

GATEWAY GAZETTE

MILITARY INVASION OF SUNSET CITY

By Kendell Caperman

Armed soldiers from the Presidium Army Base raided a coffee shop in Sunset City, discharging weapons and wounding several civilians. No satisfactory explanation for this extraordinary action has been given. Mayor Gordon Goodman has called this action "an outrage against the citizens of this city, and indeed against all citizens of the United States." A spokesman from the Presidium Base has said that the matter is being looked into, and has stated that Major Steve Sharp is currently in detention awaiting the results of an investigation and a probable court martial. Eyewitnesses have reported that the masked vigilante Direwolf accompanied the soldiers, and returned to the base with them after they had carried out their mission.

Hermes 5 Ready to Launch

by Harold Moore

Preparations for liftoff of the Hermes 5 rocket-ship are nearly complete. The rocket will launch a space capsule that will orbit the Earth for a week before returning to a splashdown in the Pacific Ocean. Major Dirk Drake will carry out a number of experiments in the space capsule in his second trip into outer space. Senator Ferris Farfield calls this mission "a great step forward in the US space program, and a vital step in our quest for American superiority in space."

"Super"-Powered Battle Causes Havoc

by Hubert Hubbersmith

The armored criminal Ironclad once more made an appearance in Sunset City, in an apparent robbery attempt at Sunset City National Bank. The robbery was interrupted when several other super-powered individuals, including the mysterious and frightening man known as Direwolf, began fighting with Ironclad. There is no direct evidence that they were fighting over a division of the spoils, as police arrived immediately after the fight was over, before any of the money could be taken. Ironclad, who has shown a previous unwillingness to engage in long drawn-out battles, left before the battle could be fought to a conclusion. Direwolf is reported to have knocked down a lamp post and to have torn the steel door off an armored car and hurled it carelessly into the heavily populated street. No arrests were made.

Thinking Machine called "Almost Human"

by Jack Kemp

Professor Malthus, of Sunset City University, reports that to date all tests of his new "computational device" have exceeded expectations. Final testing is underway.

ATOMIC TERROR AT UNIVERSITY

By Harold Moore

Concerns about the dangers of the atomic energy experiments being carried out at Sunset City University were revived when an experiment gone horribly wrong released hordes of giant mutant spiders into the city. Despite Professor Warren Waverly's repeated assurances that there was no threat to the city from an atomic machine operating in its midst, the irradiation experiments being carried out on these creatures resulted in death and mayhem when the experimental subjects escaped and spread terror throughout the city. Police responded quickly to reports of the threat, and sharpshooters were able to destroy the monsters in short order. The most serious damage occurred at the Sunset City Zoo, where several of the oversized insects killed numerous defenseless animals. A full accounting of the total damage from these radioactive horrors is not yet available. Professor Waverly, recovering at the Sunset City Hospital from an envenomed bite, was unavailable for comment. University spokesmen called the incident "regrettable."