

U. S. Fires Satellite To Probe Radiation Belt

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The Explorer XV satellite rocketed into apparently successful orbit Saturday night to survey an artificial radiation belt created by a U.S. high-altitude nuclear explosion last summer.

The payload was shot aloft by a Thor-Delta rocket at 6:15 p.m. More than an hour later a project official told newsmen "I see no reason why the satellite would not be in orbit."

The official, Robert Gray of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, reported that preliminary information indicated that all three stages of the rocket performed as planned.

But he was reluctant to claim complete success until the satellite had completed one orbit of the globe.

Because of the highly elliptical orbit that was sought, one circuit would take about five hours.

THE PAYLOAD bore the experimental name S3B. If successful, it will be called Explorer XV.

The satellite, assembled in a record 50 days, was designed to study location, extent, composition, and decay rate of the man-made belt which was formed last July 9 when a hydrogen bomb was detonated 250 miles above the United States testing ground at Johnston Island in the Pacific.



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LTI Students Badly Beaten In Tyngsboro

LOWELL — Two Lowell Technological Institute students were treated at the school infirmary last night after suffering severe beatings at the hands of a teenage gang that included two girls and two boys.

The students, identified by Tyngsboro police as William B. Pude, 18, of Presque Isle, Me., and Michael J. Pavlosky, 18, of Otter River, were picked up by the thugs as they walked along the Pawtucket boulevard shortly before 7 o'clock last night.

They were driven to a secluded area near the Vesper Country club where they were slugged and beaten by the two male members of the gang. Police also stated that one of the girls smashed a beer bottle over Pavlosky's head when he appeared to be getting the upper hand in the struggle.

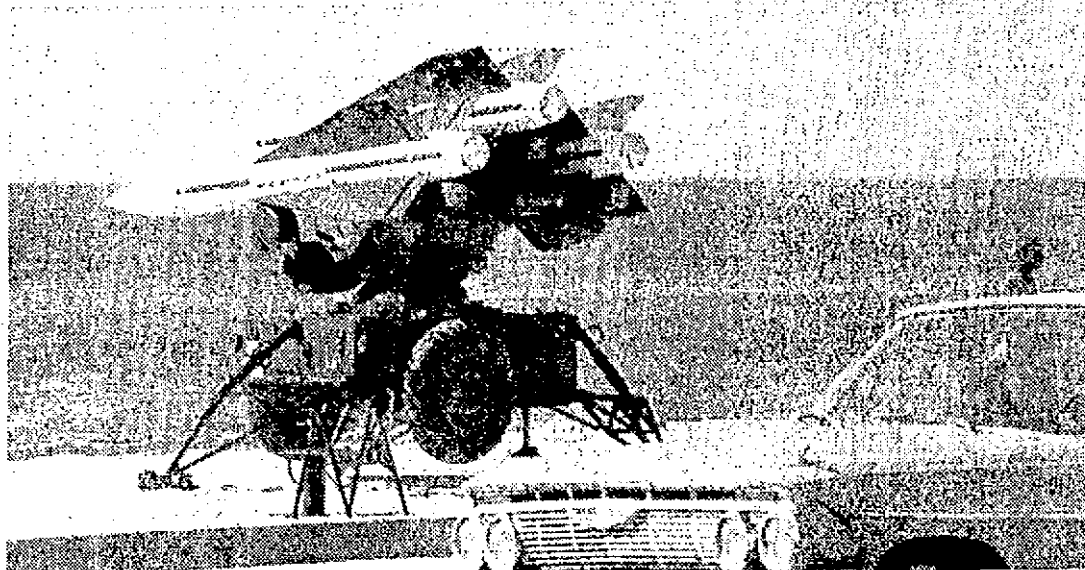
The two out-of-town students, both residents of Ames hall on the school campus, said the operator of the car stopped when he saw them hitch-hiking along the VFW highway near the Pawtucket bridge and offered them a ride as far as Nashua, N. H.

They said that instead they were driven to Island road in Tyngsboro where the assault took place.

Police said that according to information supplied by the victims, the members of the gang were apparently under the influence of liquor and the Tech students were able to escape into nearby woods.

Pude reportedly reached the Vesper Country club after wandering about the area for some time and notified police of the incident. Pavlosky, who lost contact with his companion, came out of the woods along the Pawtucket boulevard. He went to a house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Silva, where he notified police.

The students described their attackers as 18 to 20 years of age and said that they were driving a 1955 model car. Police throughout the area were given a description of the car.



Rockets in Public View

U. S. Army anti-aircraft rockets mounted on launchers and pointed out over the Florida straits are in full view of the public at Key West, Fla. These rockets in position on a formerly public beach are viewed from automobiles driving along Roosevelt boulevard.—AP WIRE- PHOTO.

Kennedy, Khrushchev Seen as Near Agreement on Parley

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy agreed last night to negotiate with Russia for a solution to the Cuban crisis if he receives assurances from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev that he will remove Soviet nuclear weapons systems from Cuba under UN supervision.

The president said a letter he received from Khrushchev Friday night appeared to offer such assurances.

Kennedy added another condition — that Russia halt further introduction of offensive weapons into Cuba.

The White House, in announcing this, said the United States in turn would agree to "remove promptly" its naval blockade and "give assurances against an invasion of Cuba."

The President sent a letter in reply to one from Khrushchev dated Friday night in which Khrushchev made no mention of swapping the removal of the Cuban bases in exchange for pulling down U. S. installations in Turkey. (President Kennedy's secretary, Pierre Salinger, said the letter was a reply to both Khrushchev letters).

THE White House announcement came after the Defense Department reported one of its Cuba reconnaissance planes missing. Shortly before, the Castro government had announced that its anti-aircraft batteries had driven off unidentified war planes "violating" Cuban air space.

A second Khrushchev letter,

dated Saturday and broadcast earlier over Moscow Radio but just received at the White House Saturday evening, proposed a Turkey-Cuba trade now. The White House, in reacting to the broadcasts had made it clear in a statement that a direct swap at this point was not acceptable.

In his letter Saturday night the President did not comment directly on the Turkey-Cuba proposal in the second letter but said that if arrangements were quickly made to de-fuse the Soviet missile threat in Cuba then the lowered world tension "would enable us to work toward a more general arrangement regarding other armaments."

Kennedy opened his letter to Khrushchev by saying the first requirement for any negotiations "is for work to cease on offensive missile bases in Cuba and for all weapons systems in Cuba capable of offensive use to be rendered inoperable, under effective United Nations arrangements."

He told Khrushchev that "as I read your letter, the key elements of your proposal — which seem

generally acceptable as I understand them — are as follows:

"1. You would agree to remove these weapons systems from Cuba under appropriate United Nations operation and supervision; and undertake with suitable safeguards, to halt the further introduction of such weapons systems into Cuba.

"2. We, on our part, would agree — upon the establishment of adequate arrangements through the United Nations to ensure the carrying out and continuation of these commitments — (a) to remove promptly the quarantine measures now in effect and (b) to give assurances against an invasion of Cuba. I am confident that other nations of the Western Hemisphere would be prepared to do likewise."

The President said that if Khrushchev rendered the long-range missile bases in Cuba harmless under U.N. supervision promptly, American and Russian representatives could get to work this weekend, with U.N. acting Secretary General Thant, on "an arrangement for a permanent solution to the Cuban problem along

the lines suggested in your letter of Oct. 26."

This was the first letter and did not contain the proposal for the Turkey-Cuba swap contained in the second letter.

White House officials said regarding the question of Turkish bases, that any discussion on that would have to await a settlement of the Cuban problem.

KENNEDY told Khrushchev that he had given American representatives of New York instructions to "permit them to work out this weekend" arrangements for a permanent solution on the assumption that the weapons system in Cuba would be promptly "rendered inoperable under effective United Nations arrangements."

These latest developments left unanswered the question whether Khrushchev's proposed Turkey-Cuba base exchange, which was mentioned in the second letter, was an added condition.

The White House released the President's letter to Khrushchev after the Defense Department reported its military reconnaissance plane missing and presumed lost.

J. F. K.'s Letter To Khrushchev

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The text of a letter sent last night by President Kennedy to Soviet Premier Khrushchev on the Cuban crisis follows:

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have read your letter of Oct.

26 with great care and welcome the statement of your desire to seek a prompt solution to the problem. The first thing that needs to be done, however, is for work to cease on offensive missile bases in Cuba and for all

weapons systems in Cuba capable of offensive use to be rendered inoperable, under effective United Nations arrangements.

Assuming this is done promptly, I have given my representatives in New York instructions that will permit them to work out this weekend — in co-operation with the Acting Secretary General and your representative — an arrangement for a permanent solution to the Cuban problem along the lines suggested in your letter of Oct. 26. As I read your letter, the key elements of your proposal — which seem generally acceptable as I understand them — are as follows:

(1) You would agree to remove these weapons systems from Cuba under appropriate United Nations observation and supervision; and undertake, with suitable

safeguards, to halt the further introduction of such weapons systems into Cuba.

(2) WE, ON our part, would agree — upon the establishment of adequate arrangements through the United Nations to insure the carrying out and continuation of these commitments — (a) To remove promptly the quarantine measures now in effect and (b) to give assurances against an invasion of Cuba. I am confident that other nations of the Western Hemisphere would be prepared to do likewise.

If you will give your representative similar instructions, there is no reason why we should not be able to com-

plete these arrangements and announce them to the world within a couple of days. The effect of such a settlement on easing world tensions would enable us to work toward a more general arrangement regarding "other armaments," as proposed in your second letter which you made public. I would like to say again that the United States is very much interested in reducing tensions and halting the arms race; and if your letter signifies that you are prepared to discuss a detente affecting NATO and the Warsaw pact, we are quite prepared to consider with our allies any useful proposals. But the first ingredient, let

me emphasize, is cessation of work on missile sites in Cuba and measures to render such weapons inoperable, under effective international guarantees. The continuation of this threat, or a prolonging of this discussion concerning Cuba by linking these problems to the broader questions of European and world security, would surely lead to an intensification of the Cuban crisis and a grave risk to the peace of the world. For this reason I hope we can quickly agree along the lines outlined in this letter and in your letter of Oct. 26.

(Signed) John F. Kennedy

Acts After Cuba Opens Fire on Military Planes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara ordered 24 troop carrier squadrons of the Air Force Reserve into active duty Saturday night after Cuban guns fired upon unarmed reconnaissance planes.

Troop carriers are planes used to transport paratroopers and other combat men. More than 14,000 men are involved in the callup.

In his announcement, McNamara confirmed for the first time that Cuban anti-aircraft guns actually had fired upon American planes.

Earlier, the Department of Defense had announced only that a reconnaissance plane was missing and presumed lost.

McNamara said that in order to fulfill the resolutions adopted by the Organization of American States to insure peaceful relations in the Western Hemisphere, "it is essential that such reconnaissance continue."

McNamara said that he was activating associated support units for the troop carrier squadrons. Asst. Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester was asked if the order activating the troop squadrons so soon after Cuban guns had fired on U.S. planes implied that a U.S. invasion of Cuba was imminent.

blockade of Cuba and to reinforce the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay.

Congress, before its adjournment, had authorized the President to call up as many as 150,000 Reserves and National Guardsmen while it is out of session.

During the Berlin crisis last year, the Pentagon called up almost 150,000 men from all the services. The Defense Department said the Reservists called up Saturday night included men from the following states:

Massachusetts, Utah, Ohio, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, New York, California, Oregon, Michigan, Oklahoma, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Washington, New Jersey, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Texas.

Arthur Sylvester, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, was asked if activation of the units so soon after the firing of Cuban guns implied that an invasion was being mounted.

Sylvester declined comment.

Bedford Has Only Air Force Troop Carrier Wing in State

LOWELL — While the Defense department so far has not identified the AF Reserve Troop Carrier wings called up last night, it has stated that the states represented include Massachusetts.

From information available:

locally, it is understood that the only Troop Carrier wing of the Reserve stationed in this state is the 91th, which operates out of Hanscom Air Force base at Bedford. The unit numbers many men from the Lowell area.

Castro Offers To Halt Work on Missile Bases

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro offered Saturday night to stop construction of major military facilities in Cuba if the United States lifts its blockade.

U.S. rejection of Castro's offer seemed certain. Washington has insisted that the missile sites must be rendered inoperable before the arms quarantine is lifted.

Castro's proposal was made in a message to U.N. Acting Secretary-General U Thant in which Castro also invited Thant to go to Cuba for "direct discussions on the present crisis."

A U.N. spokesman said Thant would make a decision on Castro's invitation soon, but not Saturday night.

U.S. and Cuban sources said Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa would arrive in New York, probably Sunday, to talk with Thant. Castro's message was a reply to an appeal Thant dispatched to him Friday. Thant's appeal also was made public Saturday night.

In his reply, Castro made no mention of Soviet Premier Khrushchev's proposal that the United States withdraw missile bases from Turkey in exchange for a Soviet weapons withdrawal in Cuba.

BUT Castro did not repeat his earlier assertions that Cuba would not allow U.N. observers on Cuban territory. The United States had proposed that the U.N.

Security Council send observers to Cuba to verify that Soviet missile bases were dismantled, as the United States demanded. Castro said Tuesday night that such observers had better go armed to fight.

Thant, repeating an appeal made in the Security Council Wednesday, wrote Castro Friday to direct that the construction of "installations designed to launch medium range and intermediate-range ballistic missiles, be suspended during the period of negotiations which are now under way."

Castro expressed willingness to consider any new suggestion from Thant.

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WASHINGTON—Times change fast. After his tough speech to the Russians, they're calling Adlai Stevenson the Eliot Ness of the UN.

Republican candidate: "What do you think of the blockade?" 2nd Republican candidate: "The one Kennedy threw around Cuba—or the one he threw around us?"

This space rocket business will never catch on until they make those little capsule things co-educational.

The ultimate insult is the wife who comes to the breakfast table with her wig up in curlers.

The Navy's new blinker signal for ships in the Caribbean: "Russians, go home."

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