

ATLAS

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At Vandenberg Air Force Base, a ~~no~~ deafening roar, today - and a tall, slim rocket soared aloft. Trailing a tail of brilliant fire ~~as~~ as it rose into the clear, blue, California sky, ^{and} Then headed West - out over the Pacific.

The meaning? The Atlas is operational! That was the jubilant exclamation among Air Force officers out there, today. The word "operational" - signifying everything.

The Atlas - our number one intercontinental ballistics missile. Tested successfully previously - in experimental firings. But never before - as a practical, useable, weapon of war. Launched by a regular crew today - such as would handle it in war. The Atlas put into military service - operational.

But, how successful, really, was this launching?

Well, the giant missile - hit the target. Traveling forty-three hundred miles, at sixteen thousand miles an hour - and coming down into the ocean in the vicinity of Wake Island. The target area - southwest of Hawaii.

This was a big day - in more ways than one. For the rocket - named after the Greek God who held the world on his shoulders. Another Atlas ^{was} launched at Cape Canaveral, Florida. This one - taking aloft a capsule. A cabin, actually in which an astronaut might ride on an interplanetary voyage. The capsule having everything - except a man inside.

The big problem, of course - is how to get the capsule down to ~~the~~ earth again. Without burning up by friction when it re-enters the atmosphere.

Well, the distance for today's flight was to have been- three thousand miles. But the rocket, ~~is~~ after reaching the realms of outer space - discharged the capsule too soon. So it came down - ^{some} ~~was~~ hundreds of miles short of the target.

Failure? Not at all. They recovered the capsule, Although it descended in an unexpected area of the Atlantic. If a space man had been inside, he would have survived. Coming down from outer space - okay.

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At Cape Canaveral, Navy Lieutenant Commander Allen

Shepard was an observer - one of the seven American astronauts in training for a space voyage. This afternoon, he said: "If I ^{had} had my suit on, I think I could have gone this time."

So tonight - salutations to Atlas. ~~The~~ titan of old, whose name belongs on any book with a collection of ~~map~~ maps.

LAOS

Plane loads of American armament - flown to the embattled state of Laos. Military supplies - for the Laotian army, fighting the Communist rebels.

In Washington, an announcement - that additional Army signal corps troops are on their way to the Far East. Possibly - in connection with the military aid for the Laotian government.

INDIA

The Chinese Reds called on India, today, to withdraw soldiers from sections of the Indo-Tibetan border, which - Red China claims. The Communist contention being - that Indian troops are trespassing on territory belonging to Tibet. The Reds, of course - considering Tibet as part of their own domain.

ADD TO INDIA

At the U N tonight, the Dalai Lama placed a formal appeal before the world organization. Asking -- the General Assembly of the United Nations to take up the subject of the Red ^{seizure} ~~SEIZURE~~ of Tibet. The Dalai Lama sent the ~~appeal~~ appeal to U N Secretary Dag Hammarskjold.

DULLES

The Japanese government paid solemn honors, today -
to John Foster Dulles, ~~In~~ recognition - of the dominant part
he played in concluding an American peace treaty with Japan.

The memorial service - in Tokyo, ~~Where~~, on a stage -
stood a large photograph of our late Secretary of State.
Framed - with white chrysanthemums. One-third of the stage -
filled with an immense wreath of white, pink and yellow
chrysanthemums.

The scene - typical of Japan. Where the chrysanthemum -
is the Imperial flower.

FRANCE

In Paris, the Chief of Staff of the French ground forces ^{was} dismissed by President DeGaulle today. General Henri Zeller - out of office. The reason, apparently - because he doesn't agree with DeGaulle's plan for ~~xxxx~~ a settlement in Algeria. His dismissal taken to mean - that President DeGaulle will soon announce his program.

PUBLIC WORKS

"Veto" said President Eisenhower, today, as he rejected - the second public works bill, passed by Congress. Another - billion dollar measure.

The President vetoed the first one, because it had sixty-seven projects, of which he disapproved. ~~Congress~~ ~~CONFERENCE~~ defying him, ~~Passing~~ - a second bill. ~~Trimmed~~ Trimmed a little, but including the same sixty-seven ~~as~~ projects.

Tomorrow, the House will try to over ride the Presidential veto, ^{And there are} ~~today, with~~ indications ~~that~~ they'll ~~EMER~~ succeed. But then, the Senate will have to provide its own two-thirds majority to toss out the veto. If that happens, it will break the perfect Eisenhower record - of never having a veto overturned.

Meanwhile, the Senate passed another housing bill today, number three. This one - with a reduced figure. Trimmed - to meet the wishes of President Eisenhower, ~~Who~~ vetoed - the previous two.

HERBERT HOOVER

Former President Hoover, received two belated birthday honors today. He was eighty-five one month ago, August 10th. Mayor Wagner and Commiso - Richard Patterson today presented Mr. Hoover with the freedom of the city of New York, an honor I believe only five persons was received. The first was Peary when he returned from the North Pole just fifty years ago. They also presented Mr. Hoover with the gold medal of the city of New York only given to heads of state.

President Hoover's new book - The American Epic - will be out in a few weeks. And he is at work on two more.

DEADWOOD

At Deadwood, ~~North~~^{South} Dakota, the wind shifted at the last moment - thereby saving the town from destruction. The far famed gold camp of the old wild west - within minutes of being swept by a raging forest fire. Part of the outskirts - going up in flames. The blazing tempest about to go swirling into the business district, when a shift of the wind - turned the fiery spearhead away.

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Tonight, the conflagration is under control - except at one place. Two Bit Gulch - where the blaze is ^{now} raging. After burning ~~out~~^{up some} ~~up to~~^{up to} three thousand acres of timber. ~~With~~ flames shooting ^{up 2000 feet.} ~~twenty five~~ ~~hundred~~ feet into the air.

How do you think that old mining camp got its name? From a forest fire. When the gold rush began out there, in Eighteen Seventy Five, there were square miles of black, newly burned out forest. "Dead Wood", the miners called it - and the name stuck to the town.

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The gold camp was deadly enough - in the old six-shooter way. Men dying with their boots on. In Eighteen Seventy Six, Wild Bill Hickock, one of the greatest of gun fighters and peace officers - died with his boots on. Shot in the back - as he played poker in a Deadwood saloon.

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The next year, a forest fire - burned out the town completely. But it was rebuilt immediately, ^{Don} Deadwood - continuing its career as a famous gold camp.

AUTOMOBILE

I don't know who holds the record for having been an automobile driver - for the greatest length of time. But, I'd like to name a candidate - for the championship in reverse. The motorist - with the shortest record of automobile driving.

He's Cyril Jarvis - Coalville, England. Considering the name of the town, it isn't surprising - that Cyril ~~is~~ is a coal miner.

With all due formality, Cyril got a driver's license - and began his career as ~~and~~ a motorist. One minute by the clock after he got the license - bang. He ran into another car.

The Judge fined him eight dollars and forty cents. Cyril, today, declaring - "I'll never drive again."

He was a motorist - for sixty seconds.