

Air of Concern over Space Strides By Russians Settles over Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (P) — Congress embarked on its first space age session Tuesday in an atmosphere of grave concern over Russia's scientific strides. That defense matters would get top billing was pointed up a few hours after the session opened. President Eisenhower forwarded to the Senate and House an emergency request for \$1,260,000,000 in new funds to speed missile development and expand air defenses.

Tax Experts Begin Study Of Law Policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (P)—Congressional tax experts began a reexamination of federal tax law policy today.

But defense spending pressures all but canceled out any prospect of income tax cuts.

As the tax writing House Ways and Means Committee opened a five week hearing on proposals for revision of the revenue laws, leaders wrote off 1957 hopes that tax relief would be possible in 1958.

Last fall's prospect of a 1½ billion dollars surplus this year has withered under impact of wholly new space age requirements and a slackening of business. Some members say they would not be surprised if a budget deficit developed.

As a result, leaders appear to have switched their immediate sights from a tax cut to maintenance of a balanced budget despite the election year appeal of tax-reduction.

The supplemental money request, for the current fiscal year that ends June 30, also called for transfer to the missile program and related projects of an additional 110 million dollars already appropriated.

Pulsing through actions, predictions and prayers at the opening of the new session was a grim realization of a need to meet a massive military threat posed by Russian advances with missiles and space satellites.

Against that threat, Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California predicted that President Eisenhower will offer to Congress and the people a constructive series of suggestions strong enough to answer the Soviet challenge.

Eisenhower will lay down the defense part of his program in a State of the Union message to be delivered to a joint Senate-House session Thursday. Details of his domestic program will be held back for a message next Monday proposing a balanced budget of around 74 billion dollars for the fiscal year starting next July 1, and a boost in defense spending of around two billions.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas told reporters it will be a long, "very heavy session and one of considerable controversy."

Officials Hint Communist Aid To Brazilians

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 7 (P)—World Communist leaders recently decided to offer Soviet aid to Brazil to make it a spearhead of Latin American hostility to the United States, a high government source said today.

The official said the Brazilian Foreign Office has prepared a secret report showing the plan was outlined at the November meeting of Communist leaders in Moscow.

The source says the report shows the Foreign Office has proof-minutes of meetings held in Moscow—that a new tactic was adopted against the West whereby Brazil would serve as a spearhead for a hostile policy against the United States.

Pilot Held Captive By Red Albania

ROME, Jan. 7 (P)—Red Albania, the Soviet satellite on the Mediterranean, reported tonight its jet fighters have forced down an American jet trainer and the pilot is being held captive.

The plane presumably is a T3 that has been missing since Mai Howard J. B. Curran took it off at Chateauroux, France, Dec. 23 for a flight to Naples. He was last reported over north Italy that day and then vanished.

Authorities at U.S. air headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany, and Washington said they had no confirmation of Albania seizing any American plane.

Magazine Charges U.S. Is Mapping U.S.S.R.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (P)—A trade magazine said today U.S. planes are flying mapping missions over Russia despite attacks by Soviet fighters, but the Pentagon denied it.

"The Air Force denies that it is engaged in photographing Soviet Russia," the Defense Department said. There was no further comment.

Jury Holds Steelworker

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7 (P)—A coroner's jury today held a 49-year old Apollo steelworker for the grand jury in the death of Ray Springle, veteran Post-Gazette reporter and Pulitzer Prize winner.

Orlando Gigliotti was held for the grand jury on a manslaughter charge.

Top American Diplomats Say 'No Sight of Report'

PARIS, Jan. 7 (P)—Top American diplomats and military men, charged with shaping U.S. defense policy in Western Europe say they have not seen the controversial Gaither Report on U.S. defense capabilities.

Sources close to Air Force Gen. Lauris Norstad, NATO commander in Europe and W. Randolph Burgess, ambassador to NATO, say even they have not seen the report.

Leaks about the report, still under secrecy wraps in Washington, say it warns that the United States is in danger of falling behind the Soviet Union in military strength by 1963.

Decisions must be taken this year if the country is to have supremacy in the arms race, the report is said to warn.

It derives its name from H. Rowan Gaither Jr., San Francisco lawyer who was the original chairman of the drafting committee. White House press secretary James C. Hagerty, commenting on it, said on Dec. 28 that the United States was not "at this time" in a position of military weakness.

American military men in key posts are known to be eager for a look at the report. One senior officer got a fill from an aide who managed a look while in the Pentagon. Others have also received hits through a sort of professional grapevine.

During the NATO summit talks in Paris last month sources close to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said even Dulles at that time had made only a cursory study of the document.

Opinions Mixed On Stassen For Governor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (P)—Some Pennsylvania leaders would welcome him as a candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, Harold E. Stassen said today.

Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and presently disarmament advisor to President Eisenhower, said he had received "mixed comment" on letters he wrote recently to Pennsylvania's 67 GOP chairmen.

"Some have asked me for more information on my intentions," Stassen said in an interview. "Some said they haven't made up their minds; some directly stated they are opposed to my candidacy; some say they would welcome it but that it is too early."

Stassen declined to name any of the individuals taking a definite stand for or against him.

Every day, he said, he received mail from voters in the state urging him to run.

Stassen's decision must come before the March 17 deadline for filing nominating petitions for Pennsylvania's May 20 primary. Filing opens Feb. 25.

Benson Asks End Of Short Soil Bank

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (P)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today the administration proposes to do away with the shorter range part of the soil bank at the end of this year.

Benson made the announcement at a news conference in which he also said prospects for 1958 crops are very favorable and declared the Agriculture Department budget for the fiscal year beginning next July 1 will be no larger than the current one of nearly 5½ billion dollars.

The part of the soil bank he said the administration will recommend ending is called the annual acreage reserve. This takes about a half billion dollars a year.

It offers federal payments to farmers who retire allotted acres from production of corn, cotton, wheat, rice and tobacco—major surplus crops. This part is scheduled to end with 1959 but Benson proposed chopping it off a year earlier.

He called for increased emphasis on the longer range re-

serve part of the soil bank. This authorizes payments to farmers who retire land, including full farms, for long periods of time and plant the land to such long range conservation uses as grass and trees.

Benson said the administration plans to send its farm recommendations to Congress in a special message possibly Jan. 15 or 16. These are expected to call for greater freedom for farmers in planning their production, and wider discretion for the department in setting price supports.

Benson, who has been under sharp attack from time to time, told reporters he thinks Congress will give much more favorable consideration to administration farm proposals than it did in 1957.

Congress to Probe 'New Era Matters'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (P) — New era matters from missiles to tranquilizers will be the target of congressional inquiries this year.

But more ordinary questions like taxes and the cost of a home mortgage aren't going to be overlooked either.

A survey of House and Senate committees today showed dozens of investigations are planned for the new session of Congress.

Some of the inquiries may never come about. But others are sure to take their place as circumstances demand. The force of politics, seldom absent, will become more pronounced as the legislators get closer to the November elections.

Already on the road is the Senate Preparedness subcommittee's investigation into America's missile progress and how it stacks up against Russia's.

The House Defense Appropriations subcommittee is taking an especially searching look at President Eisenhower's billion dollar request for more defense money this year.

The House Armed Services

Committee is launching what Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) promises will be extensive closed door hearings on all aspects of defense.

Later this month the House Government Operations Committee headed by Rep. William L. Dawson (D-Ill.) intends to start delving into the government's scientific research and development programs.

Sen. John L. McClellan's (D-Ark.) Special Rackets Investigating Committee plans a look into activities involving the United Auto Workers Union.

The tranquilizers figure in a continued inquiry by Rep. John A. Blatnik's (D-Minn.) Legal and Monetary Affairs subcommittee into alleged unfair trade practices.

CULTURE AT LAST

A Much Needed and Long Awaited Cultural Program Has Just Been Introduced at Penn State. Its Aspects, Purpose, and Series Set Up Will Be Discussed on Forum of the Air Tonight by Dr. Albert Christ-Janer — Professor of Art, Alton Quimble — Cabinet Culture Chairman, and Gove Elder — IFC Culture Chairman,

TUNE IN WMAJ or WDFM TONIGHT AT 9:30

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