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SATELLITE

In 25 years on the air I have had many epic news announcements to pass on to you. Accounts of great battles, elections of Presidents, ousting of kings, outbreaks of wars, declarations of peace. But in all those 25 years there have been few if any of greater importance than one of which I am now going to give you a brief outline. It's an -

announcement that no doubt marks another stage in the history of this planet. The United States - to put a satellite in the sky. An artificial planet - which will rotate around this globe offours. The project begins at once. The first of the man-made moons. - to be launched as early as next year.

Here's the way it will work. The artificial/^{satellite - or} satellites -- will be small.. Only a few feet in diameter. The first one to be launched may be solid - to see how it works. Then they'll send out further globular objects in which instruments will be installed. Gadgets of science to record such matters as cosmic rays, electrical phenomena to tell us about the outer atmosphere. Equipped with radio, to signal scientific information down to this earth.

The first artificial planet will be sent aloft, propelled by rockets - in stages. One rocket after another going off, and boosting the contraption along, progressively. We have already produced rockets which, operating by stages, have reached a height of two-hundred

-and-fifty miles. Now we are to have a man-made planet, propelled by such means. When it gets to a height of two-hundred-or-three-hundred miles, - there will be an explosion, which will hurl the artificial planet off to one side. So that from then on it will move - in the direction of an orbit around this earth. The explosion will propel it in that direction at a speed of eighteen thousand miles an hour. At which velocity this tiny planet or spaceship if you want to call it that, will circle the globe. Every ninety minutes it will go round our earth. This great speed will keep it going, around and around. So the artificial satellite will continue to revolve in that orbit - two to three hundred miles above the surface of the earth. Circling the globe - every hour and a half, day after day.

But it will not do this indefinitely. It would - if it were in a vacuum. But, even at that great height,

there still is - small trace of atmosphere. The thinnest of thin air - and even that will tend to slow down the satellite. The man-made moon will be expected to circle the earth for some days, possibly weeks. Then slowly losing speed, it will descend.

Danger of it coming down and hitting any of us?

Oh no, not at all. On descending into dense air, at such tremendous velocity, the satellite will disintegrate as a meteor does - vaporizing. Nothing tangible left.

So, scientists, to maintain observations, will have to send out - one after another, a series. The prospects are - one or more artificial planets kept going, all the time.

Oh, yes, and they'll probably be visible to the naked eye, - when sunlight glints on them. Certainly - they will be picked up by telescopes - and even by Jan. thru ordinary binoculars.

The information to be gained from this revolutionary experince will concern the whole field of Geo-Physics. The density of the air - two or three hundred miles above the earth. The nature of the ionosphere - which affects radio transmissions. The character of cosmic radiation which comes from the sun. Better knowledge for long range weather forecasting may be procured - and information for travel by human beings in outer space. Which is the number one goal of scientists nowadays - the achievement of inter planetary travel.

Although the United States is launching the experiment, the results will be available to all the world - including Soviet Russia. The artificial satellites have a scientific purpose, nothing else - not military. Our scientists will reveal - the wave lengths by which the tiny planet or planets will

broadcast; so that other nations can tune in and pick up all the scientific data.

The epoch - making announcement was made simultaneously today - in Washington, and Brussels Belgium. American scientists have been making preliminary studies for some years. Now coming - to the point of actual construction and operation. So they took their plans to the white house for a final okay - and today, President Eisenhower signed the order to go ahead. The first launching of the space ships - to cost ten million dollars, not including the price of the rocket power.

The White house was crowded with distinguished scientists today, who held a news conference, and gave out the announcement.

The revelation was made, simultaneously, in Brussels - because that is headquarters for the "Geo-

ph sical year" which, in 1957, will make a concentrated international study of sciences pertaining to this planet. These artificial planet experiments will be one American contribution to the Geo-physical Year".

What are we to call the "artificial planet"?

"The Bird". That's it. "The Bird". At the White House news conference, today, the scientists talked in easy familiar terms about the coming cosmic event. Calling the Man-Made asteroid, satellite or planet "The Bird". Saying -- "in the orbit of the bird will be such and such, or "The Bird will transmit signals on this or that wave length." Quite a bird - man's first contribution to astronomical objects out in space. A cosmic bird.

TURN COATS

THE ARREST OF THE THREE TURN COATS WAS DONE IN FORMALL
STYLE, TODAY. LOUIS GRIGGS OF JACKSONVILLE , TEXAS, WILLIAM
A GOWART OF DALTON , GEORGIA, AND OTHO BELL OF HILLSBORO, MISS.
taken into custody
~~AT SAN FRANCISCO,~~ WHERE THEY WERE MET BY RELATIVES--
IN HIGHLY EMOTIONAL SCENES. THEN , BACK ON AMERICAN SOIL, THEY
FACED A SQUAD OF MILITARY POLICE. SIX M P'S - IN FULL DRESS.
HEADED BY CAPTAIN WALTER LEAHY, WHO ADDRESSED THE FORMER PRISONERS
OF WAR WHO PREFERED COMMUNISM ↔ AND THEN CHANGED THEIR MINDS.
TO EACH ONE OF THE THREE, CAPTAIN LEAHY READ THE FORMAL CHARGES.
ACCUSATIONS --OF AIDING THE ENEMY AND OF INFORMING ON FELLOW
AMERICAN PRISONERS.

ESCORTED BY THE MILITARY POLICE IN FULL DRESS -- THE TURNCOATS
WERE TAKEN OFF TO A MILITARY PRISON. THEY SAID THEY WERE COMING
HOME --TO FACE ^(THEIR PUNISHMENT.) ~~THEIR PUNISHMENT.~~ SO NOW THEY "LL FACE IT --
BEFORE A COURT MARTIAL.

BRIDGES

HARRY BRIDGES WILL NOT BE DEPORTED . THE GOVERNMENT HAS LOST ITS CASE AGAINST THE BOSS OF THE LONGSHORE MEN'S UNION ON THE WEST COAST.

THERE WAS A LONG TRIAL , WITH FIFTEEN DAYS OF EVIDENCE. MOST OF IT -- NOISY. BRIDGES, LONG A STORMY PETREL IN WEST COAST LABOR AFFAIRS, WAS BORN IN AUSTRALIA-- AND OBTAINED AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP IN 1945. THE CHARGE-- FRAUD, ^{TP} IN BEING NATURALIZED, BRIDGES DECLARED THAT HE WAS NOT A COMMUNIST, SAID ^{he} NEVER BEEN A COMMUNIST. THE CLAIM BEING -- THAT THIS WAS FALSE.

THE GOVERNMENT--SEEKING TO STRIP THE LABOR LEADER OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP--THEN DEPORT HIM BACK TO HIS NATIVE AUSTRALIA.

TODAY ~~HOWEVER~~ JUDGE LOUIS E GOODMAN RULED --THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAD FAILED TO PROVE THEIR CASE. NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT BRIDGES LIED --IN DENIALS OF COMMUNISM, WHEN HE OBTAINED CITIZENSHIP .

SO THAT ENDS A LEGAL BATTLE--WHICH , ACTUALLY , HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SIXTEEN YEARS. THREE TIMES PREVIOUSLY, THE GOVERNMENT MADE EFFORTS TO DEPORT BRIDGES--BUT FAILED . TWICE, DECISIONS AGAINST HIM, WERE OVERTURNED BY THE SUPREME

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COURT. SO NOW , A FOURTH ATTEMPT HAS FAILED-- AND, TODAY
THE FEDERAL PROSECUTORS DECLARED -- THERE'S LITTLE OR NO
HOPE FOR AN APPEAL. HARRY BRIDGES REMAINS IN THIS COUNTRY--
AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

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MILWAUKEE REPORTS-- THE RESULT OF A HERESY TRIAL. SOUNDS A BIT LIKE THE MIDDLE AGES-- AN ACCUSED HERETIC BROUGHT UP ON CHARGES. IN THIS CASE--A SYNOD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH PASSING JUDGEMENT ON ONE OF ITS MINISTERS.

THE REVEREND GEORGE CRIST, THIRTY-ONE YEARS OLD, EXPRESSED HIS DISBELIEF IN VARIOUS DOCTRINES OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH. DEFENDING HIMSELF BY SAYING--THAT HE WAS ONLY FOLLOWING THE TENETS OF THE GREAT REFORMER, MARTIN LUTHER.

THE CASE CAME UP BEFORE A COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MINISTERS, NAMED BY THE NORTHWEST SYNOD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH. THEY CONSIDERED THE CASE AT LENGTH, AND THEIR DECISION IS UNANIMOUS-- AGAINST THE REVEREND GEORGE CRIST, FINDING HIM GUILTY OF "DOCTRINAL DEVIATION." ON SUCH SUBJECTS --AS THE VIRGIN BIRTH, THE RESURRECTION, THE ASCENSION, AND ORIGINAL SIN. ABANDONING-- WHAT THE DECISION CALLS "FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF SCRIPTURAL INTERPRETATIONS." THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS--THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE REVEREND GEORGE CRIST, AS A CLERGYMAN OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH. BUT THE WAY IS LEFT OPEN FOR HIM TO RETURN. THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN-- DR PAUL WAGNER, TELLING THE DEFENDANT: "WE ALL WILL BE MOST HAPPY

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IF YOU WOULD MAKE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE FROM YOUR INTELLECTUAL DOUBTS AND DIFFERENCES. ANY TIME YOU WISH TO DO SO, THE DOORS ARE OPEN."

WHEN INFORMED OF THIS VERDICT , THE REVEREND GEORGE CRIST REAFFIRMED HIS INNOCENCE. "I AM NOT GUILTY AS CHARGED" HE STATED.

WALLY COX

NOW--WE COME TO THE END OF THE STORY OF WALLY COX AT LAS VEGAS, MR PEEPERS, BRIGHT STAR OF TELEVISION-- ABOUT WHOM THE LAS VEGAS NEWS HAS BEEN SO MELANCHOLY, MOURNFUL, JUST MISERY. SO NOW--THE LAST ACT OF THE LUGUBRIOUS COMEDY.

THE DUNES HOTEL FIRED WALLY COX, NOT ONCE BUT TWICE-- BECAUSE HE SIMPLY KEPT THE CUSTOMERS AWAY, MR PEEPERS, MOODY LITTLE SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE TV COMEDY--NOT FUNNY AT ALL IN THE HAUNT OF GAMBLING. THAT INNOCENT TYPE OF DROLLERY DIDN'T GET BY-- A MID THE WHIRL OF THE ROULETTE WHEELS, THE CLICK OF THE GALLOPING DICE, THE CALL FOR CARDS ^{at} THE BLACK-JACK TABLES.

SO , WHEN THE DUNES HOTEL FIRED WALLY COX FOR A SECOND TIME-- THEY ENGAGED A REPLACEMENT. MICKEY ROONEY--THE PERENNIAL JUVENILE WHOSE COMIC STYLE IS BURSTIOUS, NOISY, GOOD FOR BELLY LAUGHS. MICKEY ROONEY, LAST NIGHT--TAKING THE PLACE OF THE WOEBEGONE MR. PEEPERS.

WALLY COX WAITED AROUND--WANTING TO SEE HOW ^{his} REPLACEMENT GOT ALONG. MICKEY ROONEY SURE-FIRE FOR LAUGHS AMID THE GAMBLING SCENES.

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THAT SITUATION, IN ITSELF, WAS A LONG THE COMIC LINE OF MR PEEPERS IN TELEVISION. NO FUNNIER SPOT--FOR THE MEEK, MILD SCHOOL TEACHER, WHO WINS YOUR SYMPATHY. HE STOOD WATCHING IN THE WINGS, AND THE TWO GOT INTO CONVERSATION--WALLY COX AND MICKEY ROONEY.

WALLY TOLD MICKEY THE SAD STORY HOW HE HAD FLOPPED-- AND LAID AN EGG,

IN SPITE--OF ALL HIS EFFORTS TO GET A LAUGH. FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER HE HAD BEEN FIRED THE FIRST TIME, WALLY THOUGHT HE COULD GET FUNNY ABOUT THAT, SO IN HIS SECOND SHOW HE CAME ON THE STAGE FOLLOWED BY A BEAUTIFUL GIRL, WHO CARRIED A VELVET PILLOW, ON THE PILLOW-- AN OSTRICH EGG. "I LAID THAT," MR PEEPERS TOLD THE AUDIENCE. IT FELL FLAT--NOT A LAUGH.

AS WALLY TOLD MICKEY THE SAD STORY, MICKEY DOUBLED UP-- LAUGHING.

"GAY, THIS GUY'S GREAT," HE SHOUTED.

WITH HIM WAS HIS BUSINESS PARTNER, MORRIS DUKE. TWO ^{THE} ENGAGED IN PRODUCING MOTION PICTURES. THEY HAD A QUICK TALK-- AND PREPARED A CONTRACT.

The Micky Rooney concern plans to produce a film called "Gentleman's Gentleman." About -- a funny valet just the thing -- for Mr. Peepers and his rueful kind of comedy.

So that's the news today -- Wally Cox getting a motion picture contract, as a result of the flop Mr. Peppers made at Las Vegas -- that ostrich egg It seems to have turned into a golden egg.

Whether he went there for business or pleasure , his Las Vegas adventure seems to have a happy ending.