

Japs Get American Rockets



GEODETIC JEWELRY may be one of the latest "in" items for fashion experts, but to Detroit's automotive stylists it is old hat. Chrysler stylists selected some of the geodetic forms on its 1968 models and found they were ideally suited as earrings, rings and what-have-you. Cookie Johnson modeled a Dodge Dart trunk lid medallion as her right earring and put a Plymouth Barracuda medallion on her left ear. The necklace pendant is an Imperial medallion and the ring is a Plymouth emblem. For an extra touch, she used a Plymouth GTX grille nameplate as a scatter pin.

Street Art Fairs Are Popular

Some 40 Michigan towns will be holding street art fairs this summer, according to Michael Church, assistant director for cultural activities in the University of Michigan Extension Service.

In his current newsletter to artists and art groups around the state, Church lists towns from Wyandotte to Marquette which have arranged to enliven their summer cultural program with a rich variety of festivals and street art fairs.

"Tourists to Michigan who have succumbed to the lures of Chamber of Commerce brochures will find an unexpected bonus in these summer art fairs," says Church. "While the husband is fishing the streams, his wife can find much that is worthwhile to engage her interest in the work of local artists, attractively and informally displayed."

The 16th annual Art Conference and Regional Art Exhibition will be held on the U-M campus on Thursday, July 18. The exhibition, which opens that day in the Rackham Galleries, will run through Aug. 1. The conference will include lectures and demonstrations.

TOKYO -- A semi-secret United States proposal to give U.S. rockets to Japan to launch its own communications satellites could spell a significant turning-point in this Asian nation's space development.

(In Washington, White House officials confirm that an informal agreement is imminent, permitting U.S. firms to participate in the Japanese program, within certain limitations.)

The whole area of military rockets and their secrecy is an extremely delicate one in Japan; one-third of the National Diet comprises leftists and left-of-center Socialists ever ready to challenge the conservative pro-Washington Sato government on sensitive issues and matters affecting Japan's national security.

Japan up to now has been trying to go it alone in space but, efforts have been somewhat on the scatter-shot basis.

THE PROGRAM bogged down last year, as rivalry flared between competing Government and academic circles, and as the Sato Cabinet pressed for and got unification of all space development efforts through a drastic reshuffle of the agencies concerned.

Now Japan's revamped programs seems on the verge of getting a boost through the American offer (which Japan invited). This, if accepted by the Japanese government, would seriously compromise Japan's announced intent to develop and build all necessary satellites and launch vehicles at home.

JAPAN'S NEWLY CREATED and recently funded Science and Technology Agency plans to have 12 experimental satellites, including some communications types, in orbit between early 1971 and early 1975.

But the ruling Liberal Democratic party, joined by the Ministry of Postal Services and Telecommunications, the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corp., and the Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK), is insisting on a speed-up in the communication satellite launch program -- which they insist, requires the help offered by the U.S.

The offer apparently stems from secret solicitation made last fall in Washington when a Japanese government-backed

delegation visited James E. Webb, director of the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, to inquire about possible help.

AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S document reportedly asked for Japanese government guarantees to prevent U.S. information from leaking to third countries.

Livonian Named To Annapolis

Lawrence Anthony Lewandowski, 11322 Winston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Lewandowski, a graduating senior at Salesian High School, Detroit, has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. He will report to the Academy on June 28.

He is the third Salesian graduate in as many years who has received an appointment to one of the military academies.

Lewandowski had to choose between the academy and a "Chick Evans" Scholarship to the University of Michigan, as a golf caddy who qualified scholastically.

A member of the National Honor Society at Salesian, vice president of the Student Council, a member of its swimming team, on its Yearbook staff, he attends St. Hilary's Catholic Church in Redford Township, and caddied at Western Golf and Country Club for three years.

Earthquake Wakes Slumbering Clock

A pendulum clock belonging to Ralph Walfield of Temple City, Calif., stopped running three years ago. When a recent earthquake shook this part of California, Walfield's clock started running again. Oddly enough, the earthquake stopped another of his pendulum clocks.

The ambassador referred to the presumable fact the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries last year signed a technical agreement with North American Aviation. That pact carried three U.S. government conditions attached to it, including guarantees against leakage of information.

There is no secrets-protection law in Japan, so the

government is powerless to give definite guarantees that secrets will be protected. In the prevailing political atmosphere, it is judged virtually impossible for Japan to enact such a law.

Japan will, however, agree to conclude the suggested agreement if it is merely to endorse industrial secrets-protection contracts; it will also pledge itself to cooperate with the United

States as fully as possible. To the extent, if need be, of not handling secret information at all.

The U.S. offer is regarded as providential, despite all the political delicacies involved, since Japan's rocket technology, particularly its rocket guidance and control technology, is still at a low level compared with that of the U.S.

Horne Appointed At Fisher Body

The appointment of Herbert W. Horne as resident comptroller for the Fisher Body Fleetwood plant in Detroit, was announced by Tyler H. Barrett, divisional comptroller.

Horne succeeds Leo P. Hickory who is retiring under the provisions of the General Motors Retirement Plan after more than 41 years of service.

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