

McElroy Plans to Create New Anti-Missiles Post

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy, acknowledging Russia has seized the lead in satellites and missiles, announced plans today to put a new general manager in charge of such futuristic projects as anti-missile missiles and space vehicles.

One major purpose of the move is to avoid pulling and hauling among the armed services—a rivalry which some critics say has hampered progress on missiles and satellites.

AF Disproves Five Reports Of Saucers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—The Air Force said today it has looked into five recent reports of mysterious lights and strange objects from the sky—and there isn't a flying saucer in the lot.

The Air Force report gave the most severe description—"hoax"—to the most vivid of the stories that began circulating after Soviet satellites turned the attention of Americans skyward. This was a Kearney, Neb., man's account of being shown around the interior of a spaceship by its German-speaking crew.

But the Air Force technical investigators also dismissed as exaggerations, or misunderstood natural phenomena, stories of a huge glowing object touching ground near Loveland, Tex., and causing automobiles to stall; somewhat similar reports from near Alamogordo, N.M.; bright lights seen from a Coast Guard cutter in the Gulf of Mexico, and by planes patrolling near White Sands, N.M.

The investigators said that when they checked accounts of a fiery object hundreds of feet long supposed to have been seen by dozens of persons in Texas, they could find only three who saw the "big light." The light, they said, was visible only intermittently. Thunderstorms were raging at the time.

The investigators concluded that what was seen was a natural electrical phenomenon called "ball lightning" or "St. Elmo's fire" and that the same stormy conditions which cause such phenomena might account for wet engines and consequent stalling of automobiles.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Nov. 15 (AP)—A Jupiter-C missile nose cone that was fired back through the atmosphere and recovered looked like a brilliant meteorite, witnesses said in statements released today.

The test vehicle was fired from Cape Canaveral, Fla., into the Atlantic, flashing directly to the target area.

Army Ups Call To 10,000 Men

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—The Army today raised its draft call for January to 10,000 men and forecast even higher induction quotas through next June.

The January figure is 3000 more than the quota announced for December.

Asst. Secretary of the Army Hugh Milton told reporters that increased drafts are necessary for the first six months of 1958 even though the Army is now dropping 100,000 men in line with manpower cutbacks ordered some months ago by former Defense Secretary Wilson.

Milton said more draftees will be needed because the Army's losses will be greater than the reduction program calls for. He noted that performance and ability standards have been raised considerably and said this will prevent the re-enlistment of men who have shown less aptitude.

Milton said also that the fact that draft terms run for two years means that every second year more men complete their service tours, requiring more men to fill the gaps.

No Solution To Reentry: Laika Dies

MOSCOW, Nov. 15 (AP)—A Soviet scientist said today the dog Laika was allowed to die aboard Sputnik II because the Russians have not yet solved the problem of re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

Alexei Pokrovsky told a news conference attended by six other leading Soviet scientists there never was a plan to bring the dog back to earth, as even some Russian scientists had suggested.

He said the dog died painlessly of oxygen deficiency when equipment that regenerated oxygen in the whizzing earth satellite had completed its work.

Pakrovsky, director of the laboratory where dogs are trained for space flight, said several more satellites with animals aboard must be launched before the first human space flight is attempted.

"We must first solve the problem of returning animals safely to earth before we can risk human life," he said.

The news conference apparently was called in part to set at rest speculation that Laika had died of poison administered in her last food, and to quiet reports that Soviet science had intended to return her to earth.

Academician Anatoli Blagonravov said the Russians expect future satellites to enter increasingly greater orbits "which will include the moon as well as the earth."

Seizure by State Sought in Strike

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 15 (AP)—Rep. James G. Fulton (R.-Pa.) proposed today that Gov. George M. Leader "seize and run" the struck Pittsburgh Railways Co.

The Pittsburgh congressman said David B. Randall, the governor's secretary, said he would turn the proposal over to Leader.

Electronic Link In Communication Put Into Operation

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md., Nov. 15 (AP)—The Air Force put into operation today the first of a series of high-speed electronic communications centers designed to link its installations throughout the world.

The new system, designed, installed and leased to the Air Force by Western Union, is scheduled for full operation domestically by the end of 1958, and for complete global operation by the end of 1959.

Maj. Gen. Dudley D. Hale, commander of the Airways and Air Communications Service, said the capacity of the new system would be handled by 480 operators, compared with 1300 formerly required.

Under this new manager, McElroy said, the Defense Department would have direct operating responsibility for all research, development and engineering of future space vehicles or weapons up to the point where they can be turned over to a single military service for actual use.

The defense chief said he hoped such an arrangement would avoid wasteful competition among the military services in the early stages of weapon development.

British Plane Crashes; Deaths Estimated at 43

NEWPORT, Isle of Wight, England, Saturday, Nov. 16 (AP)—A four-engine British Solvent flying boat crashed in flames on a wooded hillside near Newport last night and 43 of the 58 persons aboard were believed killed.

Squillante Pleads 5th In Mafia Investigation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—Vincent (Jimmy) Squillante, who has been pictured as a big man in the New York rackets, stepped behind the Fifth Amendment today when questioned before a Senate investigating committee.

The five-and-one-half foot Squillante, alleged overlord of a 50-million-dollar a year trash collecting industry, refused to answer a series of questions on the ground the answers "may tend to incriminate me."

Among the questions turned aside were:

1. Whether he is an important figure in the Mafia, or Black Hand criminal society, and a dealer in narcotics. Committee men said they planned to explore later whether the Mafia is involved in the giant Team-

sters Union "generally" and is trying to take over the country.

2. Whether he actually is the godson of slain gangster Albert Anastasia, as he has boasted on other occasions.

He was called before the Rackets Investigating Committee after a staff investigator told of a garbage collectors' fund established last year for the defense of Squillante "in any shape or form."

The investigator, James P. Kelly testified the \$57,855-fund was set up at a June 7, 1956 meeting of the Greater New York Cartmen's Assn., a trade organization for garbage and refuse collectors in New York City. The association has been pictured in previous testimony as under Squillante's domination.

2 More Bodies from Air Crash Found; All 44 Believed Dead

HONOLULU, Nov. 15 (AP)—The sea yielded two more broken bodies today and there was additional evidence that all 44 persons aboard probably died swiftly and violently when Pan American's Stratocruiser Romance of the Skies met her fate with terrific force a week ago.

That made 19 bodies recovered, 17 of them yesterday.

The Navy carrier Philippine Sea radioed from the search scene that the plane struck the sea so hard it disintegrated and the victims died "within the hour if not immediately."

The report added this grim note: "Some sharks were seen in the area."

No major components were found from the aircraft, which vanished without a word after sending a routine position report last Friday.

There was no indication of any survivors. Positive identifications could not

Abel Sentenced To 30 Years

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (AP)—Russian Col. Rudolf I. Abel, abandoned to his fate by his Soviet masters, today was sentenced to 30 years in prison as a spy. He could have gotten the death penalty.

Defense Atty. James Donovan, seeking mercy for the

wispy little masterspy, held out the remote hope that Abel some day may have a change of heart, and tell what he knows about the Red spy apparatus he so faithfully served. Abel declined to testify in his own behalf at his recent trial.

Or, Donovan added, the time may come when Abel can be used in an exchange to save the life of an American spy who might fall into Russian hands.

Abel also was fined \$3000 by U.S. Dist. Judge Mortimer W. Byers. He said the sentence best served "the interest of the United States in the present and foreseeable future."

From the moment of Abel's arrest last June 21, the Soviet government never moved a hand to lend him aid. Traditionally, a spy expects no mercy when he is captured. But in prior espionage cases, the Russians have made determined efforts to aid nationals seized in this country.

Abel, 55, frowned but displayed no emotion at the sentence. He wore the same stoic, composed air that he maintained throughout a 3-week trial. It ended Oct. 25 in his conviction in Brooklyn Federal court.

Abel sneaked into this country in 1948 and for nine years operated a spy network. During that period, he posed as a nondescript artist.

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—A third of the 28 million letters posted daily in the United Kingdom are improperly addressed, it was said at a "Speed Your Mail" exhibition here.

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Stop Travel Ban, U.S. Asks Russia

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—The United States has called on Russia to stop banning travel by U.S. citizens on nearly a third of Soviet territory, offering a similar relaxation on Russians' travels here in return.

The State Department said the proposal was made in a note delivered Nov. 11 to the Soviet Embassy.

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