Eight Nike Missiles Explode; 7 Persons Killed, 3 Injured MIDDLETOWN, N.J. (A)-A powerful Nike guided missile blew up on the ground

here yesterday and exploded seven others in a tremendous blast.

All were fully armed for warfare.

Seven to 10 persons died in a split second of disintegrating force and flame. From the scattered human fragments, it was impossible to set the death toll. Maj. Gen. Charles B. bill that, in addition to raising postal rates, would increase

Living Cost Index Hits New Peak

WASHINGTON (P)-Living ed like booby traps.

cost index, still moving counter to the business recession, rose two-tenths of one per cent between March and April. This put "horrible beyond imagination." Nine persons were killed and the index at another record high one of the sheek, liquid-fueled fighting here between National of 123.5 per cent of the 1947-49 rockets launched itself at the in-Guardsmen and rioters who went base.

the April increase. The index areas. now is 3.5 per cent above last year.

It has risen in 18 of the last 20 months, and declined only once in the last 28 months.

pert, Ewan Clague, who said liv- burned trucks and other Army ing costs appear to be "peaking vehicles to steel skeletons. out" and stabilizing for the sum-mer months. He declined to rule Lebanon Asks Support out the possibility of further For Charges on Arabs

Duff of the Army Air Defense Command, said it would be at Each of the missiles carried three warheads. The explosion strewed these explosive devices across a wide range of country-Most of them were accounted

for but others still lay unexplod-

side.

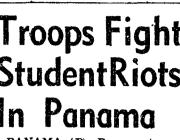
great orange ball of fire over the missile base here. It cast an eerie pall over a scene of carnage that one eyewitness called 'horrible beyond imagination."

stant of the explosion. It spent on a rampage of destruction.

Eyewitnesses spoke of flaming pieces of other missiles arching across the rolling countryside here. At least one fell in a yard where children had been at play a short time earlier.

Encouraging word came from The terrific heat of the blass melted the metal work around the government's living cost ex- the missile-launching pit. It

out the possibility of further small living cost increases in the months ahead. He put it this way: "In a broad general way I'd say the index has shot its bolt. There's no question about it, the big rises are now over." Firing was beauest here in the mined number.



PANAMA (P)-Panama troops

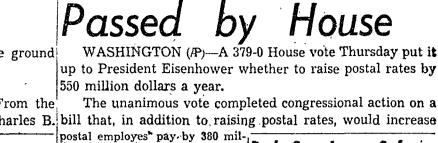
hours of fighting in the capital of this republic astride the U.S.-run canal zone.

women and youths. Several Na-

There were no reports of casualties at Colon, second largest city in the country, at the Caribbean entrance to the canal. Other sections of the country

were reported quiet. The riots came in the midst of

over." Clague said some food items are showing small declines at re-tail in May. The food index itself is at a record high, nearly seven per cent above a year ago. Minastve interference in Lebanon's Ualdes, was jailed. While government forces still battled insurgents, the Cabinet subsequently voted 7-3 to com-per cent above a year ago. Minastve interference in Lebanon's Ualdes, was jailed. Valdes, was jailed. Firing was heaviest here in the around the National Institute, headquarters of the student pain to the Security Council. Minastve interference in Lebanon's Use of the student wan and injuring an undeter-man and



Postal Rates Raise

Reds Say Japan Safe lion dollars a'year. least seven and could be 10. Three others were injured. Vic-tims included both civilians and. TOOPS Fight If Eisenhower signs the bill be-fore the month is out, the cost of mailing a first class letter will infore the month is out, the cost of mailing a first class letter will in-crease on Aug. 1 from the present 3 cents to 4 cents. It will cost 7 letter and 2 cents, instead of 2, for a postcard. Rates on secnod class mail—

Rates on secnod class mail-newspapers and magazines-would be raised 60 per cent on in a letter to Yukitaka Haraguti,

tising circulars—rates would be increased 66% per cent in two steps. The bulk piece rate would go up from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 cents next Jan. 1 and to $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents next Jan. 1 July 1, 1960.

The administration has been trying for years to get rates raised, so as to reduce the annual Still-increasing grocery prices after a sinister, unguided flight killed the victims, including men, partment operations. However, were held wholly responsible for for two miles over populated women and youths. Several Na-this bill is 150 million dollars tional Guardsmen were among short of what Eisenhower asked the wounded. than he sought in pay raises.

While there has been some talk of a veto, one senator said that Postmaster General Summerfield urgently asked Eisen-hower last Monday to sign the measure.

Most postal workers will get a

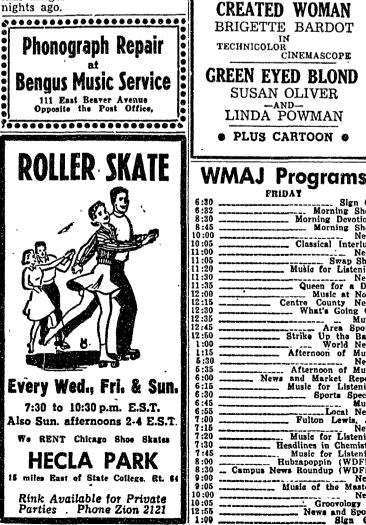
California Refinery

barracks was evacuated. Scene of the fire was the re-finery site near Municipal Air-port, about three miles northeast of downtown Long Beach.

Cardinal Said Past Danger

ROME (AP) - Samuel Cardinal Stritch's doctor said Thursday the 70-year-old Archbishop of Chi-cago appears to be past the in-

itial danger from his stroke four





Ike Orders Provisions for Air Safety

WASHINGTON (A)-Presi-, agencies concerned to act at once 2. Military jet trainers when dent Eisenhower, heeding de-ups. to prevent future midair smash-traveling from higher to lower altitudes will be required to do dent Eisenhower, heeding de-mands for quick action to reduce the number of aircraft collisions in midair, issued orders yesterday for an emer-gency safety program. The new air regulations, some The new air regulations, some

The new air regulations, some of which will go into effect within a few days, are designed to put tighter restrictions on the bullet-like flights of military aircraft and keep them off civilian air-lin bad weather. The new air regulations, some by student pilots on civilian air-quired to do so off the civilian ways will be required to operate under instrument flight rules. S. Operation flights, as dis-tinguished from training flights, such craft operate under visual ways under IFR restrictions and CAA control.

lanes when they are engaged in in bad weather. dangerous maneuvers.

At first, the President intended to leave corrective measures to his Air Coordination Committee, headed by Lt. Gen. Elwood R. (Pete) Quesada, a retired Air Force officer. He had directed Quesada to start a study of the problem Friday.

But later, after conferring with members of a House subcommittee working on aviation safety, Eisenhower decided on prompter steps.

He authorized Quesada to instruct the Civil Aeronautics Administration and other federal

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