TWA, the nation's fourth largest airline.

All TWA planes, including those in foreign service, have been grounded. The company laid off 400 employees because of the strike.

Leverett Edwards, chairman of the National Mediation Board, announced the agreement after a 12-hour session. Edwards, who entered the dispute last Saturday, had been predicting a settlement for the past three days.

There was little optimism, however, in the disputes involving three other major airlines.

REAL STALEMATE
At Miami, Fla., negotiations between striking flight engineers and Eastern Air Lines appeared to be at a stalemate. And in New York, a federal judge yesterday extended a temporary ban on a strike by the Air Line Pilots Association against Pan Am Airways. The union promised Monday that it would not interfere with Pan American

operations pending mediation of its demands in a new contract.

The TWA-machinists agreement will have the endorsement of the union's chief negotiator when it is placed before union officers and members, said mediator Edwards. He said the IAM's chief negotiator, Cliff Miller, chairman of District 142, had agreed to recommend its approval.

Sputnik Rocket To Burn Soon
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—The Pullman-car-sized rocket of Sputnik III was expected to burn up and fall to the earth today.

Scientists at Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and indications were it would fall some where between Central Europe and the Middle East.

The rocket has been orbiting since it fired Sputnik III into orbit last May 15. Sputnik itself is expected to continue circling the globe for another year because of its more compact shape offers less atmospheric drag.

Banqueters Still Await The Entree

They had a big breakfast party in the Charlotte airport's Dogwood Room this morning.

Several dozen Charlotte civic and business leaders were there. So was University of North Carolina head football coach Jim Tatum, being honored as the Carolinian of the Month.

The plane, due to leave here at 7:30 a.m. each day, is called the Carolinian.

The guests ate eggs and sausage and bacon and hot biscuits, the same viands they'd enjoy on the Carolinian each day.

Jim Tatum talked about football and Delta Air Lines people talked about airplanes.

And the Carolinian? It failed to arrive — soaked in by fog at Atlanta.

Who Shot Patrolman
CARRIZO SPRINGS, Texas (AP)—A posse headed the brush for a man who shot at a highway patrolman, captured a fugitive Georgia slayer near here last night.

Patrolman Allen Kempf, 23, who peppered bullets around the fleeing gunman, but missed, identified the prisoner as Spence Edwards, 32, Georgia authorities advised that Edwards escaped from a prison work camp Nov. 25.

In the Oct. 17 wreck about nine miles west of Charlotte a South Carolina man died shortly after being admitted to a Charlotte hospital and a second man was injured.

Mr. Bumgardner said the call was a "direct call" that is from somebody at the accident scene.

CALL POLICE
Chief Whitley said the ambulance attendants should notify the county police when they answer an accident call to prevent duplication of calls that would send unneeded ambulances out.

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He added that he has received no recent calls from the Catawba River Bridge area. The bridge is located about 10 miles from Charlotte and two miles from Belmont.

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GASTON COUNTY MEN REPORT BARRIER AT THE RIVER

Is 'Ambulance Curtain' Holding Up Help?

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer
Two Gaston County funeral home directors say their ambulances have been turned away from Mecklenburg County automobile wrecks while injured victims wait for ambulances from more-distant Charlotte to arrive at the scene.

Ambulance attendants were not allowed by Mecklenburg County Police to pick up the victims on Wilkinson Blvd., they said, because ambulances from Charlotte were en route.

Mecklenburg County Police Chief Joe D. Whitley said this morning, "I've never heard of any being turned back."

Chief Whitley, who checked with a desk sergeant and lieutenant in his office, said they had never heard of Gaston County ambulances being turned away.

NEAR RIVER
The instances cited were calls to wrecks near the Catawba River Bridge on Wilkinson Blvd.

Dave Bumgardner of Fite & Bumgardner Funeral Home in Belmont said his ambulance driver received a call Oct. 17 to the vicinity of the truck weighing station on Wilkinson Blvd.

"My driver was the first one there," Mr. Bumgardner said, "but the county police told him there was an ambulance on the way and sent him back."

say they want to answer the call," Chief Whitley said.

Chief Whitley said all ambulances in Charlotte check with his department before they answer a wreck call. He said it is a hazard to the ambulance drivers as well as motorists to have more ambulances than needed answering wreck calls.

Chief Whitley said it is a policy of the department when an ambulance is requested at a wreck to send the nearest available ambulance to the scene.

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Radio-TV ————— 7B
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