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Paddlewheel Satellite Is Hurled Into Orbit Around Earth By U.S.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — A Paddlewheel satellite was hurled into orbit around the earth today in an effort to find answers to the problems facing proposed shots to Venus and Mars.

The satellite, Explorer VI, was propelled into the skies at 9:23 a.m. c.d.t. in the nose of a huge Thor-Able III rocket. Almost three hours later the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced in Washington that an orbit had been achieved.

The satellite's life expectancy was estimated as "in excess of one year."

The satellite, containing paddle-shaped fins that are filled with solar cells to recharge its chemical batteries, went into a long elliptical orbit that brought it within 140 miles of the earth every 11 hours. Its most distant point from the earth was 23,000 miles.

During its 11-hour flight around the earth, Explorer VI was to reach its maximum altitude at 3 p.m. c.d.t. over South America and its closest point at 9:30 p.m.

The 142-pound satellite was crammed with instruments for 15 major scientific experiments.

"Additional information on the progress of the experiment will be reported after the data from the tracking stations are analyzed," NASA said.

It said all further information on remaining phases of the test would come from NASA headquarters in Washington.

The "Paddlewheel" nickname comes from the four paddle-shaped arms projecting from the satellite, which weighs about 140 pounds. The paddles are covered with cells for converting sunlight into electricity.

United Press International reported July 27 that the Paddlewheel launching was scheduled for today. UPI also reported that if the experiment is successful, the United States will go ahead with plans to launch.

A 375-pound instrumented payload came in October in an attempt to put the payload into orbit around the moon.

A probe aimed deep into interplanetary space in November. This payload, which eventually will go into orbit around the sun, will test radio communications over millions of miles.

Mueller Nomination Approved By Senate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate quickly approved Thursday President Eisenhower's nomination of Frederick H. Mueller to be secretary of commerce.

Ike Asks Tough Labor Measure

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower threw his full personal and official prestige behind a strong labor reform bill Thursday night in a tough-worded nationwide radio-TV appeal for "truly effective" legislation.

In the 15-minute speech, Eisenhower called on Congress to respond to an "overwhelming national disgrace" of racketeers, crooks and other corrupt elements in labor unions.

Issue Called Partisan But Rep. Stewart L. Udall (D-Ariz.), a leading backer of the labor committee bill, said the Eisenhower speech "plays into our hands" by making a partisan issue of reform legislation.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), chief author of the Senate bill, warned that the Landrum-Griffith measure might cause a congressional deadlock that would kill all reform legislation. He said the measure would "reck the legitimate union movement."

AFL-CIO President George Meany went on the nationwide NBC radio hookup two hours after Eisenhower to denounce the Landrum-Griffith bill as an attempt to impose punitive restrictions on the entire labor movement because of corruption in some unions. He said the bill a "blunderbuss."

He also assailed as too tough the House committee measure. Meany urged the public to write their congressmen in support of a mild substitute by Rep. John F. Shelley (D-Calif.).

Tour To New York Is Started Today

It was bon voyage this afternoon to 44 Decatur residents.

Forty-four persons from the Decatur area and four from Mansfield, O., began their weekend tour to New York and West Point this afternoon.

The diesel "Lake Cities" was scheduled to leave at 1:34 p.m. today with 44 area residents aboard. It will be at stop at Mansfield, O., to take four more travelers who will join the group that is to travel up the Hudson to West Point after its arrival in Manhattan Saturday morning. After Saturday night and Sunday morning open for individual action, the tour will end in New York Sunday afternoon with a guided tour of downtown New York, including a stop at the United Nations headquarters.

This afternoon, the travelers will receive plastic zipper bags handy for personal articles such as toothpaste and combs, etc., courtesy of the Erie Railroad, co-sponsor of the weekend bargain vacation tour with the Decatur Daily Democrat for the third year.

Young Methodists To Converge On Purdue

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI) — About 6,000 young Methodists are expected to converge on Purdue University Aug. 24-28 for a series of meetings ranging from a Dave Brubeck jazz concert to speeches by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Harold E. Stassen.

Loots Car Despite Snakes, Scorpions

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Two rat snakes and six scorpions failed to thwart a robbery in the car of Arthur West, 31, Woburn, Mass.

West reported to police that a thief stole a radio and clarinet from his parked car Thursday.

West, a professor at Suffolk University in Boston, said he had six live scorpions in glass jars and two dead rat snakes in plastic bags in the car, and there was evidence the thief had opened the snake bag.

Slice \$278 Million From Military Fund

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Appropriations Committee sliced \$278 million dollars today from President Eisenhower's request for military construction funds. It accused the Defense Department of "piecemeal and short range planning."

The committee recommended an appropriation of \$1,285,012,700 for the year which began July 1. The amount was 18 per cent, or \$278,187,300 below Eisenhower's request.

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ard reporter who made the charges, testified anew behind closed doors.

Highways: Chairman Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) of the Senate Finance Committee said he was "vigorously and unequivocally" opposed to a plan to stave off the impending deficit in funds to build the interstate superhighway network by floating a one billion dollar bond issue. The administration-opposed plan has been approved by the House Ways & Means Committee. Byrd described the bond plan as "totally unrealistic" and "backdoor financing of the worst kind."

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Six-Year-Old Boy Killed By Miniature Car

GAS CITY, Ind. (UPI) — A six-year-old boy was killed Thursday night when a miniature car his father permitted him to drive crashed into a bale of hay at a truck terminal track.

The victim was Ricky Chandler, Van Buren. He suffered a skull fracture when the little car, known as a "go cart", flipped end-over-end twice when it struck the hay and a pile of limestone shavings.

It was believed to be the first fatal accident of its kind in Indiana.

State officials recently warned of the danger of letting children drive motor-driven miniature cars and refused to license them or their operators for traveling on public streets and highways.

The accident happened, authorities said, after the boy's father permitted Ricky to drive on the 600-foot track used for miniature car racing, although a track handler was reluctant to allow him to do so because of his age.

Several other miniature cars were on the track at the time of the accident.

The boy's father, Monty Chandler, had climbed into another car and also was taking a spin around the Miller Trucking Terminal track when his son suddenly looked back, apparently stopped on the accelerator accidentally, and the gasoline-powered vehicle went out of control.

William I. Jones, a track handler, said he at first refused to let the boy drive, apparently because of his age.

His father insisted that the boy could do it, said Jones. "Chandler told me his boy had driven 'go carts' a number of times at Van Buren."

Jones said he placed the boy in a cart and asked him to work the brakes and the accelerator.

"He seemed to know what he was doing, so I let him go," said Jones. "Before he started, though, I told him to go at a slow speed and not look back of him or around the track. I told him to keep looking ahead."

Jones said he warned the boy once during his second lap because he "bounced off a hay bale" shortly before his fatal crash.

At the Richard Speakman farm in St. Mary's township, 20 inch rain was reported, looked like this this morning. In northeastern Kirkland township, on the Peter J. Spangler farm, .30 inch of rain was recorded, while in the southwestern part, .98 inch was recorded on the Dan Flechner farm.

At Lineville, just north of the Iowa-Missouri border, an 11.2 inch downpour sent overflows from Weldon River and Caleb Creek surging from "hilltop to hilltop" through a nearly two-mile-wide valley.

Farmers in the area said their crops were a complete loss. Waters also spilled over thousands of rich farmland in northern Missouri counties.

For Friday, the weatherman



MAY BE HOSTS TO KHRUSHCHEV — Roswell Garst and his wife of Coon Rapids, Iowa, may be September hosts to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. The Russian leader expressed a desire to visit the farm and seed corn enterprise following an invitation from Garst. He will meet Garst's sons, David (left) and Stephen (right) when he visits the 1,000-acre farm.

Some County Areas Receive Good Rain

August's first major rain fell quietly over some of the nation Thursday night, giving some hope for relief of the corn leaf aphid infestation that is heavy in many parts of the country.

The rain came in scattered showers apparently for the western and central parts of the country. It reported the most rain, with no measurable rain in the northern part of the county and none in the southeastern part. Hartford township received the most rain, 1.30 inch at the Ivan Huser farm. The rain there began about 9 or 9:30 Thursday evening, and spread to Jay county, at the Jay county fairgrounds, where the rain was also welcome.

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The rain will help the cornfields greatly, county extension agent Leo Seltzert said this morning. Although it may not do much good in getting rid of the aphids, the county agent said, it will help the corn to mature and increase its resistance to injury from the aphids, which attack the tassel first and then the leaves, sucking vital plant juices and, in severe infestation, killing the plant, or at least stunting the growth of the corn ear.

More Rain Needed

Still, more rain is needed, particularly in Preble, Union, and Franklin townships, where no measurable rain has been recorded so far in August. In the meantime, corn and beans, although dry, still look good.

Officials at Fort Madison estimated damage would run into "many thousands of dollars." Fort Madison Mayor Walter Guenther declared a state of emergency.

The total county picture, where rain was reported, looked like this this morning. In northeastern Kirkland township, on the Peter J. Spangler farm, .30 inch of rain was recorded, while in the southwestern part, .98 inch was recorded on the Dan Flechner farm.

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Missouri And Iowa Mop Up After Floods

United Press International

Water weary residents in southern Iowa and northern Missouri Friday were mopping up from a series of rain-fed flash floods which hit the area driving scores of persons from their homes and causing widespread crop and property damage.

The swirling waters, fed by rains ranging up to 11.2 inches, filled several homes to second level, washed out bridges and snarled highway traffic Thursday.

Several persons, fleeing the rampaging waters, had close calls but no drownings or injuries were reported.

An unidentified man at Fort Madison was swept down a street when he left his stalled car but was carried to safety by others fleeing the waters.

At Fort Madison, Gerald Smith, 20, took his two sisters to safety, and then swam back across the street to rescue his mother.

State penitentiary prisoners, Army reservists, off-duty policemen and firemen were called out to fight the flood.

The secretary also lit a fuse on a controversy that is sure to develop next fall when he said he already is searching for ways to prevent military spending from increasing.

He said some major aircraft and missile programs conceivably could be eliminated in the budget presented to Congress next January.

On nuclear weapons, McElroy said "it would certainly be desirable to continue testing from the standpoint of weapons development." He said the Pentagon knew there would be "price to pay" when America gave up testing for a one-year period last Oct. 31.

said a cool air mass, which prevailed over some of the nation Thursday, will continue eastward and southward across the upper Great Lakes, Indiana and the mid-Mississippi Valley.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said the condition will be accompanied by some clearing. Warm and humid weather was expected to prevail from Texas eastward across the lower Mississippi Valley and south the Atlantic Coast states.

Favor Resumption Of Nuclear Tests

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Defense Department wants nuclear weapons tests to resume as soon as possible after America's self-imposed test suspension expires next Oct. 31.

Once the handcuff are removed, authorities said today, the Pentagon wants to get on with development of a new series of smaller atomic weapons for air defense, battlefield and other tactical uses.

Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy said Thursday that the department intends to urge renewal of tests unless there is some sudden, unexpected agreement on a permanent ban in the East-West negotiations at Geneva.

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