

Mahon Says U.S. Ready For Missile Production

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—The capital heard a rapid succession of progress reports on U.S. missiles today, including word that intermediate-range weapons are ready for the production line.

Rep. George Mahon (D-Tex.) said top-level decisions will be forthcoming soon—possibly this week—to resolve Pentagon policy differences and to go into high gear operational production of the intermediate-range ballistic missile—IRBM.

The Defense Department announced plans to build a 65-million dollar missile site near Cheyenne, Wyo., apparently to launch American intercontinental ballistic missiles—CBMS—when such devices are ready.

Although the department said only that the project is "required to support the missile program," it was learned reliably that it is intended as the starting point for the flight of a 5000-mile-range weapon.

Dr. John Hagen, director of Project Vanguard, told reporters his scientists expect to put a six-inch test satellite into orbit next month and follow it with a fully instrumented, 20-inch sphere in March.

Preliminary tests have been successful, Hagen said, and "all we have to do now is to set it up and light the fuse."

Lt. Gen. C. S. Irvine, deputy chief of staff for Air Force material, disclosed the Air Force is actively working on the development of manned ballistic vehicles and space platforms.

Wake Forest Students Veto Dancing Ban

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., Nov. 21 (AP)—Smiling, joking and singing their alma mater, the 1900-member student body of Wake Forest College today cut short their morning chapel program and walked out in a demonstration against the State Baptist Convention's ban of on campus dancing.

An obvious signal, the shrill ringing of an alarm clock sent the students marching outside to chant, cheer and jitterbug.

It was the second demonstration since the Baptist Convention, which ended its annual meeting at Raleigh today, voted overwhelmingly—by about 85 per cent of the delegates—last night to forbid dancing on the campuses of the colleges it supports.

The State Convention is part of the Southern Baptist Convention.

About 500 or 600 students, mostly male, demonstrated last night, dancing to the music of blaring phonographs and shouting such slogans as "Down with the Baptists." An effigy of the outgoing convention president, Dr. J. C. Canipe of Hendersonville, was burned.

Italian Boat Explosion

NAPLES, Italy, Nov. 21 (AP)—A boiler explosion blasted an Italian freighter to the bottom of the Naples harbor today, killing at least two men. Flying debris injured more than 100 others and spread destruction along the busy waterfront.

Darkness halted efforts by divers to search the shattered 2275-ton Anna Maria Ievoli for from five to eight men believed trapped and dead in the debris.

Macmillan to Visit France

LONDON, Nov. 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Macmillan announced today he will go to Paris Monday to see Premier Felix Gaillard. Plainly his mission will be to smooth ruffled British-French relations.

Macmillan told the House of Commons he and Gaillard will discuss the Tunisian arms mixup and next month's summit meeting of NATO powers.

Diplomatic sources in London said Gaillard is expected to press for two guarantees from Macmillan:

1. That there will be no repetition of British and American arms shipments to Tunisia.

2. That France and other European countries will not be assigned a secondary role in NATO in plans to tighten coordination in the alliance.

Drake to Go to Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 21 (AP)—Drake University of Des Moines, Iowa, has accepted a bid to play in the Sun Bowl here New Year's Day. Drake's opponent will be selected in a week or 10 days.

China to Watch Sputnik

HONG KONG, Nov. 21 (AP)—Peiping radio reports the Soviet Union has presented Red China 100 telescopes to watch the progress of Sputniks.

Anderson Says Strong Economy Possible in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Anderson said today the United States can have both "a strong, adequate defense and a strong, virile economy."

Anderson expressed this belief to the House Small Business Committee, in his first appearance before a congressional committee since he succeeded George M. Humphrey as the Eisenhower administration's No. 1 money man.

Anderson brought the committee a prepared statement which dealt especially with problems of small business. His more general remarks came as the result of questioning by committee members.

Among other things, he said the reduction announced last week in the discount rates by The Federal Reserve Board for some of its banks was a step in the right direction.

A reduction in this rate usually leads to easier, and cheaper, credit generally.

Kennedy Sees 'Gangsterland'

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—Senate labor rackets counsel Robert F. Kennedy said tonight that, "If the proper steps are not taken immediately, the invisible government—the gangster economy—will control this country."

He told the Society of Professional Investigators in a prepared speech:

"The most disturbing situation with which we have to deal is the gangster, hoodlum, racketeer, and even the Mafia infiltration of some labor unions. The implications of this activity are immense, the stakes involved are huge."

Reviewing the work of the Senate committee, Kennedy described how racketeers took over unions, looted their treasuries and their pension and welfare funds and placed their members at the mercy of the racketeers.



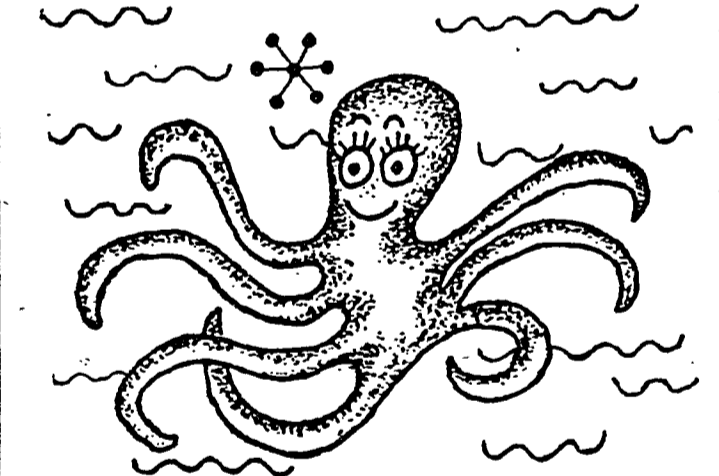
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