

Soviets Set Tests In Central Pacific

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviets are invading America's favorite testing ground in the Central Pacific to try out a powerful new rocket built for launching heavy earth satellites and space flights to the planets.

The Soviets Thursday night staked out a broad, deserted area 1,100 miles southwest of the Hawaiian Islands for test firings to begin between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15.

Foreign ships and aircraft were warned to steer clear of the target zone—roughly a rectangle 280 miles long and 160 miles wide—during the tests. There was no indication how long they would continue.

Soviet missiles have been sighted coming into the North Pacific in recent months. Shifting the target south into the region of American interest was viewed in some Washington circles as a deliberate move to impress the West with the reliability and accuracy of the Soviet Union's new missile weapons.

The Moscow announcement came less than six hours after President Eisenhower told Congress American intercontinental ballistic missiles have been hitting within a two-mile area from a launching point 5,000 away.

The Soviets did not specify the firing site for their new rocket. The announcement by the official Soviet news agency Tass said only that the tests will be to develop "a more powerful rocket to launch heavy earth satellites and undertake space flights to planets of the solar system."

"With a view to perfecting this rocket with a high accuracy

of flight, its launchings without the last stage will be made within the coming months of 1960 in the central part of the Pacific Ocean, removed from places of intensive shipping, air lines and fisheries," it added.

The Soviets indicated they were confident of pin-pointing the rocket landings by announcing that Soviet ships will be sent into the target area to carry out measurements.

But the Soviet Government through Tass asked "governments of nations whose ships or aircraft may find themselves during this period in the vicinity of the area where the rockets might fall" to instruct the ship masters and aircraft captains to refrain from entering the aquatorium water area and air space of the Pacific designated.

The range for the Soviet test firings, could approximate that for the U. S. Atlas missile.

One possible Soviet launching site is the Kamchata Peninsula protruding between the Bering Sea and the Sea of the Okhotsk in the northern Pacific. This would be about 3,800 miles from the impact area designated by Moscow for the new tests.

The Soviets followed the same procedure as that used by the United States in warning beforehand of test firings in open international waters.

The U. S. rocket test ranges have stretched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. to Eniwetok and Bikini Islands in the Central Pacific and from Cape Canaveral, Fla., to Ascension Island in the South Atlantic.

U. S. government legal authorities said there are many precedents for use of the high seas for such experiments as long as they do not interfere unreasonably with activities of other nations and advance notice is given of the danger zones.

However, the zone marked by the Soviets is one used by Japanese tuna fishermen. Leaders of the industry declined comment for the time being, but one spokesman indicated a strong protest would be forthcoming.

The nearest lands to the testing space are two American-owned islands—Palmyra about 250 miles to the east and Johnston Island 400 miles to the north.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Considering the \$7.50 parking fee, the lousy parking space I was assigned and the inconvenience, I did the only logical thing . . . I sold my car!"

Horticulture Show Begins; To Continue until Saturday at 5

The 1959 Texas State Pecan and Horticulture Show opened at noon today and will continue through 5 p.m. Saturday.

Approximately 210 entries of some of the best pecans grown in the state of Texas will compete for the grand championship award Saturday morning. A large collection of other important horticultural crops, such as Texas citrus; Hemstead, Fla., subtropical and tropical fruits; and some high-quality Texas vegetables will also compete. A collection of tomatoes currently being harvested on the A&M cam-

pus will also be featured in the collection.

The pecan entries will be judged on the basis of kernel percentage, size, kernel color and several other factors contributing to the high quality of Texas pecans.

The 1960 Texas state pecan queen will be selected on the basis of points earned by pecan entries from various counties. She will be crowned in July at Brownwood.

Judges for the show will be F. R. Brison of the Department of Horticulture, Blueford Hancock, Texas Agricultural Extension horticulturist and a representative appointed by the director of the Texas Pecan Growers Assn.

Wee Aggies

We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggies. When a wee one arrives, call VI 6-4910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Booth, '60, of C-6-Y College View, are the proud parents of a future Aggie Sweetheart. She is Sharon Kaye Booth, born Jan. 1 at 3:11 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Another future Aggie Sweetheart, Rebecca Jean Rector, was born Dec. 31 at 1:25 p.m. in Crockett Medical Clinic. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. James A. Rector, Jr., '60, of D-4-A College View.

Due to typographical error, Linda Diana Lay, yesterday's future Aggie Sweetheart, is mentioned again. She was born Dec. 22 at 12:09 a.m. in Bryan Hospital, and weighed 8 lb., 3 oz. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lay, '61, of A-2-Y, College View.

5th Yr. Architects Portrait Dates Set

5th year architects will have their portrait made for The Aggie Land '60 at the Aggie Land Studio between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to the following schedule.

Coats and ties should be worn.

5th Year Architects)	
Jan. 6-7	A-D
Jan. 11-12	E-K
Jan. 13-14	L-R
Jan. 18-19	S-Z

Air Force Airlifts Group From Shrinking Ice Floe

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—The Air Force went calmly about the task today of airlifting a group of scientists and servicemen from a research camp on a shrinking ice floe in the Arctic Ocean.

"No sweat," said one officer—the Air Force's way of saying the situation is under control.

"There's always a potential that when you are on an ice floe like that it could break up," said Maj. Phillip Peacock, public information officer at Ladd Air Force Base here.

"An operations plan was de-

vised some time ago. We are putting into effect one phase of it."

Evacuation of military and civilian personnel at the camp, known as "Station Charley," was ordered Thursday after the big chunk of ice began disintegrating.

The Air Force said it believed there were about 25 men at the camp. Radio transmissions were so garbled that it wasn't known here exactly how many. Some of the civilians were believed to have returned recently to the University of Washington in Seattle.

Two men were flown here from the camp Thursday night by a twin-engine C-123J cargo plane from Ladd. The Air Force said the rest would be brought out in a series of flights over the next five to seven days.

It will take several days to pack up the camp's equipment, Peacock explained.

The identity of the two men brought out was not known.

The camp, established last May, is 400 miles northwest of Barrow, Alaska, and some 600

from the North Pole. The scientists were studying the depths of the ocean and the earth's magnetic currents.

The floe, four miles long by two wide, crumbled to one-fourth its original size night before last. But the Air Force said the 3,700 feet of runway remaining was plenty for airplanes to land on. The buildings at the camp remained firm.

"There is absolutely no danger," said an Air Force spokesman.

Students Receive Manager Lesson

A&M's senior poultry science students will be given an opportunity to learn poultry show management first hand from Feb. 29 to March 6 when they serve as assistants in the junior market division of the Houston Fat Stock Show.

The students will assist in weighing, cooping, shifting and judging hundreds of entries exhibited in the show from all areas of Texas.

What's Cooking

Friday
Freshman Engineering Society will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Biological Sciences Lecture Room.

Saturday
American Society of Mechanical Engineers will have a Bar-B-Que for all mechanical engineering students at 6:30 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Former Students Clubhouse. Tickets are \$1 for members and \$1.75 for non-members.

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