

U.S. Fires Missile

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A Minuteman missile sprang from a pit yesterday and streaked 3,000 miles in a major success which gave the United States a big boost toward pushbutton war capability.

This was the first successful firing of the missile from the steel and concrete hole similar to those which will enable operational Minutemen to survive a nuclear attack and strike a retaliatory blow.

Brig. Gen. Sam Phillips, Air Force Minuteman program director, described the shot as "totally successful. It completely verifies our confidence in the Minuteman design."

An official of the Boeing Co., Minuteman test and assembly

manager, was less restrained, exclaiming: "Thanks giving came early this year!"

His exuberance was understandable. The first attempt to fire the missile from a silo failed last August when the vehicle exploded after clearing the hole. The failure raised some doubt whether the weapon would meet its combat-ready deadline of next summer.

But yesterday's success put the program back on schedule, and Phillips said the test-firing tempo will accelerate sharply.

Storable indefinitely without attention, Minuteman can be fired in salvos by the simple turning of a key in a control center miles away.

Minuteman is the first U.S. intercontinental-range rocket powered by solid fuel, which also is used in the Navy's Polaris. This easy-to-handle propellant provides

an escape from much of the complexity that has forced the liquid fuel Atlas and Titan ICBM's to their huge size. Minuteman's nuclear warhead will be smaller than Atlas or Titan, but will compensate for this in numbers and greatly-reduced cost.

All three missiles have a range of more than 6,000 miles.

A mushroom of flame and smoke preceded the missile out of its 90-foot-deep silo. The nose of the 58-foot projectile poked through the smoke cloud and streaked into the sky. All three stages fired as planned.

In the pit, the missile rested on a hydraulically operated rig which hung suspended on metal straps 17 feet from the bottom of the shaft. This system will permit Minuteman to remain pointed on its intended trajectory even though a nearby nuclear blast knocks the silo slightly ajar.

The operational silos will be topped by a 10-ton steel and concrete door designed to withstand all but a direct atomic hit. The lid is moved back by remote control signal before launching.

The Air Force said a major purpose of the test was to determine how the missile reacted to temperatures, pressures, noise, vibration and shock when it ignited in the silo.

Directive Sent To Nonskeds

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has directed nonscheduled airlines to submit to strict military safety inspection if they want to carry troops in the United States.

McNamara's directive yesterday came nine days after 74 Army recruits perished in an Imperial Airlines plane crash near Richmond, Va. The new order is effective immediately.

This means nonscheduled airlines moving troops within the United States must comply with the same stiff Military Air Transport Service rules that cover transportation of military passengers on overseas flights.

Until now, internally operated nonscheduled lines have had to meet regulations only of the Federal Aviation Agency and Civil Aeronautics Board.

McNamara told a news con-

ference that, in addition to safety, MATS will concern itself with nonscheduled airlines' financial stability and ability to meet schedules.

That appeared aimed at some of the 29 nonscheduled airlines which are reported in shaky financial condition. Officials said a line's financial condition influences its ability to maintain its planes properly.

McNamara did not, as some had expected, rule out the use of nonscheduled airlines for military troop movement nor did he even mention any specific nonscheduled airline.

However, he did rule that defense personnel traveling as individuals at government expense will use only the regular scheduled airlines.

In a wide-ranging news conference, his first in two months, McNamara said also:

•The United States has speeded military aid to Communist-beleaguered South Viet Nam and is discussing possible further action with the Saigon government.

•The Berlin crisis military buildup is going along "very satisfactorily," with 300,000 men added and about 45,000 reinforcements sent to Europe.

"We have no plans at the present time for calling additional large forces to active duty," he said.



Robert McNamara

Congo to Investigate Gizenga Mutiny Role

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — The Congo government agreed yesterday to joint measures with the United Nations to punish the mutinous army murderers of 13 Italian airmen and to investigate whether leftist Antoine Gizenga played a role in the butchery.

U.N. troops were flown in to reinforce the 200-man

garrison already at Kindu in Kivu Province where about 80 mutinous Congolese got beyond control last Saturday and killed the unarmed airmen. The Italians were on a U.N. transport mission.

U.N. orders were to seal off the Kindu area and disarm the 1,000 or so Congolese troops who once formed part of Gizenga's army when he set up a Soviet-supported rebel rule at Stanleyville in Oriental Province.

The encirclement and disarmament was to permit a "fair investigation and stern punishment" of the guilty, the United Nations said.

Diplomatic sources have reported — and the Congo government fears — that Gizenga, the political heir of the late Premier Patrice Lumumba, stirred up the troop rebellion in new and open defiance of the central government and the United Nations.

Government sources said he was in Kindu last Tuesday before it was known the Italians had been killed. Whether he had been there when the mutiny broke out on Saturday is not known positively by officials.

The government has reports, however, that he left Stanleyville by road last week and could have been in Kindu.

Rayburn Lies in State in Bonham

BONHAM, Tex. (AP)—The body of Sam Rayburn lay in state yesterday in a magnificent marble library, and the friends and neighbors who idolized him most filed past solemnly in a parting, mournful tribute.

There were tight-lipped men, women dabbing at their eyes, youngsters out of school — all honoring the man who served as speaker of the House for the longest span in history.

There were the people from Rayburn's home town and the rich black countryside in the congressional district he served for 48 years.

Today, President Kennedy will lead a pilgrimage of many of the nation's notables to the funeral at 1:30 p.m. for the speaker, who died of cancer Thursday. He was 79 years old.

Yesterday was the day for the humble folk and the people of Bonham and their neighbors.

Rayburn's body was taken from the funeral home in the morning to lie in state for 24 hours in the simple, Georgian-style Sam Rayburn Library which now will be

a Rayburn memorial. Friends and associates, who will be the pallbearers, served as an escort.

In the first hour nearly 700 persons walked past the plain, gray casket in the library foyer. Most of them paused a moment to sign a register before leaving.

Rockefeller, Wife Plan Separation

BULLETIN NEW YORK (AP)—Republican Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, a potential presidential candidate in 1964, has left his wife of 31 years and they plan a divorce.

The couple already is living apart and it was announced yesterday that they have agreed to a legal separation.

"It is anticipated that the terms of the agreement will be incorporated into a subsequent decree of divorce," said a statement from the family offices in Rockefeller Plaza.

The Rockefellers have five grown children.

The announcement said that a property settlement has been agreed to, but did not specify details.

Mrs. Rockefeller will live in New York, while the governor will share his time between the executive mansion in Albany and the New York apartment of his brother, Lawrence S. Rockefeller.

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Vulture Attacks Airplane
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