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## ONE YEAR AFTER V-J DAY IN JAPAN



The Princesses Atsuko, Kazuko and Takako, daughters of the Emperor and Empress, washing dishes at their summer villa in Nasu during their vacation. They are learning cooking and other domestic tasks heretofore below the dignity of members of the royal family.

Associated Press Wirephoto

## 6 AFRICAN S WOUNDED

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES  
PRETORIA, So. Africa, Aug. 13—Blood flowed from gold-mine as Negro miners attacking strike-breakers. Under a volley of live opened rifle fire in the ensuing panic, six Negroes were crushed by a stampeding mob, then surrendered work. Ten policemen were wounded by stones.

Two more miners as a consequence bringing the total of the strikers now 11.

Five agitators, 10 demonstrators, were arrested for distributing pamphlets advocating passive-resistance to the cause who demand a day of non-work. Their slogan is ex-terminatus for all Negro workers, no deal with the Municipal A. Union.

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 13 (Reuter)—The government appointed a committee tonight to investigate the Rand strike.

## GALES DAMAGE

### Crops Seriously Hit by Winds

LONDON, Aug. 13 (Reuter)—Accompanied in Scotland by driving rains, swiftness today, snarling winds extensively damaged crops sorely needed for shipping in the Liverpool Channel and off in a lifeboat rescue. The 2,000-ton steamer Kedah was wrecked in the Channel and 100 men were off in a lifeboat rescue. Suffolk farmers reported wheat harvest and the oats appeared to be ruined.

## 23 Girls Survive

DUBLIN, Aug. 13 (Reuter)—Twenty-three French girls and four members of the French plane that crashed in the desolate Orkney Islands today. The girls were brought to the hospital today. The plane was bringing the girls for a camping holiday. The plane pancaked down a narrow low visibility caused fall, fifteen miles from shore. Dozen girls suffered and other injuries were treated on the hospital. The girls were treated on the hospital for perfractured bruises.

## EISENHOWER IN PANAMA

### Tours Zone Towns, Is Guest of Jimenez at Dinner

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PANAMA, Aug. 13 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, accompanied by Ambassador Frank T. Hines, called on President Enrique A. Jimenez this morning. He was loudly acclaimed by crowds along the streets through which he was escorted by mounted and motorcycle police.

President Jimenez accompanied him to the border when he returned to the Canal Zone for a drive through the towns of Ancon

and Balboa to the canal administration building, where he was greeted by the employees.

General Eisenhower was guest of honor at a formal dinner given by President and Mrs. Jimenez in the Presidencia tonight.

## Mexico to Give Views at Parley

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 13 (AP)—Mexican Foreign Minister Francisco Castillo Nájera said tonight Mexico would accept an invitation to present its viewpoints to the Paris Peace Conference. Alfonso de Rosenzweig Diaz, Mexican Ambassador to France, has been commissioned to speak for Mexico at Paris, Dr. Castillo Nájera said.

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## SWEDES FIND ROCKET CLUE

Lettered Metal Fragment Is  
Now Under Close Study

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 14 (AP)—Swedish Army investigators have recovered a fragment of metal containing imprinted letters that may solve the mystery of rockets that have been flashing over Sweden and other Scandinavian countries since last May, it was announced today.

The fragment was reported to be a 2.75-inch section of metal. It has been placed in the hands of the Defense Research Institute for investigation.

Three additional rockets were reported sighted in southern Sweden last night, flying silently in a southwesterly direction at a high altitude. These reports said the rockets, bright as stars, passed overhead at intervals of five minutes.

Premier Per Albin Hansson announced today that the Swedish Government has not yet made any representations to any foreign Government in connection with the rockets, not having yet defined their nature and origin.

**The Weather**

Today—Cloudy, with moderate temperature and occasional light showers.  
Yesterday—High, 81; low, 61. (See Map Page 4)

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## Plane Hits Rocket, Three Swedes Killed

Stockholm  
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Make Arc to  
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### Stockholm Says Missiles Make Arc to North Russia

Newspaper Quotes  
Londoner as Stating  
Projectiles Remind  
Him of Buzz Bombs

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 13 (AP).—Three fliers were killed when a Swedish military reconnaissance plane collided head-on with a rocket bomb yesterday, Stockholm newspapers reported today.

The newspaper Aftonbladet said the reconnaissance plane crashed near Vaggeryd in southern Sweden.

Shortly after the plane's pilot spotted the bomb, it said, radio contact was broken and the listening post "heard a crash" the newspaper, quoting investigators, reported.

The report, published by other afternoon newspapers, was not confirmed.

#### Report Changes of Course

Meanwhile, government authorities prepared a nation-wide hunt for rockets. Air bases, radar stations and all military units were alerted for immediate action.

A well informed source said the bombs seen recently apparently were radio-controlled. Witnesses have reported seeing the bombs change course.

This source said the Swedish defense staff has established that the rockets made a wide semi-circle over southern Sweden, proceeding over northern Finland toward the Kola peninsula of Russia.

The second rocket bomb in two nights streaked over Stockholm like a meteor early yesterday, unconfirmed press reports said today.

#### Englishman Quoted

Descriptions of several eyewitnesses coincided with details of the first bomb. The newspaper Morgontidningen quoted an English visitor as saying "It looked just like the flying bombs I saw in London."

Other reports said bombs, "small and going very fast," passed over southern and central Sweden.

Although the press and public complained bitterly about the "ghost bombs," military and government officials remained silent.

But the newspaper Dagens Nyheter said editorially that the "ghost rockets" were a misnomer for "earthly phenomenon" and that "these ghostly disturbances must be regarded as a preliminary exercise of the most unwelcome kind."



Even during the war the Norden societies continued their work, each in its own country, with the exception of Norway where the oppressive German occupation rule made it impossible. In Sweden the Norden society saw a great expansion of its activity and tripled its membership; its work was social humanitarian to a greater extent than before, the society regarding as its particular mission to render aid to refugees from the Scandinavian countries. The Finnish society now has nearly ten times as many members as in 1939, the Norden society in Denmark is still numerically largest, with more than 50,000 members.

Scandinavian Airlines Form Joint Organization for Transatlantic Traffic

NEW YORK, August 19

The Swedish Intercontinental Airlines (SILA), the Norwegian Airlines (DNL) and the Danish Airlines (DNL) have formed a joint organization to operate regular lines from Scandinavia to North and South America. Regular transatlantic trips between New York and Stockholm, Oslo and Copenhagen are scheduled to begin September 17. Meanwhile, twice-weekly charter service is being operated to relieve the back-log of traffic.

The new organization is called Scandinavian Airlines System, or Scandlin. It has a fleet of seven Douglas DC-4s, each seating twenty-eight passengers. Trips, at present twice a week, will be stepped up to three times weekly in October. Per A. Norlin, president of the SILA, has been named president of the new airline, and the board will comprise six members, two from each country. The agreement has been made for five years.

Origin of Mysterious Projectiles Over Sweden Still Unclear.

STOCKHOLM, August 15 - (By wireless)

"The Swedish Government has not been able to take any action in any foreign capital with regard to the mysterious projectiles over Sweden," Prime Minister Per Albin Hansson declares in a statement published in today's newspapers. "The nature of the missiles has not been established, nor has it been possible to ascertain their origin."

Since the beginning of July the Swedish Defense Staff has received a great many reports of strange rockets streaking through the skies at night. A particularly great number of missiles seems to have been observed on August 11.

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the peace conference by M. Bidault, who indicated that the differences among the recent Allies were towering above those between the Allies and their former enemies. This view of M. Bidault, who sat with the Foreign Ministers of Russia and the Western powers through two long conferences, would not be contested by any other Big Four delegation here.

The shooting down of unarmed American transport planes by the Yugoslavs—presumably because they suspected the Americans of conducting espionage from the air—is regarded as symptomatic of the embittered atmosphere in the Luxembourg Palace, where the former Allies are supposed to be trying to make peace with the Axis satellites.

This is interpreted to mean that one recent Ally, a satellite of Russia, is so distrustful of the United States that even in the absence of hostilities it shoots first and asks questions afterward. This translates into the military sphere the distrust that is only too obvious of the floor and in the committees of the conference.

If this distrust grows so great that France's assumed role of mediator becomes hopeless, as M. Bidault suggests might happen, France in the present circumstances would have hardly any role to play. For two reasons she cannot take sides with either Russia or the west.

One reason is the Communists' influence within France and within her Government, which is great enough to prevent her lining up on the western side but not great enough to draw her to the Russian. The other reason is that, in her exposed, defenseless position on a continent dominated by Russian military power, France is compelled to take an attitude of cautious neutrality.

Both these factors dominate the considerations of those in responsible positions. One reason for former President de Gaulle's recent suggestion of a western European bloc led by Britain and France was his belief that the United States would pull out of Europe in a military sense and would not draw her line of defense in the center of Europe to the east of France, though some think that she would draw it at the Pyrenees.

In such a situation there could be nothing for France to do, it is believed, but to strike for neutrality between what M. de Gaulle called the two super-powers that many Frenchmen think are destined to live in a state of tension for a long time.

There is another factor influencing French policy. The French say that the United States and Britain supported France in London last September, when France sought a seat in the Council of Foreign Ministers, but let her down three months later in Moscow by agreeing to her exclusion from the negotiations of all but the Italian treaty. The western powers did this in order to get Moscow's agreement. The French suspect that this might happen again—that is, that if they sided with the western powers, those powers might again let them down in order to come to terms with Moscow. Here, they think, is another reason for diplomatic neutrality on their part. But most significant of all is the French view that relations east and west, are getting beyond the point where mediation offers any hope.

U. S. LEADS IN DENAZIFYING

Military Government Aide Says

Left to right: Benjamin Kopsi, William ...

INQUIRY INTO ARMS IN GERMANY SEEN

British Foreign Office Hears Soviet Makes Munitions— Radar Sent to Sweden

LONDON, Aug. 22 (AP)—Britain may ask a four-power investigation of reports that arms and war equipment still are being produced in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany contrary to the Potsdam Agreement, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He declared there was "great possibility" of such action, and that reports of such continuing production were still being received by British authorities in Germany.

The spokesman also disclosed that British aircraft, radar equipment and radar experts were being sent to Sweden. This news came after a correspondent had asked whether Britain had been approached by the Swedish Government in connection with the continuing appearance of rocket projectiles over their territory.

Later a Government source said British radar experts who had visited Sweden recently had submitted secret reports to the British Government on the origin of the rockets.

The Foreign Office spokesman recalled that Britain's first request for a probe into German disarmament progress had come late in 1945 after Field Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, then Soviet representative on the Allied Control Council, had accused Britain of maintaining armed German Army units in their zones.

Inquiry Blocked by Soviet

Then in July Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told Russian Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov at the Foreign Ministers Conference in Paris that Britain would welcome a four-power inquiry into persistent reports reaching him that the construction of war material still was taking place in the Soviet zone.

In May the Allied Control Commission's coordinating committee had failed to agree on a United States proposal for a four-power investigation of German disarmament. It was reported in Berlin that the Soviet Union had blocked this action.

The United States had proposed not only an investigation into all fields of disarmament in the four occupation zones but also into the economic field as well.

The British Foreign Office spokesman said Sweden was one of several countries purchasing radar equipment from Britain. Asked why radar experts were also being sent there, he said:

"When a man buys a motor car, a salesman usually demonstrates to him how it works. Radar is far more complicated technically than motor cars or aircraft. Our experts are going to demonstrate the mechanics of the radar equipment to the Swedes."

News Reports of U. S. Belligerents Make Russians Question Our A

'Why Do Americans Want War?' The —Byrnes Blamed for Paris De —Peace Seen in Kremlin Policie

By DREW MIDDLETON

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MOSCOW, Aug. 22—Dissatisfaction and apprehension over the lack of progress at the Conference of Paris are growing among Soviet citizens with whom one comes in contact in Moscow. Again in the last week this correspondent has been asked by total strangers: "Why is the United States taking such a belligerent attitude against us?"

Last night at the Hermitage, a popular amusement park here, a Soviet officer asked me: "Why do the Americans seem to want war, why don't they cooperate with the Soviet Union?"

After the air show at the Tushino Airfield on Sunday a Russian acquaintance said: "I hope that you will tell the Americans that the Soviet Union is strong enough to take care of itself if you persist in seeking war."

As far as a correspondent can gather most of the Russians reading their newspapers' daily accounts of the Paris conference feel that the quest for peace, in which their own country is pictured as the leader, is being frustrated at every turn by what are so often referred to as "forces of international reaction." It is obvious, too, that United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes has become the leader of these forces in public opinion.

At first, the publication in full of one of Mr. Byrnes' speeches in Paris produced only a feeling that too much time was being wasted. Repeated attacks on Mr. Byrnes, and to a lesser degree against members of the British delegation, in the press have strengthened the idea of the existence of an organized bloc that does not want peace and possibly may want another war. This is the way the difference of opinion in Paris is interpreted here.

The Soviet Union does not want war, equally it does not want to meet continued resistance to its foreign policy in Paris or anywhere else. From the viewpoint of the Soviet citizen the price of peace is not a high one, it is merely for the United States and Britain to follow the lines for world cooperation.

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Sees Control by U.

MOSCOW, Aug. 2 Communist party organ clared today that t American Bloc" at the ference had built up a jority "based mainly foundation of the Ar lar."

"Now that all is known at the conferen Anglo-American mec results of each vote a cult to see," declared Pravda, corresponde from Paris.

He added that for Leon Blum of France the leading supporters of world rule of the was openly calling fo "all European power tem of American eco

Mr. Izakov said M. ly had been a weak- Secretary Byrnes' v the two had been se great deal of late.

"This may throw s the ambiguous pos French delegation : conference, which su fers from the condu representatives at the the Foreign Minis Mr. Izakov wrote.

LEGION GROUP URGES ACTION ON BALKANS

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22—The first post-war convention of the Pennsylvania American Legion accepted for consideration today several resolutions which would request the Government to take action, short of war, to halt the Balkan incidents.

The resolutions were introduced after several thousand Legionnaires heard Senator Francis P. Myers denounce "the outrageous acts perpetrated by Marshal Tito against American

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**JUTLAND ROCKET**  
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Jutland reported yesterday they a  
rocket fell in the neighbourhood on  
Wednesday, A.P. stated. 30-G-16

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## LATE NEWS

### MISSILE OVER OSLO- REPORT

(See This Page)

Oslo, Monday.—What is believed to have been flying bomb or rocket was reported seen over capital on Saturday night. It is learned here to-night. Several eye-witnesses said object was followed by tail of fire and travelled as quickly as fighter plane.—B.U.P. 27.8.46

### ROCKET BOMB IN DENMARK

COPENHAGEN Tuesday.

A rocket bomb to-night fell with a thundering explosion in a North Jutland village.

Onlookers described seeing a bullet-shaped body with a tremendous fire column of thousands of stars soaring through the sky.—Exchange. 28.8.46

### JUTLAND ROCKET

Villagers near Aalborg in Northern Jutland reported yesterday that a rocket fell in the neighbourhood on Wednesday. A.P. stated. 30.8.46

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## NORWAY BANS DISCUSSION OF ROCKETS

### REPORTS FOR HIGH COMMAND ONLY

From OSSIAN GOULDING,  
Daily Telegraph Special Correspondent

OSLO, Friday.

The discussion of the flight of rockets over Scandinavia has been dropped in the Norwegian newspapers since Wednesday.

On that day the Norwegian General Staff issued a memorandum to the Press asking it not to make any mention of the appearance of rockets over Norwegian territory but to pass on all reports to the Intelligence Department of the High Command.

Military security and political nervousness appear to be responsible, in equal proportions, for this measure. In Sweden the ban is limited to any mention of where the rockets have been seen to land or explode.

Two of the projectiles have been seen over Oslo during the past week, and two are reliably reported to have landed in Lake Mjoesen, north of the city. Unfortunately the lake is too deep for the authorities to be able to hold out any hope of dredging the pieces.

The Norwegian military authorities, while disturbed and keenly interested in being the first to secure a complete model, know considerably less about the rockets than Swedish experts.

### "NEW EXPLOSIVE" THEORY

The Swedes' latest theory is that the rockets may contain a new explosive which dissolves the missile into small particles of dust when its range is exhausted.

Swedish radar has recorded that in many cases the rockets' flight has ended abruptly in the area in which a puzzling explosion has been reported approximately at the same time. Yet on searching with special metal detecting equipment, they have been unable to discover even the smallest fragment. 31.8.46

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## Gen. Doolittle Is in Brussels

BRUSSELS, Aug. 27 (AP)—General James H. Doolittle arrived here today on a private visit. He is scheduled to leave tomorrow for Paris.

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## U. S. Air Show Over Athens Is Canceled

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ATHENS, Sept. 5 (AP)—The mighty aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt arrived in Greece today with escorting vessels from a U. S. naval task force, but plans to send 120 airplanes to write "FDR" into the skies of Athens suddenly were canceled.

An informed source said that while the carrier was still at sea U. S. Ambassador Lincoln MacVeagh had asked abandonment of the air demonstration.

The warships arrived as the Press Ministry announced that King George II had accepted the resignation of Archbishop Damaskinos prior to his imminent return to the Greek throne, in accord with the outcome of Sunday's plebiscite.

Thousands of Greeks watched as the Franklin D. Roosevelt anchored outside Piraeus harbor. Plans had been announced for sending the carrier's planes over the city in a giant air show.

But an informant aboard the vessel said the show was called off after the American Embassy in Athens had sent word that any martial display would be ill advised at this time.

The huge carrier was too big to anchor inside the historic port of Athens, but the escorting vessels that made their way into the port included the cruiser Little Rock and three destroyers.

Hundreds of Greeks were permitted aboard to inspect the carrier.

The Communist newspaper Rizospastis declared it viewed the visit with "exasperated bitterness," and said it was by "an irony of history that the huge carrier visits Greece bearing the name of Roosevelt, a great liberal idealist."

Meanwhile acting Foreign Minister Stephanos Stephanopoulos supported a statement in London by Premier Constantin Tsaldaris that flying rockets had been seen in Northern Greece. He said Greek divisional commanders and British officers had seen them both east and west of Salonika.

He said rockets estimated to be flying at a height of 5000 to 10,000 yards had been seen specifically at Drama, 130 miles northeast of Salonika and just below the Bulgarian border. He added an investigation was under way.



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## Flying Bomb Explodes in Edge of Town In Denmark

No Trace Is Found  
Rocket, Called  
Reds' Reply to Atom  
Weapon by Press

Copenhagen, Denmark, Aug. 28  
A.P.—A flying bomb, apparently  
similar to the ones reported zoom-  
ing over Sweden during the past  
month, crashed into a suburb of  
North Jutland township last night.

No trace of the missile was found  
and there was no damage, Copen-  
hagen authorities reported.

A witness told Copenhagen news-  
papers:

"I was standing in a dark gar-  
den at 9:30 p. m. and saw a yellow  
light, like a ball, flying from east  
to west. Suddenly the sky was  
filled with stars in all directions.  
There was an enormous flash and  
then the most terrible sound of an  
explosion. A neighbor saw the  
same as I did."

In eastern Denmark soldiers re-  
ported they saw a "ghost bomb"  
last night, presumably the same  
bomb which exploded at North Jut-  
land.

They described it as "a small  
ball with a dim, flickering light and  
a small tail of smoke. The ball  
traveled at plane speed and its  
light was visible for some minutes."

Swedish authorities recently re-  
quested Britain to supply Sweden  
with radar equipment in an effort  
to chart the course of the bombs.  
They said the bombs, or rockets,  
apparently were radio-controlled  
and came from the east, circled over  
Sweden in a wide arc and headed  
back toward the Soviet Riga coast.

Newspapers have speculated that  
the "ghost bombs" was "Russia's  
answer to the atomic bomb."

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# GHOST ROCKETS "SLANDER"

## SOVIET DENIAL

MOSCOW, Tuesday. The New Times, a Soviet fortnightly journal, to-day described as untrue Press suggestions that "ghost" rockets seen over Sweden are radio-controlled shells released by the Russians. Such allegations are described as part of an organized campaign of slander against the Soviet.

"No one has thought of verifying the truth of the statement," the paper declared, adding that the British General Staff had received hundreds of reports daily about the shell discoveries.

"But the bubble has burst. The British General Staff has found the objects discovered at the places concerned have no resemblance to shells."—A.P. 4.9.46

## ROCKET REPORTED OVER AUSTRIA

Vienna, Thursday.—According to unconfirmed reports reaching Vienna, a mysterious rocket passed over Graz, in the British zone, to-day. It is said to have been travelling at a great height and in a north-westerly direction.—Reuter. 13.9.46

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## TAIL OF FLAME OVER MOROCCO

### FLYING PROJECTILES

CASABLANCA, Wednesday.—A flying projectile with "a tail of flame" was seen last night over the town of Fez, Morocco, it was reported here to-day. At almost the same time a similar missile was reported from near Tangier.

Witnesses at both places said that the projectiles seemed to fly at low altitude, from east to west, trailing a long thin tail of yellow and green light. They travelled at a great speed.—B.U.P. 19.9.46

## The flying fireballs

THE HAGUE, Saturday.—Flying fireballs—with glowing tails, travelling noiselessly at high speed, have been reported at night over the north and east of Holland.—Reuter. 15.9.46

## "ROCKETS" IN GREECE

From Our Special Correspondent  
ATHENS, Friday. British military authorities here stated officially to-night that reports of rockets being seen in areas of northern Greece are without confirmation from any British source. 7.9.46

## Rocket over Greece

### Seen in Macedonia

A ROCKET flying from north to south over Western Macedonia was seen yesterday in the Koziani area of Greece.

It was reported by the police to have passed about 70 miles west of Salonika.—Reuter. 8.9.46

## and French see 'ball of fire'

PARIS, Saturday.—What is described as a ball of fire was seen travelling in a south-westerly direction near Chateauroux, in Western France, it is reported in Paris tonight.

It was first seen last night, and was seen for a second time a few hours later, the report says.—B.U.P. 8.9.46

## BRITISH ZONE "BALL OF FIRE"

### NEAR SOVIET LINE

BRITISH ZONE H.Q. Germany, Tuesday. What is described as a "ball of fire" has been seen passing over the British zone of Germany, it was revealed here to-day.

B.A.O.R. H.Q. confirmed that it had received the first official report of a "ball of fire with a tail" travelling at great speed 35 miles from the frontier with the Soviet zone. Military sources were not prepared to comment on whether it was a rocket projectile.

An official written report states: "At 21.05 hours what appeared to be a ball of fire was seen flying over the district of Pinneburg. It came from the south-east. It was white and had a tail and was travelling at great speed."

Pinneburg is 10 miles north-west of Hamburg. An hour's drive anywhere to the east and south-east brings one to the frontier between the Soviet and British zones.

Investigations are known to have been continuing over the entire area, but so far they have proved fruitless.—B.U.P. 18.9.46

## 'Spookbombs' over the British zone

BERKSFORD, Saturday.—More "spookbombs" have been reported by British troops in Germany, this time over the Lingen-Meppen area of the Dutch frontier. Officers and other ranks reported seeing several missiles similar to flying bombs moving at great speed from east to west.—B.U.P. 29.9.46

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**DEMOCRATS BUOYED  
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**Nomination of Erastus Corning 2d for Lieutenant Governor is Prime Factor**

By WARREN MOSCOW  
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

ALBANY, Sept. 3—Democratic hopes for victory in the State campaign, which once were high and then dropped to a record low level, have risen again as a result of the ticket selected by leaders of the party. All on the slate are scheduled for formal nomination, without a dissenting vote, at the final session of the State convention tomorrow.

The principal increase in the optimism, and it appears to be a genuine increase, not produced for campaign morale purposes, is due to the nomination of Erastus Corning 2d as the candidate for Lieutenant Governor. The 36-year-old Mayor of Albany, leaders believe, will have a genuine appeal to former service men in the State, quite apart from organized veterans groups.

Mayor Corning, who was drafted to make the race, also was drafted into the Army, as a private. He rose, in seventeenth months, to private first class, with a Presidential unit citation, a Good Conduct Medal, and combat infantryman's badge, and the party leaders would rather have him on the ticket than a major general.

Family Long in Politics

**Russians Cry 'Slander'  
To Rocket-Firing Charge**

By Reuter.

MOSCOW, Sept. 3—The Soviet journal New Times denounced as anti-Soviet slander today allegations that radio-controlled shells fired by Russia were crossing Swedish territory.

The paper said that, although one Swedish newspaper had concluded that the alleged missiles were nothing but a mirage, the "panic" spread by the reports was not a mirage but real fact.

The denunciation formed part of a new serial "dedicated to systematic exposure of the anti-Soviet misinformation and slander, which is poisoning the international atmosphere." Flow of such material, New Times declared, was incessantly increasing.

Other examples that the magazine dealt with were the purported mass kidnapping of German youths by the Russians, which "proved untrue and poisoned the air like a bad egg," and allegations about the recent Soviet-Afghan border agreement.

but by a small margin, in November.

See 600,000 Edge in City

In the Governorship race, the leaders feel it is possible to get a majority of 600,000 in New York City, enough to stand off the Republican margin up-State, provided that registration is large enough. They are counting on the recognized vote-getting abilities of Herbert H. Lehman, candidate for United States Senator, to swell the ballot in New York City, with the

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# PARIS PROGRAM TODAY

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, Sept. 5—The schedule of tomorrow's peace conference activities:

- 10 A. M.—Italian Political and Territorial Commission; Economic Commission for the Balkans and Finland.
- 3 P. M.—Plenary session to hear the representative of Iraq.
- 4:30 P. M.—Italian Economic Commission; Hungarian Political and Territorial Commission; Bulgarian Political and Territorial Commission.

And while commitments at Potsdam to give the Soviet Union the Koenigsberg area and Poland parts of eastern Germany must be respected, the extent of Poland's encroachment must be limited in any ultimate settlement by the necessity of creating an economically sound Germany.

The basis for United States insistence on turning over governmental responsibility to Germans was expressed by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney at a press conference in Frankfurt on the Main today.

"Government agencies of the Laender and Laenderrat," he said, are doing an honest and efficient job. I can state without qualification that the German governmental machinery in the United States zone is far advanced over that existing in any other zone, that it is operating on democratic principles and that the results obtained to date give rise to optimism as to the future of Germany as a respected member of the society of nations."

## Clay Greets Byrnes

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERLIN, Sept. 5—Lieut. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, United States De-

# CARRIER CANCELS ATHENS AIR SHOW

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The King replied: "I am deeply moved by your wishes and I believe that God Almighty will help me in the difficult task that I am about to assume."

Acting Foreign Minister Stephanos Stephanopoulos supported a statement in London by Premier Constantin Tsaldaris that flying rockets had been seen in northern Greece. He said that Greek divisional commanders and British officers had seen them both east and west of Salonika.

He said that rockets, estimated to be flying at a height of 10,000 yards, had been seen specifically at Drama, 130 miles northeast of Salonika and just below the Bulgarian border. He added that an investigation was under way.

Rear Admiral John Cassady, commander of the American task force, was received today by the Regent and later called on by Stephanopoulos.

Acting Premier Stylianos Gonatas said that he had been advised by the British Embassy that the withdrawal of some British troops would begin at a slow tempo in mid-September, in accord with a decision taken some time ago by the British Middle East Command.

Promises of support of the constitutional monarchy came from Panayotis Kanellopoulos and George Papanedreou, both former Premiers and leaders of the Republican National Unionist party, which had opposed the monarchy. The Leftist National Liberation Front [Eam] had announced that it would challenge the plebiscite on charges of fraud, violence and falsification in a case scheduled to be



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the demonstration was intended to avoid a "martial display."

Earlier today the Greek Ministry of Public Order reported that three sailors aboard a minesweeper in the Gulf of Volos had been killed when the vessel was attacked by Communist-operated shore mortars and that two soldiers had been killed and six wounded in a ten-hour pitched battle near Volos yesterday with a band of 300 men. The Ministry said the civilian band had heavy losses. In single incidents in Athens, two Rightists also were killed yesterday, it was added.

#### British Scout Rocket Reports

Admiral Cassady said at his news conference that the squadron was here for two reasons—it is the policy of the United States to show the flag in all parts of the world and to offer a chance of modern battle training for the destroyers and cruisers now stationed in the Mediterranean.

The squadron will leave Monday for Malta, Algiers, Tangier and Casablanca before sailing to United States waters for scheduled maneuvers later.

Admiral Cassady said he was "vastly impressed with the friendship these people have for America, and the reception could not have been more cordial. Everywhere we have gone we have been met with cheers and applause."

The British Embassy issued a news release tonight discounting reports that flying rockets had been seen over northern Greece.

The release, emphasizing that no British officer had reported seeing such missiles, said the rockets could have been a type of flare, such as a Very pistol, a number of which have been reported in the same area.

## TRADE GROUP BARS BILATERAL ACCORDS

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
LONDON, Sept. 6—Opposition to long-term bilateral trade agreements, because they prevent restoration of trade on a basis of competitive efficiency, was expressed today in the report of the drafting committee adopted by the United Nations temporary subcom-

tersely:

"Three Greek soldiers of Shon-Morise section secretly entered into our frontier ringing a hand bell to give the impression of a flock of sheep."

The Albanians, however, were not fooled. The report added:

"Actually they were reconnoitering our partisan frontier forces. One of the soldiers of our patrol, as soon as he heard the ringing of the hand bell, went to see what was happening. As soon as the Greeks saw our soldier they fired at him, intending to kill him. Our soldier, saving himself, took position and with his two other comrades have fired twice and forced the Greeks to withdraw."

The question of livestock came in for much attention in the Ukrainian report, which charged that probably every mule, ox, pig and cow that disappeared from Albanian farms had taken up residence, by invitation, somewhere in Greece.

In one example, the Ukrainians asserted that seven Greek soldiers marched fifty meters into Albania and that on the way back the procession consisted of seven soldiers and one ox belonging to Mr. Yaco.

For their part the Greeks want to know whatever became of the mule owned by Mr. Drallios, which they say was carried away by the armed forces of Albania and never "restored."

Although both complaints tell of incidents of bloodshed, neither does credit to the marksmanship of Greek or Albanian soldiers. The engagements listed ranged from the exchange of a few shots to skirmishes lasting two hours, but in most cases the reports ended with the same laconic "no casualties."

Because of the subject matter of some of the complaints, both reports were read for entertainment value at United Nations headquarters, but there were many incidents that brought no laughter at all. For the most part these had been previously presented to the Council by Ukrainian and Greek delegates. They reported instances of murder, pillaging and abduction on both sides.

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### Rockets Reported Over Greece Again.

London, Sept. 9. (U.P.)—The Exchange Telegraph News Agency said today from Athens that two more rocket projectiles had been reported flying over Greece.

The first was reported Sunday over the towns of Drama and Doxipar in eastern Macedonia and disappeared over the Isle of Thassos.

Another rocket was reported later in the day flying over Pharsalos, Thessaly, heading south.

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### 'Fireball' Seen Streaking Over British Reich Zone

Herford, Germany, Sept. 17 (U.P.)—A rocket-type missile apparently similar to those seen recently over Sweden, Holland, Denmark, France and Greece has been reported streaking over the British occupation zone of Germany, a British official said today.

He said the "fireball" was seen traveling a great speed 35 miles from the boundary between the British and Russian zones.

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### Luminous Body Rumors Enliven Life in Kashmir

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Bombay, Sept. 14 (U.P.)—Life in the Idyllic vale of Kashmir has become very exciting what with the appearance of a "luminous body resembling a squash racket" in the Indian heavens and rumors of highly questionable origin concerning Russian troop and plane movements to the north.

The reports were said to originate in Srinagar, capital of Kashmir, and were printed by the Lahore newspaper Pratap, which said:

"A mysterious luminous body resembling a squash racket in shape was seen speeding across Kashmir towards the west Wednesday night. The object left behind a long-smoke-like trail."

Another report said Soviet troops were maneuvering close to the junction of Kashmir, Sinkiang and Afghanistan and that unidentified planes had been seen flying over the Kashmir border. The region is one of the world's most remote.

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### Mystery Projectiles Zip Over Fez, Tangier

Casablanca, Sept. 18 (U.P.)—A mysterious flying projectile, shooting flame from its tail, was seen last night flying over Fez, and another, of the same description, was seen near Tangier, it was reported today.

Witnesses of both projectiles said they seemed to be flying at low altitude and were far speedier than any plane.

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**Rocket over  
Greece**  
*Seen in Macedonia*

A ROCKET flying from north to south over Western Macedonia was seen yesterday in the Kozani area of Greece. It was reported by the police to have passed about 70 miles west of Salonika.—Reuter.

and French see  
**'ball of fire'**

PARIS, Saturday.—What is described as a ball of fire was seen travelling in a south-easterly direction near Chateauboux, in Western France. It is reported in Paris tonight.

It was first seen last night, and was seen for a second time a few hours later, the report says.—B.U.P.

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**The flying fireballs**  
 THE HAGUE, Saturday.—Flying  
 fireballs with glowing tails,  
 travelling noiselessly at high  
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 Holland.—Reuter. 15.9.46

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ROCKET REPORTED  
OVER AUSTRIA

Vienna, Thursday.—According to unconfirmed reports reaching Vienna, a mysterious rocket passed over Graz, in the British zone, to-day. It is said to have been travelling at a great height and in a north-westerly direction.—Reuter.

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### Report of Flares at Sea Probably a Hoax

Radio reports supposed to have come from the San Francisco-bound Marine Falcon telling of mysterious flares 465 miles at sea were believed a hoax last night, according to the San Diego Coast Guard.

It said two messages received Wednesday night used the call letters of the Marine Falcon but about two hours later the ship contacted its San Francisco office and made no mention of the earlier reports. And a B-17 air-sea search and rescue plane reported it could find "absolutely nothing."

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### Portuguese See 'Ball of Light'

LISBON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Residents of Portugal's Alemtejo province reported seeing at dawn today a strange bluish ball of light in the sky and speculated that it might have been an aerial weapon.

It appeared to descend slowly over Casablanca station, then suddenly changed its course southwards. It was visible for over five minutes.

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### Swede Belittles 'Ghost Rockets'

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (AP)—Dr. Carl Manne Seigbahn, Sweden's leading nuclear physicist and a Nobel prize winner, today dismissed reports of "ghost rockets" flying over Sweden as "hysteria."

"I personally examined one of those 'rockets,'" He told reporters when he arrived aboard the Drottningholm to attend a nuclear physics conference "it was a meteorite."

He said he was "very suspicious about the existence of any such missiles."

### Flaming 'Object' In Belgrade Sky

BELGRADE, Sept. 16 (AP) — A rocket-like object, trailing a tail of yellowish-orange flame, streaked through the skys slightly south of this city at 9:43 o'clock tonight.

Traveling at terrific speed and maintaining steady altitude, the object whizzed out of the west and disappeared toward the east.

The phenomenon was visible for 10 seconds and was observed by members of the United Press staff here.

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### Swedish Army Says "Rockets" Just Celestial Phenomena

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 10 (UP)—The Swedish High Command today broke a four month's silence on the mysterious "rockets" seen flashing over Sweden since last May and said they "probably" were just meteors or other celestial phenomena.

The defense staff communique said 1000 reports had been received on the phenomena, of which 80 per cent were light flashes "which very likely were of celestial origin" and the remainder concerned bodies of different shapes. The latter reports were "very vague and must be regarded skeptically," the communique said.

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\*Oviedo --A ball of luminous green light was seen to cross the sky in the early morning by a number of people. The ball had an appearance of what the press described as what a flying bomb looks like.' (Valladolid, Report for September 20, 1946.).

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**"TAIL OF FLAME"  
OVER MOROCCO**

**FLYING PROJECTILES**

CASABLANCA, Wednesday.

A flying projectile with "a tail of flame" was seen last night over the town of Fez, Morocco, it was reported here to-day. At almost the same time a similar missile was reported from near Tangier.

Witnesses at both places said that the projectiles seemed to fly at low altitude, from east to west, trailing a long thin tail of yellow and green light. They travelled at a great speed.—B.U.P. 19.9.46

**"Strange Lights" Sighted**

Officials at Lisbon observatory were unable yesterday to explain reports that strange lights had been seen moving across the sky in different parts of the country, said Rader from Lisbon. The phenomena were described as bright, greenish balls of light, all travelling southwards.

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**BRITISH ZONE  
"BALL OF FIRE"**

**NEAR SOVIET LINE**

BRITISH ZONE, H.Q., Germany,  
Tuesday.

What is described as a "ball of fire" has been seen passing over the British zone of Germany, it was reported here today.

R.A.O.C. H.Q. confirmed that it had received the first official report of a "ball of fire with a tail" travelling at great speed 50 miles from the frontier with the Soviet zone. Military sources were not prepared to comment on whether it was a rocket projectile.

An official written report states:

"At 21.05 hours what appeared to be a ball of fire was seen flying over the district of Pinnaburg. It came from the south-east. It was white and had a tail and was travelling at great speed."

Pinnaburg is 10 miles north-west of Hamburg. An hour's drive anywhere to the east and south-east brings one to the frontier between the Soviet and British zones.

Investigations are known to have been continuing over the entire area, but so far they have proved fruitless.

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### urns Invitation

NEW YORK TIMES.

Sept. 16—The Government's latest offer to political leaders in the London talks was rejected today by a spokesman in behalf of his Government on the Palestine Executive at a meeting with the High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham.

### Army Recruiting

Sept. 16 (UP)—The Government tonight notified the army to defend against Zionist terrorism. The Government said, "therefore our resources are insufficient to defend our-

Arab Higher Committee led a five-point protest against the British charge that the Government was "tolerating the Jewish Agency for its purposes." The Government demanded: "The resolution of the Jewish Agency for collective fines on Jewish houses where excesses occur. The death for terrorism."

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spokesman demanded the Agency in its activities of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish

were said to hold an eighteen-mile stretch of the Lung-Hai railroad.

### NANKING, China, Sept. 16 (UP)

—Communist Gen. Chou En-lai left Nanking tonight for Shanghai, ending hopes of a negotiated peace through United States Ambassador John Leighton Stuart's proposed five-man committee.

Wang Ping-nan, the Communist spokesman, said General Chou would remain in Shanghai until the Government agreed to discuss a basis for an immediate truce.

### 'MISSILE' IS A METEORITE

#### Swedish Physicist is Skeptical About Reports of Firing

Dr. Manne Siegbahn, 59-year-old Swedish nuclear physicist and Nobel Prize winner, who arrived here yesterday from Gostaborg, Sweden, on the Swedish American liner Drottningholm, expressed doubt about recent reports that rocket bombs had been fired over Sweden.

"There is no clear evidence that any guided missiles have been flying over Sweden," Dr. Siegbahn declared. "I, myself, examined one reported to be such a missile and found it was a meteorite. I am very suspicious about the existence of any such thing."

Dr. Siegbahn, who came to the United States to confer with American physicists, and as Swedish delegate to the forthcoming bi-centennial celebration of Princeton University, declared that "hysteria" might have been a factor in reports about the missiles.

Carl J. Hambro, Norwegian delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations, also arrived on the ship.

ever, the precedent will have been set for Australia and other countries that hold Argentine credits.

The Argentine railway's rolling stock and equipment is admitted by everyone to be in very bad condition. If the Argentine Government and the British railway owners are now to be partners in operating the railroads, it may well be that some sterling will be used for replacements under a monopolistic contract.

British officials here denied flatly rumors that this was merely a "cover-up" agreement to mask the essential failure of the British mission. They say that publication of details of the accord tomorrow will show conclusively that this is not the case.

What the British public no doubt wants to know is how much more their Government is going to have to pay for meat, and how great have been the other concessions to Argentina.

Official British circles here say that concessions had to be made by both parties on all points, but they insist that the agreement reached is equitable and fair to both.

### Dutch to Honor Mrs. Roosevelt

UTRECHT, Holland, Sept. 16 (UP)

—Utrecht University announced today an honorary degree for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, recognizing her wartime services. J. Hoeckhe, president of the university, said Mrs. Roosevelt had accepted the degree but the date of conferral had not been fixed.

For men 17 to 28. The Regular Navy offers you financial independence after twenty years' service. Apply at your nearest Navy recruiting station today.

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# WEATHER CONTROL BY SCIENCE IS SEEN

## MARKING FORTY YEARS IN RADIO WORK Sarnoff Predicts Weather Control And Delivery of the Mail by Radio

Navy Forecaster, Governor Dewey, Mayor O'Dwyer and Gen. Bedell Smith, American Ambassador to Russia.

Earlier yesterday Mr. Sarnoff received the "Man of Science" award of Science Illustrated magazine in ceremonies at his office in the RCA Building. In accepting a scroll that described him as "a man of science who built an industry on his faith in science," he predicted that the accomplishments of science in the next forty years would dwarf what has happened since he started to work in 1904.

Officials of RCA presented to him the wireless key that he used as an operator on April 14, 1912, when the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank. At that time Mr. Sarnoff was on duty at John Waukegan, Ill., where he reported the names of the 704 survivors as they came in.

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the beginning of radio's possibilities.

"We are still pioneering in the dawn of the radio age," he asserted.

**Freedom for Science Urged**  
"In America," he continued, "radio has grown rapidly as a great public servant—not only because of freedom to speak and freedom of invention—but because of the freedom of science to advance. Science must be free. We can permit no restrictions to be placed upon the scientist's right to question, to experiment and to think.

"Because America has held liberally above all else, distinguished men of science have come here to work and to seek new knowledge. The world has been a benefactor and science has moved forward.

"In war, science dares the impossible; it must continue to dare the impossible in peace if a fuller life is to permeate society."

Radio and electronics have reached the point of development where they can influence the course of war, Mr. Sarnoff said, citing the reported "ghost bombs" over Sweden and the flight of two B-29 Flying Fortresses from the west coast of California under radio control from a mother ship.

"It is frightening to recall," he continued, "that not a single V-2 rocket aimed at England during World War II was shot down."

Mr. Sarnoff told of visiting Sweden recently and said he is convinced that the "ghost bombs" are myth but real missiles. He said found Europe making progress economically and physically, but not on the political front where there is instability and insecurity.

"I am of the belief," he added, "that no one wants war and that war is imminent. If we can get economics and politics into the kind of synchronization we make some progress on the domestic front and on the foreign front, too."

**Peace Cited as an Avenue**  
Scientists, Mr. Sarnoff said, are presently men of peace, and under peace conditions they can turn their attention to the development of atomic power for industry and conquest of disease.

"We would then," he continued, "lose more of new triumphs over diseases that have plagued man for centuries, destroying him in greater numbers than war itself.

The warlike idea that warm currents could be shifted by once to turn fertile lands into deserts might be reversed in peace to modify or divert these currents to influence climate so that deserts would become gardens. On the aid of nuclear power, desert areas might be transformed into habitable and productive regions.

Control of the weather by man is a scientific possibility of the future, Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America, said last night in a speech at a testimonial dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel commemorating his forty years of service to radio.

Other possibilities, General Sarnoff asserted, include delivery of mail by radio, portable communication sets that will enable one individual to communicate with another anywhere, transformation of deserts into gardens through diversion of ocean currents and nuclear energy, world-wide television and use of atomic energy to combat disease.

These developments, he said, are the alternative to devastation and destruction from atomic bombs and rocket-propagated disease germs if peace becomes the chosen course of man.

War, with the new weapons that

scientific ingenuity can devise, he declared, would bring an abrupt end to all progress. Discussing the matter with noted men of science at home and abroad, he asserted, he had shown scant hope that adequate defense can be provided against new weapons capable of mass destruction on a worldwide scale.

Besides General Sarnoff, speakers at the dinner included Owen D. Young, retired chairman of the Board of General Electric, and Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Lieut. Gen. James G. Harbord, chairman of the RCA board, was toastmaster.

General Sarnoff, who started his career as an office boy in the New York headquarters of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America, told an audience of industrialists, educators and scientists that the world has seen only

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Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff (left), who was honored at an anniversary dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel last night, talks with Bernard M. Baruch.

studies of the problem not only suggest this possibility but that experiments are actually underway that may lead to man's domination over the elements.

"For example, man may learn how to deflect air movements with consequent changes in weather and he may discover how to neutralize a storm or detour it from its course.

"Automatic radio weather stations in remote places in the polar regions, in deserts, in jungles and on the seas can collect and broadcast weather data. Already radar spots a hurricane, peers into its vortex, plots its movement and photographs it from minute to minute.

"Radio-controlled and electronically equipped rockets will permit exploration of the upper atmosphere. Within minutes new electronic computing devices can analyze such information on a global basis.

"We may yet have rain or sunshine by pressing radio buttons. When that day comes, we shall need a World Weather Bureau in which global forecasting and control will have to be vested. Here is a poster for the isolationist and a poem for the internationalist."

Essaying to look ahead for forty years, General Sarnoff warned that forecasting the developments of science is almost an impossible task. International broadcasting, "undreamed of forty years ago," carried the lesson that in science reality surpasses prophecy, he noted.

"The most difficult problems for

mankind," he declared, "are social and political rather than technical. Unfortunately in the social and political spheres imagination covers a rather small radius.

**New Type of Man Fictured**

"Many men will die their lives to solve a scientific problem; few will risk their comfort or security to solve a social or political problem. Therefore the most important problem of all is the selection of courageous, competent and wise leaders. That is where exercise of authority; it is for imagination, initiative, direction and guidance. People everywhere cry for such leadership, and it depends the future of democracy, the preservation of our freedom and the solidarity of people.

"But if opportunity is to be turned to good use, this nation must be strong morally and physically, not strong for its security but also for the accomplishment of its tasks—helping to rehabilitate a world suffering from the vicious grip of war."

Dr. Compton said that the electron is the most valuable tool ever invented. Though physically we are still very far from achieving the idea of "One World," the radio and other electronic devices have done much to bridge the world of thought and events and can provide a basic framework for making "One World" a reality, he asserted.

General Harbord read messages of congratulatory to Mr. Sarnoff from President Truman, Secretary of War Patterson and Secretary of the

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**SUNDAY EXPRESS**  
**'Rocket' blasts windows**  
What is believed to have been a rocket fell near Miskolcz, Hungary, breaking all windows in a 300-yard radius, says Reuter. 6.10.46

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**SWEDISH REPORT ON "ROCKETS"**  
**MANY WERE METEORS**  
From Our Own Correspondent.  
STOCKHOLM, Thursday.  
The Swedish Defence Staff, in a communiqué to-day, said that the majority of the "rocket-like projectiles" seen over Sweden between May 1 and Sept. 30 were ordinary sky phenomena.  
"But," the communiqué added, "in some cases clear, unambiguous observations have been made which cannot be explained as natural phenomena, Swedish aircraft, or imagination on the part of the observer."  
"Echo, radio and other equipment registered readings, but gave no clue as to the nature of the objects." Over 1,000 reports have been sifted. The communiqué says that "fragments" found turned out to be ordinary slag.

**SWEDES SEE ROCKET**  
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STOCKHOLM, Monday.  
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**'Spookbombs' over  
the British zone**

HERFORD Saturday.—More "spookbombs" have been reported by British troops in Germany this time over the Lingen-Meppen area of the Dutch frontier. Officers and other ranks reported seeing several missiles similar to flying bombs moving at great speed from east to west.—S.U.P. 29.7.46

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**"BALL OF LIGHT"  
AT OSTEND**

OSTEND, Thursday. -  
Police here were to-day examining  
the remains of a projectile, described  
as a "ball of light," which fell out-  
side a house last night.  
The owner of the house, Mme.  
Deman, said that about midnight she  
saw a "ball of light" approaching  
at "terrible speed." The object fell  
in front of her house, giving off a  
cloud of smoke. - Reuter, 27.9.46

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## Swedish Inquiry Fails To Solve Rocket Case

By The Associated Press.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 10—Swedish military authorities said today that they had been unable to discover after four months of investigation the origin or nature of the ghost rockets that have been flying over Sweden since May.

A special communiqué declared that 80 per cent of 1,000 reports on the rockets could be attributed to "celestial phenomena," but that radar equipment had detected some objects "which cannot be the phenomena of nature or products of imagination, nor be referred to as Swedish airplanes."

The report added, however, that the objects were not the V-type bombs used by the Germans in the closing days of the war.

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## Swedish Military Concludes 'Rockets' Were Celestial Bodies

Stockholm, Oct. 10 (U.P.).—The Swedish high command today broke a four month's silence on the mysterious "rockets" seen flashing over Sweden since last May and said they "probably" were just meteors or other celestial phenomena.

The defense staff communique said 1000 reports had been received on the phenomena, of which 80 per

cent were of light flashes "which very likely were of celestial origin" and the remainder concerned bodies of different shapes. The latter reports were "very vague and must be regarded sceptically," the communique said.

Investigators, who went to the scenes of alleged rocket crashes found only slag or clinkers not derived from any kind of skyrocket.

The phenomena were first sighted May 24 and continued throughout June, July and August. The Swedish press speculated that the Russians were testing German-made rockets and sending them over Sweden.

## CALLING

By MARQUIS CHILDS.

Opinions expressed are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the publishers of this newspaper.

**STOCKHOLM.**—The most extraordinary phenomenon of post-war Europe is the report of flying bombs or rockets that are now beginning to come from widely separated areas. If they are real, then we have a small sample of what the next conflict will be like. If they are a mere illusion, then we have an example of the uneasy state of mind of the people who live on this troubled continent.

The rockets were first reported in numbers from Sweden, where you would assure that the cautious and even-tempered population, untouched by the direct tragedy of war, would not be subject to random nightmares. Next were vague reports of fire-bombs over Athens at the time of the visit of the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt. More recently, rockets have been reported over Italian cities and the Italian government has ordered an investigation.

I have talked to many people here about the flying bombs. Some put the whole thing down to postwar hysteria. Others take a serious view of what they call, half in jest, "Russian hail."

One thoroughly reliable American observer with whom I talked saw flying bombs in broad daylight over this city. It was a cigar-shaped object which streaked across the sky with great speed and seemed on the point of shooting eastward. Careful Swedish observers have seen what they believed to be rockets.

Official opinion is that nothing is really known about the phenomenon, which has now more or less subsided. Recently, at any rate, very few reports of the bombs have been received. If the government has found any fragments, that fact is being kept a careful secret.

The soundest opinion seems to me to be this: The Russians on the island of Peenemunde, off the German coast in the Baltic, are probably experimenting with televised rockets. They must send them over a fairly long distance in order to make an

damage was done at Peenemunde. From other sources I have learned that the Russians took Peenemunde almost intact. They also captured a number of German scientists who were active in promoting guided missile and rocket research.

The U. S. got its share of these scientists, many of whom are now in America. But the Soviets also shared in this strange spoil of war and their captured scientists are now said to be working for them. These experts may be teaching the Russians what they know and that may be the explanation for the mysterious fireworks.

Psychologists do not, of course, discount the remarkable suggestibility of the human mind in periods of great stress. Before the rise of Nazism with its sinister accompaniment of mass hypnosis, we liked to think we were living in an age of reason and could not be touched by spells and hysteria that formerly swept whole populations. In the year 1000, large numbers of Europeans became convinced that the world was ending and strange forms of mass hysteria occurred throughout the continent.

Perhaps the "Russian hail" was only a stray meteor or two magnified by tragic fears that feed on the mysteries of science. How many years must pass before we can hope to see the peoples of the world back to anything like normal?

## RUSSIANS OBSERVE UNUSUAL METEORITE

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## METEOR SHAKES CALIFORNIANS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7. (AP) — A fiery ball, giving off weird flashes of light, roared over Southern California last night and out to sea. It was visible from San Diego to Bakersfield—nearly 200 miles apart.

Although two separate searches were made for crashed planes, it was agreed today that the object was a meteor, and Dr. Clarence H. Clemenshaw of Griffith observatory said it apparently was "exceptionally large." No missing planes were reported.

Off Oceanside, Coast Guard craft put out to check a report that a plane had plunged into the ocean. Lifeguards at Santa Monica, 75 miles north, likewise sent out a crash boat. Sheriff's deputies at Malibu said they saw what appeared to be three flashes giving off a ghostly light after the ball passed, and theorized that it might have been breaking up.

Transport pilots over Bakersfield and Burbank reported the object flashed by at tremendous speed. Telephone switchboards in many cities were jammed as watchers called police and newspapers.

## METEORS FLASH ACROSS SKIES

No Explanation By Astronomers. 4-B

(By United Press)

Meteors which flashed across mid-western skies during the past 24 hours kept police departments, airport officials and astronomers busy answering questions of frenzied witnesses, but left them all without explanation for the aerial displays.

From Tulsa, Okla., east of Des Moines, Iowa, reports of "balls

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## Spooks?

A fiery warning or divine manifestation was visited upon persons living in the neighborhood of Draper Street, Central Parkway and the Western Hills Viaduct last night.

The phenomenon was described variously as a streak of fire, a ball of fire or a big flashlight going on and off. The visitation struck terror into the hearts of some for electric lights became dim for a moment and houses quivered as if in the grip of an earthquake.

Denial that any weather phenomenon had occurred was issued by the Weather Bureau. Police and the Highway Safety Bureau denied that any accident or explosion had occurred near the Parkway.

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## Mystery 'Fire Ball' Stirs Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Aug. 17. — (AP) — For the third time in a week, a mysterious "ball of fire" suspended from a parachute fell on Baltimore yesterday. Chief Thomas Magerty of the fire department arson squad reported.

Magerty said the third "ball of fire" fell into the harbor near a paint plant, and witnesses said it burned furiously for several minutes as it floated on the water.

Persons who saw the flare said "it looked like a magnesium bomb—the kind that was dropped on London." The first two flares were dropped in the East Brooklyn section of the city last Sunday and Monday nights.

It is not known where the flares came from, Magerty said.

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## **'Phantom Bomb' Returns To Skies Over Sweden**

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden, March 21**—Another of the "phantom bombs" that were seen frequently over Sweden last fall was observed today over the southern part of the country by several persons. At first they thought it an airplane, but looking more intently they noticed that smoke was coming from the tail and that its shape differed from that of a plane.

The projectile was flying from east to west at a considerable height. The witnesses described it as a cigar-shaped metallic body, approximately sixty feet long, traveling at slow speed and making no noise.

The "bomb" was visible for a considerable time and smoke was observed long after the projectile disappeared. Judging from the smoke, the missile turned at a certain point and flew back eastward.

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