

# Eight Nike Missiles Explode; 7 Persons Killed, 3 Injured

MIDDLETOWN, N.J. (AP)—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. Duff of the Army Air Defense Command, said it would be at least seven and could be 10.

# Living Cost Index Hits New Peak

WASHINGTON (AP)—Living costs reached a new peak again in April but government officials expressed belief the two-year inflationary splurge has shot its bolt.

The Labor Department's living cost index, still moving counter to the business recession, rose two-tenths of one per cent between March and April. This put the index at another record high of 123.5 per cent of the 1947-49 base.

Still-increasing grocery prices were held wholly responsible for the April increase. The index 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.

Encouraging word came from the government's living cost expert, Ewan Clague, who said living costs appear to be "peaking out" and stabilizing for the summer months. He declined to rule 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."

Clague said some food items are showing small declines at retail in May. The food index itself is at a record high, nearly seven per cent above a year ago.

Three others were injured. Victims included both civilians and servicemen. Each of the missiles carried three warheads. The explosion strewed these explosive devices across a wide range of countryside.

Most of them were accounted for but others still lay unexploded like booby traps.

However, the missiles did not bear atomic warheads, but conventional ones of shrapnel and high explosives.

"We do feel the area now is reasonably safe," Duff said.

The explosion spewed forth a 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."

Out of the smoke and flames, one of the sleek, liquid-fueled rockets launched itself at the instant of the explosion. It spent itself harmlessly in open terrain after a sinister, unguided flight for two miles over populated areas.

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.

The terrific heat of the blast melted the metal work around the missile-launching pit. It burned trucks and other Army vehicles to steel skeletons.

# Lebanon Asks Support For Charges on Arabs

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The pro-Western Lebanese government sought yesterday to win United Nations and Arab League support for charges that the United Arab Republic is guilty of massive interference in Lebanon's recent upheavals.

While government forces still battled insurgents, the Cabinet met and a Parliament committee subsequently voted 7-3 to complain to the Security Council.

# Troops Fight Student Riots In Panama

PANAMA (AP)—Panama troops battled destructive rioters and snipers yesterday and bottled up student demonstrators here and in Colon.

Government spokesmen said order was being restored after hours of fighting in the capital of this republic astride the U.S.-run canal zone.

Nine persons were killed and at least 61 injured in hours of fighting here between National Guardsmen and rioters who went on a rampage of destruction.

The government claimed snipers killed the victims, including men, women and youths. Several National Guardsmen were among the wounded.

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 the threat of a general strike at midnight Thursday (2 a.m.) EST Friday. The government met that threat and the accompanying riots with declaration of a state of siege-modified martial law.

Amid indications the government was ready to impose press and radio censorship, there were reports the afternoon opposition newspaper Nacion was forced to close and its editor, Manuel Maria Valdes, was jailed.

Firing was heaviest here in the Calidonia tenement section and around the National Institute, headquarters of the student movement.

# Postal Rates Raise Passed by House

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 379-0 House vote Thursday put it up to President Eisenhower whether to raise postal rates by 550 million dollars a year.

The unanimous vote completed congressional action on a bill that, in addition to raising postal rates, would increase postal employees' pay by 380 million dollars a year.

If Eisenhower signs the bill before the month is out, the cost of mailing a first class letter will increase on Aug. 1 from the present 3 cents to 4 cents. It will cost 7 cents, instead of 6, for an airmail letter and 3 cents, instead of 2, for a postcard.

Rates on second class mail—newspapers and magazines—would be raised 60 per cent on the advertising content and 30 per cent on the editorial portion of a publication.

This would take effect in three annual 20 and 10 per cent jumps with the first one coming next January.

Third class—largely advertising circulars—rates would be increased 66 2/3 per cent in two steps. The bulk piece rate would go up from 1 1/2 to 2 cents next Jan. 1 and to 2 1/2 cents July 1, 1960.

The administration has been trying for years to get rates raised, so as to reduce the annual deficit shown in Post Office Department operations. However, this bill is 150 million dollars short of what Eisenhower asked in revenue and 220 million more than he sought in pay raises.

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

Most postal workers will get a 10 per cent pay raise, retroactive to last Jan. 1 if the bill becomes law.

# California Refinery Hit by Explosions

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Tremendous explosions and fire hit a Hancock Oil Co. refinery on Signal Hill yesterday, killing one man and injuring an undetermined number.

Nearby barracks of the Long Beach Air Force Base were imperiled, firemen reported. The barracks was evacuated.

Scene of the fire was the refinery site near Municipal Airport, 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 Chicago appears to be past the initial danger from his stroke four nights ago.

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# Reds Say Japan Safe If Stockpiling Is Halted

LONDON (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said yesterday the Soviet Union would promise not to attack Japan with atomic or hydrogen weapons if the Japanese ban stockpiling of nuclear arms in their country.

Khrushchev made his promise in a letter to Yukitaka Haraguti, general counsel of Japanese trade unions, Moscow radio said.

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6:30	Morning Devotions
6:45	Morning Show
10:00	News
10:05	Classical Interlude
11:00	News
11:05	Swap Shop
11:20	Music for Listening
11:30	News
11:35	Queen for a Day
12:00	Music at Noon
12:15	Centre County News
12:30	What's Going On
12:35	Music
12:50	Area Sports
1:00	Strike Up the Band
1:15	World News
1:30	Afternoon of Music
2:30	News
2:35	Afternoon of Music
2:50	News and Market Report
3:15	Music for Listening
3:30	Sports Special
4:45	Music
5:55	Local News
7:00	Fulton Lewis, Jr.
7:15	News
7:20	Music for Listening
7:30	Headlines in Chemistry
7:45	Music for Listening
8:00	Hubzapoppin (WDFM)
8:30	Campus News Roundup (WDFM)
9:00	News
9:05	Music of the Masters
10:00	News
10:05	Groovology 64
12:55	News and Sports
1:00	Sign Off

# Ike Orders Provisions for Air Safety

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, heeding demands for quick action to reduce the number of aircraft collisions in midair, issued orders yesterday for an emergency safety program.

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 lanes when they are engaged in 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 prompt steps.

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

agencies concerned to act at once to prevent future midair smash-ups.

A five-point program was announced at the White House by Rep. Prince H. Preston (D-Ga.), chairman of the House subcommittee. It provides for these changes in flying regulations:

- 1. Jet trainer aircraft flown by student pilots on civilian airways will be required to operate under instrument flight rules—IFR. At present, Preston said, such craft operate under visual flight rules except at night and in bad weather.

- 2. Military jet trainers when traveling from higher to lower altitudes will be required to do so off civilian airways.

- 3. Itinerant cross-country, for example jet planes will be required to file flight plans with the CAA.

- 4. Jet trainer pilots making proficiency flights will be required to do so off the civilian airways.

- 5. Operation flights, as distinguished from training flights, must be made on the civilian airways under IFR restrictions and CAA control.

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