

# U.N. May Study Security Police

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States called today for a UN study on what kind of international police force should preserve peace if the world accepts Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's total disarmament plan.

# Senate Kills 6 Cents a Gallon Gasoline Tax

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Republican-controlled Senate last night formalized the death of an administration plan to increase the five-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax to six cents.

The funeral ceremonies came on a Democratic move to force the Senate Finance Committee to send the House-passed measure to the floor. The move was defeated, 20-24.

Coincidentally, Highways Secretary Park H. Martin said reduced federal grants to Pennsylvania would have no effect on what he said was the state's need for additional highway revenues.

In a letter to chairman Edward J. Kessler (R-Lancaster) of the Senate finance group, Martin said contract lettings for 1959-61 would follow previous plans.

Sen. Charles R. Weiner, Democratic floor leader, argued that the Commonwealth needed the money to match federal funds in order to continue its highway building and maintenance program.

Republicans countered that sufficient revenue would be provided by existing taxes plus proposed increases in the driver's license and the vehicle registration fees.

"I am not at this time convinced that the one-cent-additional tax is necessary for the proper conduct of the road program in Pennsylvania," said Sen. James S. Berger, GOP floor leader.

# Van Doren Probe Set For Nov. 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Van Doren came out of seclusion yesterday and made a Nov. 2 date with a congressional committee probing fixed television quiz shows. He would say nothing of his own big money quiz winnings in advance of his Washington testimony.

Van Doren, who disappeared nearly a week ago, accepted a subpoena to appear before the House committee. In hearings last week—now recessed until next month—the committee elicited testimony that some quiz show participants were provided in advance with questions and answers.

Among the tainted shows named was NBC's now defunct "Twenty-One," on which Van Doren won \$129,000 in 14 weeks as a participant in 1956-57.

The committee wants to know if the 33-year-old Columbia University English instructor took part in the admitted shenanigans. At one time, Van Doren publicly disclaimed any knowledge of such trickery. Yesterday he wouldn't talk about the subject.

When the committee resumes hearings next month, it also plans to look into the first of the big-money quiz shows, CBS's "\$64,000 Question."

Counsel Robert W. Lishman said in Washington the subcommittee has received information indicating that program also was fixed.

The announcement brought statements from former participants on the "64,000 Question" and its companion show, "\$64,000 Challenge," who insisted both programs were honest and fair.

# Nike-Zeus Missile Test Successful

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP)—A Nike-Zeus missile—designed to kill ICBMs—made its maiden test flight yesterday across the southern New Mexico desert.

Army spokesmen termed the test a success, although the missile fell short of its goal because of an apparent failure during the coasting phase of the missile's flight.

Both stages of the powerful missile fired, and information of flight and propulsion characteristics were telemetered to the ground.

Nike-Zeus is the Army's top-secret answer—it hopes—to intercontinental ballistic missiles. It carries a hydrogen warhead on top of what the Army bills as "the most powerful known single unit propellant rocket motor ever fired." It packs 400,000 pounds of thrust.

It is designed to head off ICBMs while they are still in the stratosphere en route from enemy bases, and to destroy them with a fusion explosion.

Both stages of the Nike-Zeus went off on schedule. The first attempt at a Nike-Zeus test at White Sands (Aug. 26) ended when the missile fell apart in the air.

Only a brief run 70 miles down-range was scheduled. It was after both the booster first stage and the sustaining second stage cut off and the missile was gliding on its way that something happened which made the missile fall short of the expected impact area.

Only flight and propulsion characteristics of Nike-Zeus are being tested at White Sands.

Range, performance characteristics and pictures of the missile have not been released. A manufacturer's catalogue available to the public gives the Nike-Zeus range as 200 miles.

# Truck Explosion Kills Two Men

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Something slipped in a truckload of waste high explosive near the Los Alamos scientific laboratory yesterday, causing an explosion that killed four men.

Spokesmen for the atomic laboratory city said no radioactive materials were involved.

Not even parts of two of the bodies could be found. The two men were listed as missing and presumed dead.

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# Fire Nears Homes; May Spread More

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A big brush fire, which raced madly out of control, slowed yesterday after licking the very doorsteps of expensive homes. But firemen feared it might flare dangerously again.

The blaze has charred more than 2,500 acres since it started Tuesday. Yesterday it burned slowly toward the foothill community of Altadena. By evening it was a mile and a half away.

Thirty tubercular patients were evacuated from the La Vina Sanatorium in a canyon above Altadena. This was a precautionary measure to prevent a traffic jam should quick evacuation become necessary.

Authorities said if the wind rises it could sweep the blaze quickly down on Altadena, which has many homes adjacent to brushland.

High winds Tuesday night swept a wall of fire down upon a row of expensive homes in the suburb of La Canada, just west of Altadena. One mansion was severely damaged. Two homes were partially burned.

The fire was two miles from Altadena which is just east of La Canada. Firemen were worried because many homes there back up against brush. Another worry was La Vina Sanatorium.

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of Bethlehem Steel, told the inquiry panel that more management leeway in achieving labor cost economies is a precondition to any settlement of economic issues such as wage rates.

Morse agreed with Taylor, however, that the industry is not adamant on how these labor cost economies are to be achieved.

Similarly, on prodding from Taylor, union President David J. McDonald agreed the Steelworkers' economic demands are also susceptible to bargaining.

This appeared to some observers to be a sort of toe-in-the-door expression from each side that the two main issues—work practice changes and economic concessions—may be subject to settlement.

The companies have said they are willing to settle on a 2 percent increase basis that would give workers 15 cents an hour in wage and benefit gains over the next two years.

in a canyon above Altadena. More than 1000 men, including Indian experts flown from Arizona and New Mexico, were on the lines. Fifteen tanker planes dropped fire-retarding borate solution on hot spots. The scene is the brushy hills overlooking the Los Angeles basin and such landmarks as the Rose Bowl. A few miles east, not endangered, is famed Mt Wilson Observatory.

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