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Here, in a picture taken last October when it was first unveiled for the public, is the X15, the rocket ship which has been given the job of carrying America's first space traveler on a 100-mile high flight. The X15 passed its first test flight Tuesday. (AP Wirephoto)

Tucked Under Wing Of B52 Bomber

X15 Rocket Ship Flight Test 'Success'

May Take 2nd Captive Journey Today; First Glide Trial Scheduled This Week

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., March 10 (AP)—The space-aimed rocket ship X15 successfully went through its firset captive flight test Tuesday.

A B52 bomber carried the slender black dart 38,000 feet aloft on a 1-hour 10 minute flight over the desert.

At the controls of the X15 was test pilot Scott Crossfield, who will guide the craft on its solo flights.

The X15's first venture into the air went off with but a single hitch. Power for the radio circuit between Crossfield and the B52 went out of order and an emergency power source was called into use.

The flight, originally scheduled for two hours, was cut short by 36 minutes because no one knew how long the emergency power would last.

After the B52 landed with its stubby - winged passenger, the Air Force announced:

"Test objective for the flight accomplished."

Capt. Charles C. Bock Jr., pilot of the B52, said "we could hardly tell the X15 was out there under our wing. We encountered no stability or control problems and we are very pleased with the X15-B52 combination."

Added Crossfield: "I was just a passenger on this flight but I know that we accomplished about all we set out to do. Captain Bock did a magnificent job."

Another captive flight is scheduled, probably Wednesday. Then, perhaps before the weekend, will come the first glide test. The little rocket ship will be released to land without power on a dry lake bed. Powered flights will be made with jet engines before the rocket engines are installed this summer.

On its space probes, the X15 is expected to travel more than 2,400 miles an hour and flash 100 miles into the sky. It will be released from the mother B52 at a height of five or six miles. Then its 50,000-pound thrust engine will take over.

As the eight-jet B52 rumbled down the Edwards AFB runway this morning, X15 was nestled under its right wing. A specially built pylon supported the rocket ship, whose tail jutted through an 8-by-4 foot gap cut out of the bomber's tail.

The B52 carried a closed circuit television system with cameras trained on X15 to check its operations.

As the bomber cruised over the desert, crews carried out aerodynamics and systems checks.

Crossfield, test pilot for North American aviation, builder of X15, was in constant communication with the bomber crew as the exhaustive tests were made.

In chase planes, observing every moment of the X15's captive flight, were Air Force Capt. Bob White and North American test pilot Al White.

After North American finishes tests, the Air Force will have responsibility for flying the X15 on its all-out missions. Bob White is the man who has been tapped for the job.

Without A Dissent

Senate Fills Ike's Space Request

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—Without a dissent, the Senate voted Tuesday to authorize every penny the Eisenhower administration asked for stepped up spending on civilian space research this fiscal year.

Nearly half of the $40,354,000 in the bill would go into Project Mercury, a program looking toward space flight by man.

The Senate acted on a 86-0 roll call vote after hearing Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss) say "the threat to our security could be disastrous" if an enemy nation beat the United States in developing a space vehicle capable of unleashing nuclear weapons.

Stennis also stressed the urgency of "developing our capabilities to put man into space."

Next stop for the authorization bill is the House, where it is likely to get fast approval.

The actual money would be provided in separate legislation later. It would be used by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the remainder of this fiscal year, ending June 30.

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Legislature Eyes New Tax Rate

But It's Speculation Until Figures Are In

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PHOENIX, March 10.—Speculation over the state tax rate for the forthcoming fiscal year is a favorite pastime at this point (theoretically the last week) in a session of the Legislature, but until all of the appropriations bills are passed and all of the revenue is in, it can be no more than speculation.

For one thing, no one can say at this time what will happen to a proposed $0 per cent increase in the state sales tax, or whether all of the money will be allocated to education, as proposed in the House.

(The Senate would continue distribution to the general fund, state welfare, the counties and the cities, as at present.)

One man who has closely been connected with the state's fiscal policies, and who has held responsible positions with some of its agencies, projected Monday a possible rate of $1.60 per $100 of assessed valuation, without taking into consideration supplemental appropriations and capital outlay bills to be passed before adjournment of the Legislature.

Arizona's present tax rate is $1.53, while its highest rate was $1.63, in 1941.

Under the state's present assessed valuation of $1,311,000, it requires a tax rate of 7.3 cents to produce $1 million in revenue. This may be reduced to 7 cents in the fiscal year starting next June 30.

These are figures of general knowledge, but when it comes to being quoted on what to expect next year, there are no takers.

Here's how it seems to be shaping up, however:

Tax collections, other than property taxes, should produce $45 million, to which may be added an estimated general fund surplus of $4 million, for a total of $49 million.

Estimating requirements at 8 per cent more than for the current fiscal year sets the total at $70,807,000. Deducting the $49 million in revenue from other than property taxes would leave a balance of $21,807,000 to be produced by property taxes.

That would require a state tax levy of $1.60.

Outside of Senate and House Appropriations Committee members—all of whom must pledge themselves to secrecy at the time they accept membership—no one knows what the big general fund appropriations bill to be voted on at the end of the session will total.

Sen. Robert Procknow (D-Coconino), who is chairman of the Senate committee, told a Tucson audience one week ago that the **state faces a rate of $2 "if we give everyone everything they asked for."**

To the knowledge of the oldest members of the Legislature, there has never been a time when everyone or every department got everything they asked for.

In addition to the big general fund budget, there also are bills

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Nikita Insists Reds Join Proposed Berlin Force

BERLIN, March 10 (AP)—Soviet Premier Khrushchev insisted Tuesday night that Russian troops would have to be part of any token military force kept in West Berlin.

He said Monday he would be agreeable to a minimum number of troops from the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union, or from neutral countries, remaining in the city —if the Allies go along with his plan to make West Berlin independent under U.N. control.

At a Soviet embassy reception here following Khrushchev's hour-long conference with Communist East German leaders, a newsman asked the Soviet boss whether troops from the Western Big Three would be sufficient as token protective forces.

He replied that if there were to be any troops in West Berlin they must be from all four of the World War II allies—the United States, Britain, France and Russia.

"We also belong to the victors," Khrushchev said, wagging his finger. "During the war we didn't drink coffee — we were shedding our blood."

He made no mention of his alternative proposal of guardian troops from neutral nations. It was clear he meant that if the Western allies keep troops in Berlin he would insist Soviet forces join them.

Khrushchev was asked if he would be agreeable to having India's Prime Minister Nehru act as mediator on the Berlin issue. He replied:

"Nehru is a very sensible man and he never says a word without weighing it carefully. I respect him but I cannot say what Nehru should do."

Foreign Ministers Ready

West United On Place, Time For German Talks

Geneva Chosen As Site For May Meet

PARIS, March 10 (AP)—The West lined up solidly Tuesday behind a proposal to meet the Russians in Geneva, probably in May, to tackle the dangerous issue of Germany, informed sources reported.

British and French spokesmen confirmed the West was in complete agreement on a reply to the Soviet Union and were united on a place and time. But they declined to go into details.

The West will reply to a Soviet note of March 2 suggesting a foreign ministers meeting in Geneva or Vienna in April if the West is unwilling to meet at the summit on the German question.

The French spokesman said the West will insist that only the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union deal with German problems.

The Soviet Union suggested Communist Poland and Czechoslovakia attend the foreign ministers conference and both nations have agreed to go. The West will say it has no objection to Poland and Czechoslovakia sitting in on matters dealing with Germany's neighbors, the French spokesman said.

The West will also ask that the agenda not be limited to the question of the future of Berlin and a German peace treaty, the French source reported.

The solid front on a note to the Soviet Union was announced as Prime Minister Macmillan of Britain wound up two days of talks with French leaders designed to coordinate western strategy on Germany once the powers are gathered at the conference table.

Shortly before Macmillan and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd returned by plane to London, the Prime Minister told reporters:

"I had hoped that our visit to Paris would help to confirm our common policy and purpose. It has. We are agreed as to how the wider negotiations, which might follow, should be conducted."

Macmillan said that he and Lloyd came to Paris for discussion, not negotiation.

"I can say," he added, "that we had extremely fruitful and friendly discussions with Mr. (Premier Michel) Debre, Mr. (Foreign Minister Maurice) Couve de Murville and my old friend and comrade Gen. de Gaulle."

Debre, who saw the British leaders off, said the French-British talks had gone on in a spirit of "total frankness and absolute sincerity."

12,245 Students

2nd Term Registration Smashes Record At UA

Second semester registration at the University of Arizona shows a record-high total for this time of the year of 12,245 students, according to figures released by David L. Windsor, registrar.

The total includes 10,049 resident students attending classes on the campus, 660 students enrolled in extension classes in 10 other Arizona communities, and 1,536 students taking university correspondence courses.

The total figure of 12,245 students is 387 higher than the second semester overall enrollment released by the registrar's office at Arizona State University.

The second semester registration totals show a slight decrease below last fall's peak enrollment, when 12,709 first semester students were enrolled in all branches of the University.

The current on-campus enrollment of 10,049, compared to Temple's 8,128, represents an increase of 940 above the comparable figure a year ago here when 9,109 students were enrolled. Current resident figure represent 6,982 men and 3,427 women.

The UA is offering more than 130 courses in 25 fields as part of the late afternoon and evening program. The evening program is designed for teachers and other graduate students and the general public.

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Ike Trims Crude Oil Imports

Other Products Hit By Mandatory Curb

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — President Eisenhower Tuesday ordered that imports of crude oil and other foreign petroleum products be curtailed under mandatory federal control.

His action, urged by the domestic coal and oil industries as vital to national defense, promises to cut crude oil imports by about 15 per cent east of the Rocky Mountains.

The proclamation contained a major surprise: it included residual fuel oil on the long list of controlled products. The depressed bituminous industry has complained that this oil is replacing coal as an industrial fuel in the east.

The curbs replace a shaky system of voluntary restraints which has operated, in one form or another but never effectively, since 1957

More sweeping than any of the voluntary curbs, the presidential order covers not only crude and residual oil but gasoline, jet fuel, asphalt, naphtha, fuel oil, lubricating oil, liquified petroleum gases, and unfinished petroleum products.

The mandatory restraints take effect Wednesday on crude and unfinished products. April 1 on gasoline and other finished products.

The decision was based on recommendations of government defense mobilization authorities and a special cabinet meeting. It was acclaimed by independent oil companies and coal producers and deplored by at least one oil importer.

The latter, Socony Mobil Oil Co., said through a spokesman in New York:

"We don't see anything in the oil import situation which justifies putting the industry under such an involved set of extensive federal controls."

Rock Slide Kills 5

LIMA, Peru, March 10 (AP)—Huge boulders torn loose from a mountain in the Andes by an earthquake Sunday demolished a truck and killed five persons aboard, delayed press dispatches reported Tuesday.

Florida Thief Proves Man Of Simple Tastes

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 10 (AP)—On Feb. 20 someone broke into the Neptune Beach home of Betty Walker, National Airlines stewardess, and took her $1,000 mink stole; a $200 wrist watch; some spoons; a portable radio, $200 worth of perfume and a cigarette lighter.

Tuesday she reported the return by mail of everything but the radio and perfume.

6 Sentenced To Death

MOSCOW, March 10 (AP)—Six Soviet citizens convicted of murder for pro-Hitler activities in World War II have been sentenced to death by shooting, the newspaper Soviet Russia reported Tuesday.

Pro-Nasser Rebels On Run

Arab Rift Widens; Iraq Revolt Falters

Chain Of Storms Covers Eastern U. S. With Snow

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A procession of storms moved across the eastern half of the nation Tuesday causing heavy snow in some areas and warnings of more to follow.

One belt of snow extended from the middle Mississippi Valley into southern New England. The snow snarled traffic in parts of central Illinois and Indiana before rising afternoon temperatures turned it into a mass of slush.

A violent wind, hail and rain storm battered the Dallas-Fort Worth area in Texas Tuesday night. The brief deluge caused damages estimated at one million dollars and left five persons injured at Fort Worth, none of them seriously.

The snowfall ranged up to seven inches in Illinois and Indiana.

Snow also fell in the Rockies from Montana into Colorado with a few patches spilling over into western Nebraska.

Cool dry air from Canada settled down into the northwest. It ended much of the precipitation in that area, but patches of snow lingered at midday from eastern Pennsylvania into southern New England.

Clear skies were the rule in the southeast and southwest.

Rains tapered off along the shoreline in the north Pacific states but snow scattered across the interior mountains of Washington and Oregon.

UAR Says Syrians Strafed

Baghdad Apparently Preparing For Fight

BEIRUT, Lebanon, March 10 (AP)—The Iraqi government in Baghdad claimed it had crushed the revolt in northern Iraq but other reports said the rebellion was still alive. Some said rebels are fighting their way toward the Syrian border.

Possibly more ominous for the Arab world, there were these developments:

1. A United Arab Republic source in Damascus reported Iraqi planes strafed a Syrian village.

2. Iraq expelled a group of U.A.R. diplomats, declaring they were a menace to public safety and unwelcome.

3. On arrival in Cairo to report to U.A.R. President Nasser the diplomats said the Iraqi government in Baghdad was digging in for an apparent fight.

Diplomatic informants said the rebels had withdrawn from the northern oil town of Mosul, where Col. Abdel Wahhab Shawaf set off the anti-Communist, pro-Nasser rebellion last Sunday against the leftward-leaning regime of Premier Abdel Karim Kassem. This report could not be confirmed. The report in Damascus said Iraqi fighters strafed several Iraq villages in the area through which the rebels would pass if they were headed for Syria and then shot up the Syrian border village of Hamadiya, about three miles northeast of the Iraqi-Syrian frontier.

The Iraqi government apparently gained control of Mosul some time Tuesday. This was evident from a cryptic Radio Baghdad report that the military governor of Iraq has clamped a nighttime curfew on Mosul.

One informant said there was fighting between the rebels and troops loyal to Kassem. He said he did not know how severe the fighting was or what direction the rebels were taking.

Presumably, however, they were headed up a highway running northwest from Mosul to Tel Kotchek on the Syrian border 75 miles away. This would take them to the Syrian border in the vicinity of Hamoudiya and through the area of Mosul province attacked by the fighter planes.

A rebel withdrawal from Mosul would account for the 24-hour silence of the rebel radio which the rebels claimed was operating in Mosul from Sunday up to Monday midnight.

Americans and Lebanese reports the rebel radio had resumed broadcasting but was jammed could not be confirmed by various other listening posts.

Climb In Copper Prices Laid To Labor Troubles

LONDON, March 10 (AP)—The price of copper has been jarred upward by labor troubles in the United States, Africa and Chile.

The Financial Times of London made that statement Tuesday in an article explaining the rising prices of the red metal in both London and New York.

The three-year wage agreement of the U.S. copper miners is due for renewal in June. The Times said reports indicate the miners' union will make tough demands and mineowners are stocking copper in readiness to be equally tough.

The result could well be a prolonged strike in all U.S. mines, the business newspaper predicted.

Additionally, there are tense labor relations now in the mines in Chile, plus unrest in Nyasaland which could bring about a stoppage in Rhodesia.

Faced with all these factors, the Times reported, U.S. consumers have been accumulating copper for safety's sake.

Two Bystanders Killed

Pittsburgh Bus Crashes Into Downtown Crowd

PITTSBURGH, March 10 (AP)—A commuter bus plowed into a group of people at a downtown corner during the evening rush hour Tuesday, killing two persons and injuring 16 others.

One of the dead was Sam Hood, a veteran reporter and writer for the Pittsburgh Press.

Also killed was Mrs. Sally Flynn Strait, 34, of nearby Baldwin, head cashier at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Homicide detective Bernard Milligan said the brakes of the Brentwood Motor Coach Co. bus failed as it approached the intersection of Smithfield Street and Forbes Avenue in the heart of Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle.

Suddenly, it climbed the curb and rolled into a group of people waiting at the corner. The bus sheared off a fire alarm pole, upset a newsstand and zoned into a plate glass window of Kaufmann's department store. Two or three persons were caught under the bus. Three others were knocked into the plate glass window.

Shocked bystanders used handkerchiefs and head scarfs as tourniquets on the screaming victims while police ambulances sped to the scene from all part of the city.

The crash, which occurred at the height of the evening rush hour, snarled traffic badly on busy Smithfield street.

The bus driver, Jay Lane, was treated for minor injuries then taken to central police station for questioning. He said the bus' air brakes failed.

Lt. Gen. Parks Dies Of Cancer

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, the first American commander in occupied Berlin, died Tuesday of cancer.

He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday with funeral services at Ft. Myer Chapel. Parks, a native of Louisville, Ky., was 63 years old. He had served 38 years in the Army, rising from private in three star rank.

Jet Bombers Land Safely

B47s Brush At 30,000 Feet

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho, March 10 (AP)—Two six-jet B47 bombers brushed in the air over southern Idaho Tuesday. Both remained aloft, circled for several hours, then landed safely at their home base here after exhausting their fuel supplies.

The planes were only slightly damaged. One had a slight gash in the right wing, the other minor damage to its vertical stabilizer.

Each plane carried a four-man crew. None of the airmen was hurt.

The first plane touched down at 4:13 p.m. (MST), 2 hours and 43 minutes after the collision. The second remained aloft almost two hours more.

The bombers were attached to the 9th Bomb Wing at southwest Idaho's Mountain Home Air Force Base. The wing commander, Col. Robert V. DeBlanzette made the investigation. He said the planes were on separate training missions over south-central Idaho.

Maj. E. E. Ours, the base's information services officer, said the two planes were flying about 30,000 feet up, over the Twin Falls, Idaho, area, and were moving toward a collision point at a rate of about 1½ times the speed of sound — roughly twice the speed of a rifle bullet.

"The only thing that avoided a midair collision was the quick and superb skill of the aircraft commanders," Ours said. "When they saw each other, they acted real fast, and banked away."

The right wing of one plane clipped the radio antenna off the rudder of the other, he said—a matter of inches away from an impact that could have broken both planes apart in midair.

Col. DeBlanzo said neither plane was armed.

The planes exhausted their fuel before landing to minimize the fire danger in case their landing gear failed to function properly.

Aboard the first plane to land were: Maj. Kenneth E. Mueller, instructor-pilot, St. Louis, Mo.; Maj. Earl G. Kauffman, aircraft commander, Vera, Okla.; First Lt. Elbert A. Derrick, pilot, Ellensburg, Wash., and Capt. W. H. Knippel, navigator, Wausau, Wis.

The second plane's crew: Lt. Col. Joseph O'Hara, instructor-navigator, Morristown, Pa.; Capt. Stanley N. Ratto, aircraft commander, Alameda, Calif.; Capt. William D. Maxson, pilot, Akron, Ohio, and First Lt. Francis A. Destie, navigator, Fairfield, Me.

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