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**WHO'S GOT SPUTNIK?**—Senator William Proxmire, Democrat-Wisconsin, at right holds stand on which Sputnik replica was presented to him by space agency (NASA) staff man John S. Brown. Proxmire said he intends to give the replica of Sputnik IV space craft fragment to the City of Manitowoc, over which the fragment fell Sept. 5, 1962. Meanwhile, Rep. John W. Byrnes, Republican congressman of Green Bay, is wondering what to do with a similar replica he has. Thursday he wired Mayor Walter G. Koepke telling him that Tuesday he had offered the city what he "believed was the only replica of the Sputnik fragment which fell on Manitowoc. This had been delivered to me on Sept. 9 by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. I was shocked to learn this morning, on reading the Sept. 10 issue of the Manitowoc Herald-Times that Senator Proxmire had also received a replica and had also offered it to Manitowoc for permanent display. I had no knowledge of the second replica and I have expressed my displeasure to NASA in no uncertain terms at this needless duplication and waste of government funds. I still have the first replica and, if Manitowoc has any conceivable use for two of them, or if you have any suggestions as to what should be done with the second, I will be glad to hear from you." Mayor Koepke said Friday he had a telephone call from Proxmire's secretary indicating the senator will be in Manitowoc County Saturday. He said he had advised her to tell Proxmire and Byrnes to "get together at Washington on this Sputnik." The mayor will not be in the city Saturday.