

# Soviet Rocket Probes Moon

MOSCOW (AP)—The cosmic rocket Lunik III, designed to survey the perpetually hidden side of the moon, has passed behind the moon strictly on course and is operating normally the Soviet Union announced last night.

## Senate Hopeful About Budget

HARRISBURG (AP) — House-Senate budget conferees reported yesterday they were close to agreement on revenue estimates for the 1959-61 biennium.

"I don't think we will have any discrepancies, when the time comes, about revenues," Rep. Stephen McCann, House Democratic floor leader, told newsmen following a seven-hour session of the special six-member committee.

Rep. Edwin W. Tompkins, assistant House GOP floor leader, agreed.

Tompkins said he believed the administration's estimate of \$1,805,311,945 in receipts from tax and non-tax sources during the biennium would be raised slightly.

Meanwhile, Chairman J. Dean Polen (D-Washington) of the House Appropriations Committee, said the conferees hoped to reach a point in their discussions today where they may be able to arrive at definite agreements.

Spokesmen said Republican-proposed cuts in industrial development and slum clearance funds requested by Gov. Lawrence were discussed during today's session but that no agreements were reached.

Vice Chairman Robert D. Fleming (R-Allegheny) of the Senate Appropriations Committee expressed hope that the committee would have a report ready by next Tuesday when the Legislature reconvenes.

## Steelers Working Hard

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Pittsburgh Steelers concentrated on pass defense yesterday as they prepared for their game with the Philadelphia Eagles at Philadelphia next Sunday.

Tass said the 614-pound flying observatory, packed with automatic recording and transmitting apparatus, came within 4,375 miles of the moon at its nearest approach. The time was 5:16 p.m. 9:16 a.m. EST.

About three hours later, the Soviet news agency added, it was 9,370 miles away "near the plane of the lunar equator."

"The rocket is moving strictly along the predetermined orbit," Tass said. This elliptical orbit is plotted to head it back to the vicinity of the earth, from which the Soviets fired it Sunday.

The position at 12 noon EST was plotted as 230,925 miles above the South Atlantic at a point 17 degrees 30 minutes south latitude and 22 degrees and 48 minutes west longitude.

The scientific equipment was reported functioning as expected. The steady beeping sounds thrown out by Lunik during its journey from the earth changed to a rhythmic fading and swelling about the time set by the Soviets for the start of its big job.

This puzzled some scientists listening in. British observers manning the world's largest radio telescope at Jodrell Bank, England, said they were mystified.

Soviet scientists kept vigil at a mechanical brain—a complicated system of listening posts and computing centers. The historic reports were to come via two radios.

## Pitt Ready for Duke

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The University of Pittsburgh football team yesterday practiced plays intended to pick up long yardage.

The squad also practiced blocking assignments against Duke defenses in preparation for the game with Duke here next Saturday. The Panthers also worked out defenses against Duke plays.

# Herter Says Reds Cause East's Chaos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter said yesterday the United States holds the Soviet Union "to a degree responsible" for action of Communist bloc countries.

At the same time, Herter noted a split between Nikita Khrushchev's proclaimed no-use-of-force policy and the bellicose tone used by Peiping during the Soviet premier's recent trip to Red China. Communist actions in Laos, Tibet and elsewhere have caused concern in the West. And the Peiping regime, during its current 10th anniversary celebration, has acknowledged Russia as the leader of the Communist camp.

Herter spoke at his first formal Washington news conference since July 9; his second since succeeding the late John Foster Dulles last April.

Herter indicated that Soviet responsibility for actions of Communist bloc members was one of the points raised with Khrushchev when he and President Eisenhower conferred at Camp David.

Eisenhower said last week that Khrushchev had agreed to speak to the Red Chinese about five Americans imprisoned on the Communist mainland. Herter said no word has been received whether Khrushchev had interceded, or what the outcome may have been if he did so.

## State Traffic Deaths Drop Three Per Cent

HARRISBURG (AP) —The traffic death toll on Pennsylvania highways has dropped 3 per cent this year, bucking a national trend upward, Gov. Lawrence said yesterday.

Lawrence said 1004 fatalities were recorded in the commonwealth through August, compared with 1032 for the same period in 1958.

## NHL Opens Tonight

MONTREAL (AP) — Clarence Campbell, president of the National Hockey League, yesterday predicted a season-long scramble for playoff positions in the six-team circuit.

# Executives' Attempt Fails In Steel Strike

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A steel negotiations summit meeting failed last night to break the deadlock in the 84-day-old steel strike.

After a 90-minute meeting with top steel industry executives, United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald told newsmen:

"Nothing has changed. The industry's position is not flexible." McDonald said no further bargaining sessions are scheduled.

The six-man industry group, headed by U.S. Steel Corp. Chairman Roger Blough, had met with McDonald and top union men once before last Wednesday in Washington.

Blough, asked whether the industry had a new offer, said, "We will talk about it afterward."

Besides Blough the industry group included Joseph Block, chairman of Inland Steel; Avery Adams, chairman of Jones & Laughlin; A. B. Homer, president of Bethlehem; Charles White, chairman of Republic; and R. Conrad Cooper, head of the industry's regular negotiating team and a U.S. Steel vice president.

McDonald was accompanied to the meeting by I. W. Abel, union secretary-treasurer; Howard Hague, vice president; and Arthur J. Goldberg, union general counsel.

Ever since the strike started July 15, McDonald has been insisting that steel company leaders meet with the union.

McDonald renewed his request for a meeting with steel chieftains after talks with the regular industry bargainers collapsed Monday night.

The steel industry has contended all along that its representatives headed by Cooper have full authority to negotiate an agreement.

## U.S. Fires Missiles; Atlas Hits Target

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) —While a Soviet rocket streaked toward a rendezvous with the moon, the United States fired two of its big missiles—an Atlas and a Thor — on full-range flights Tuesday.

The Atlas successfully carried a new tactical-type nose cone to an Atlantic target 5,500 miles away.

The Air Force announced the Atlas achieved all test objectives and that the advanced design nose cone performed satisfactorily.

Later, the Thor blasted off on a 1500-mile reliability test. There was no official word on the Thor's performance, but the launching appeared perfect.

The new Atlas cone is designed for faster re-entry through the earth's atmosphere. It also can carry a bigger nuclear payload.

# Contestant Swears Quiz Show Fixed

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 32-year-old graduate student who helped which the fabulous TV quiz show business swore Tuesday he had put on a crooked performance for money.

In a congressional hearing that ranged from the hilarious to the deadly serious, Herbert Stempel of New York testified:

1. That he was slipped the answers beforehand, and even told how to have his hair cut, when he appeared on "Twenty-One" in 1956 against Charles Van Doren.

2. That he pleaded with Dan Enright, one of the quiz show's

producers, to let him play "an honest game" and was ordered to keep on as he was doing, "for the good of the show."

3. That in March 1957 he collected \$10,000 by betting that Van Doren would lose and leave the show.

Stempel implied that the producers knew in advance what Van Doren, as well as he, would do on the air. But Stempel specified: "I have no direct knowledge about any other contestant."

Van Doren has denied knowledge of any crookedness on the program.

Much of yesterday's testimony was a warming-over of charges which embarrassed the television

industry and shocked the viewing public in 1958.

The charges were disputed then by "Twenty-One's" producers, Enright and Jack Berry, who accused Stempel of cooking up a blackmail scheme.

It was quite a show for the Capitol and a big crowd poured into the House caucus room where a branch of the House Commerce Committee was at last getting into the act.

## Absentee Voting May Be Increased

HARRISBURG (AP) — Legislation to extend absentee voting for the first time to persons other than servicemen and hospitalized or bedridden veterans was given a good chance of legislative approval yesterday.

Sen. James S. Berger, Republican floor leader, predicted Senate passage of the house-approved plan after amendment.

"We have a lot of amendments in mind — most of them non-controversial—but they are simply to plug what we think are loopholes in the bill," Berger said.

A constitutional amendment approved by the voters last November endorsed the principle of absentee voting, and the Legislature is now setting up the mechanics to carry it out.

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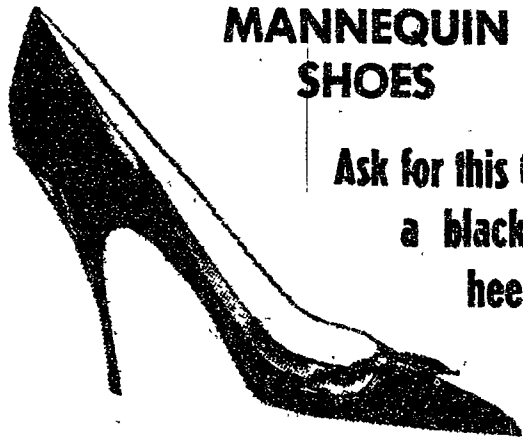


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