

Atomic Bomb Test Against Naval Fleet Slated

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Pacific Atoll
To be Site Of
Experiment

Guinea Pig Armada Will
Consist of 97 Vessels;
Solely U. S. Operation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Navy raised the curtain today on its plans for testing the atomic bomb against a great armada of fighting ships—an experiment expected to revolutionize sea warfare.

A guinea pig fleet of 97 vessels, ranging from carriers and battleships, submarines and transports to an assortment of smaller craft such as landing ships, will be the atomic target in the vast operation to start in May.

The laboratory selected is the anchorage of Bikini atoll, one of the Marshall Islands which were wrested from Japan by amphibious assault two years ago.

Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, head of the Navy's division on special weapons, ticked off for the Senate Atomic Energy Committee these details of the epochal experiment, known by the codeword "operation crossroads":

1. In the target fleet will be 50 operating ships—two aircraft carriers, four battleships, two cruisers, 16 destroyers, eight submarines and 15 transports from U. S. fleets, plus a German heavy cruiser, a Japanese battleship and light cruiser—and 47 of other craft such as landing ships.

2. The undertaking "is not a combined or international operation, but rather a scientific experiment by the United States government alone." The question of permitting foreign observers has not yet been decided.

3. The unmanned target ships "will be anchored and placed in a manner calculated to give effects varying from probable destruction to negligible damage" in each type.

4. The first test, early in May, calls for detonating an atomic bomb at an altitude of several hundred feet above the target vessels. A second test, tentatively set for July 1, will be an atomic

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Elderly Grants Pass Man Lends His Life With Gun

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Buddy Oden, elderly Grants Pass citizen, met death at his own hands yesterday at the family residence, according to County Coroner Hull. Oden had placed the barrel of a 30-30 caliber rifle under his chin and pulled the trigger.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A Frankfurter the other day, General McNarney, commander of U. S. forces in Europe, announced that no more mass demonstrations by American soldiers will be permitted without the express authority of military commanders.

It is a necessary military order. You can't have soldiers organizing protest demonstrations like a bunch of civilians on the home front. ESPECIALLY in an army of occupation in a conquered foreign country. After only a little of that, the conquered peoples will lose respect for their conquerors.

Loss of respect will be followed by loss of fear, and when a conquered people loses fear of its conqueror ANYTHING can happen.

But what a pity it is that American troops abroad were permitted to get into the frame of mind that has resulted in these demonstrations. A little more frankness on the part of our government as to the commitments our country has entered into

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Government Price Control Policies Near Showdown as Pressure on OPA Increases

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—An administration showdown appears to be brewing over whether government price policies should be eased because of mounting industrial strife.

"This whole price control question is building up to a terrific issue," one government official familiar with the backstage controversy that has been going on for some time asserted today.

This official, who asked to remain anonymous, said OPA Administrator Bowles has been encountering increasing pressure from some government agencies for a more liberal interpretation of existing price policies.

The greatest pressure has come, the official said, from Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, who publicly has advocated higher retail prices for meat and butter.

To a lesser extent, the official added, pressure had been exerted by Reconversion Director John Snyder and Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small.

Bowles already has held sev-

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Return of Meat Union to Plants Uncertain

M'Arthur Puts End to Japan's Girl Slavery

Centuries-Old Custom
Halted by Edict; Debt
To Nippon Bank Frozen

TOKYO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—General MacArthur today ended a centuries-old custom under which Japanese families sold their daughters into the slavery of prostitution.

MacArthur ordered the Japanese government to obey that section of the Potsdam declaration which guarantees "respect for the fundamental human rights." Under it Japan must annul all laws authorizing licensed prostitution and nullify all contracts committing a woman to prostitution.

The Japanese government recently halted licensing of houses but not the law permitting the sale of girls. In 1940 the government had made a radical change which permitted the sale of girls only by blood relatives, eliminating sale by husbands and sweethearts.

Two weeks ago the Tokyo Brothel Keepers Association decided to release the girls from slavery status contracts and permit them "the democratic right" of going into business independently.

Girls' Wishes Ignored
Col. Crawford Sams, chief of allied headquarters public health and welfare service, said the Japanese girls were sold to proprietors of openly maintained houses for loans of 500 to 1,000 yen (\$33 to \$67) to the parents—frequently against the girls' wishes.

MacArthur also acted to curtail inflation in economically bewildered Japan with an order which froze the government's huge debt to the Bank of Japan. The debt was ordered retired quickly and the Japanese were directed to submit a complete government borrowing program for the remainder of the fiscal year which ends April 30.

In a further move to halt inflation, allied headquarters ordered the government to cut expenses to a minimum, to finance deficits as much as possible from current savings of the Japanese people, and to refrain from deficit financing through the bank of Japan or "ordinary banks."

Vets' Guide Erroneously Lists 'Homestead' Lands

There has been no homesteading on federal lands for the last three years in the Roseburg area. R. McElligott, register of the U. S. Land Office in Roseburg, said yesterday, since the government declared the available land is "not capable of maintaining a farm family."

McElligott's statement came after a Portland official had questioned the information in a "veterans' guide" published there whether homesteading lands actually are available.

Homesteading was carried on for 50 or 60 years in this area. McElligott said, but three years ago it ceased by federal order, as the best farm lands had been claimed.

The Land Office in Roseburg has jurisdiction over federal lands in Western Oregon.

Oregon GOP Scheduled
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Officers of the Oregon Republican Club will meet in Portland February 2 to make plans for the political campaign of Joseph B. Felton, president, said today.

No Nazi-Fascist Sympathies Disavowal by Franco Linked With Assertion That Spain Strides Towards Democracy

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

MADRID, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco, chief of the Spanish state, has granted me an interview which has taken one of the most unusual turns I've encountered in a long experience with heads of governments and diplomats.

Highlights of his statements are these:

He is anxious for good relations with the United States. He never subscribed to the policies or to the political views of Hitler and Mussolini and he condemns their persecutions. Spain is developing along her own lines, uninfluenced by either Germany or Italy, and he (Franco) is heading for absolute democratic rule by the people.

As for the hotly debated question of a return of the Spanish monarchy, he says: "It will be approached when this is suitable to the interests of the nation. When this time comes, it will have to be the Spaniards themselves who pronounce themselves in its favor."

Then I hung my question on the line:

"The people of the United States have fought a great war against Nazism and Fascism. Thousands of our boys have died for this cause. Rightly or wrongly the American public feels that Spain was in effect an ally of Germany and Italy, and it finds it hard to forgive that. Did you subscribe to or support Nazi and Fascist policies?"

The generalissimo shook his head. "No," he declared categorically. "I did not. Spain wasn't influenced by Germany and Italy, but has been developing along its own lines. We condemned all the persecutions which were carried out."

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Death Notice Sent On Wallace Cloake

DIME HONORS FDR—Above

are artist's sketches, showing obverse (top) and reverse sides of the new Franklin D. Roosevelt dime, expected to go into circulation early in February. The coin was designed by John R. Sinnock, chief engraver, Philadelphia mint.

Nation's Weather Situation Varied

(By the Associated Press.)

Alternate masses of cold and warm air were moving across the country today, subjecting some areas to frigid temperatures but giving others mild mid-winter weather.

It still was unseasonably cold along the Atlantic seaboard, from Maine to Georgia. Coldest spot in the country early today was Greenville, Me., with a recording of nine degrees below zero. A belt of cold air with temperatures down to 15 degrees extended from Pennsylvania to Central North Carolina.

But just west of the Appalachian mountains, in a diagonal line from Ohio to the southwest, was an area of warm weather. Still farther west, another stream of cold air was pouring into the Western Dakotas and Northern Plains states.

Snow was falling over most of the Northern Mississippi valley, while rain mixed with snow was striking the extreme northwest.

Price Control Extension Backed by AFL Council

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor Executive Council yesterday threw its support behind President Truman's request for continuation of price controls until June, 1947, as a "necessary evil."

"In normal times, we would vigorously oppose any such government interference with a free economy," the council said in a statement.

"The moment production of any particular article comes within a safe range of meeting the demand for it, the OPA should remove its artificial ceilings and allow natural competitive forces to bring the selling price down to its natural level."

Accidents Kill Loggers In Douglas, Lane Counties

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The death of two loggers in separate woods accidents this week was reported today.

Ed Tatro, Curtin, father of seven, was crushed by a rolling log at the top of Smith River mountain, Douglas county, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Cloake have received word from the headquarters of the U. S. Marine Corps that their son, Major Wallace H. Cloake, missing in action since September 1943, is presumed to be dead. He failed to return from an aerial combat mission over Vella La Vella island on September 19, 1943.

Major Cloake enlisted in the Marine Air Corps October 10, 1940. He received his basic training at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Seattle, Wash., advanced training at Miami, Florida; Quantico, Va., and San Diego, Calif. He was sent overseas in January, 1943, and was a member of "The Hell Hawks," a crack Marine fighting unit.

Major Cloake figured in several aerial combat actions and had a number of Jap planes to his credit. He was awarded the Air Medal with a Presidential Citation. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rachel Cloake, of La Jolla, Calif.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Cloake of Roseburg, and sisters, Mrs. Bert Young of Roseburg, and Mrs. Wayne R. Howe, now residing in Brownwood, Texas.

Morrison Wins Over New Orleans Machine

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The voting was close, but supporters of young Dr. Leiserson S. Morrison credited him today with a surprise knockout victory over the old regular Democratic organization which has dominated New Orleans politics for more than 20 years.

On the basis of complete, though unofficial returns from Tuesday's Democratic primary, the Times-Picayune and other backers of the 34-year-old socialist said he won the mayoralty nomination.

These figures gave Morrison 67,824 votes against 63,242 for Robert S. Maestri, an old regular stalwart, an ally of the late Huey P. Long and mayor for nearly a decade.

Price Controls to Lift From Toys, Some Foods

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Price controls on all games and many toys will be suspended indefinitely beginning January 28, the OPA announced.

At the same time controls on 24 miscellaneous commodities, most of them minor food products, will be dropped.

Management, Labor Seen in Power Battle

Government Forced to
Exercise Supremacy of
People, Truman States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—President Truman today termed current labor disputes a struggle for power between management and labor.

The president added that the United States Steel Corporation should accept his proposal for an 181 cents wage increase for its workers.

Mr. Truman's views were expressed at a news conference. Asked about a proposal by Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, that he call an all-management conference on wages, the president said he was always ready to talk to business leaders.

However, he added, the best thing Fairless can do is send word that he accepts the White House proposal for settling the steel strike.

Mr. Truman said he thought it was not practical to seize the steel industry at the present time. He would not say the industry would not be seized eventually if the strike is prolonged, however.

He also said that the striking meat workers will go back to work at their old wages when the government seizes the meat plants Saturday.

If steel is eventually seized, the president added, the steel workers too, will have to go back at current wages.

Duel of Power Seen

Asserting that both management and labor have too much power, the president declared much of today's industrial strife is merely a try-out for power and added it was necessary for the government to assert itself, to assert the power of the people.

The president said, under questioning that he has done everything he could to settle the steel

U. S. Offers Own Ships For Ferrying Veterans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The United States has offered Britain the use of 11 Liberty ships as a substitute for the arrangement under which American troops are ferried home aboard the Queen Mary at a tentative charge of \$100 each.

Government officials said the offer has not yet been accepted. Presumably, the British are weighing the need for troop carriers for their own Tommies and colonials against that of reaching a settlement which would supplement their dollar credit in this country.

Unless the present charge is reduced or the American offer of the Liberty ships is accepted, the total charge to this country would be \$11,419,600 as of now.

Less Lively Ball Looms For Golf Devotees

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The average golfer will have to belt a pellet of synthetic rubber most of 1946 and chances are he will have to shoot hard and long to replace that battered "duration" driver.

Representatives of two ranking athletic equipment concerns today sized up the golf supply situation and said those bouncy pressure balls will not be on the market before August and perhaps not at all this season. The latest synthetic balls, however, will be "almost as good," they amended.

Timber From Private Lands Disappearing at Rapid Rate, Warning of Chief Forester

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The nation's timber supply from private lands is dwindling at a rapid rate.

Chief U. S. Forester Lyle F. Watts cited these figures in his annual report on the condition of the country's forests:

Lumber cut in Pennsylvania, once the leading source of supply, has dropped to one per cent of the total for the United States. The output of lumber in the lake states, which formerly produced 5,200,000,000 board feet annually, did not get above 1,250,000,000 feet under wartime pressure.

In Virginia, lumber output has declined to one half of the 1910 production.

"Even more revealing," said Watts, "is the mounting evidence of the extent of timber depletion in the west."

There, mills representing 60



TELLS HIS SIDE—Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, commander of the Army forces in Hawaii at the time of Pearl Harbor, appears before Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee at Washington, D. C., to tell for the first time his story of the Japanese attack. He charged that the War Department had treated him unfairly and had tried to make the "scapegoat" of the disaster.

Oregon I. O. O. F. Dated at Medford

A state convention of the Odd Fellows lodge will be held in Medford May 19 to 24, inclusive, it was announced today by Grand Master Ralph L. Russell of Roseburg, following his return from an executive meeting in Portland. It will be the first meeting of the Grand Lodge in two years, wartime travel restrictions having interrupted the regular schedule of annual conventions.

The Department Council and Grand Encampment will start their sessions May 19, Russell reports. The Rebeckah Assembly will be convened May 21 and will continue in session through May 24. Grand Lodge sessions will be held May 22 and 23.

Commons Pleased That Scotch Will Be Scarce

LONDON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Scotch whiskey will remain scarce for at least another year. Dr. Edith Summerskill, parliamentary secretary for the Ministry of Food, told an applauding House of Commons yesterday that "food is more important than whiskey" and so distilleries would get only 130,000 tons of grain this year, the same as in 1945.

She said that was enough to produce slightly more than 40 per cent of the prewar volume of Scotch.

Spaatz Succeeds Arnold As Army Air Force Chief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—President Truman today announced Gen. Carl A. Spaatz's appointment to be chief of the Army Air Forces, succeeding Gen. Henry H. (Hap) Arnold.

The president said that Gen. Arnold will retire upon his return from his current South American tour and that Spaatz will take over his assignment.

DECISION RESTS ON MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW; SHUTTLE RAIL TIEUP AVERTED

(By The Associated Press.)

Although President Truman said today that meat workers would return at their old wages when the government seizes the meat packing industry Saturday, it was still uncertain whether any of the 263,000 strikers would work for the government.

Edgar L. Warren, chief of the Federal Conciliation Service, told reporters in Washington Tuesday he had been assured by T. J. Lloyd, an official of the AFL Meat Cutters and Butchers Union, that the AFL strikers would return for the government.

However, the union telegraphed all its locals today, within an hour after the President's statement, to "stand by for instructions from our general office."

Leaders of the 193,000 striking CIO Meat Workers Union have called a strategy meeting for tomorrow to decide whether to return to work.

Operation Puts "Blue" Child On Road to Recovery

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The day none of them "thought would ever come," has arrived for the Hackman family—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hackman and 2-year-old Judy of Buckley, Wash.

Judy, threatened with an early death a few short months ago, no longer is a "blue" baby. She was discharged from Johns Hopkins Hospital yesterday and is on her way home with her mother and father.

Although her convalescence will be long and slow, hospital officials said her delicate operation was "everything we expected. Judy is no longer cyanotic (blue)."

Said Mrs. Hackman:

"This is the day I thought would never come. And now it's here."

Judy was brought to Johns Hopkins Dec. 3, suffering with a malformed heart, on her lips the deadly tinge.

The skill of Drs. Alfred Blalock and Helen B. Taussig combined in a delicate operation Dec. 8, by sewing a good artery to a defective one they augmented her deficient supply of oxygenated blood.

Today a healthy pink replaced the blue in Judy's lips.

58 Housing Units For Oregon Colleges Assured

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Without delay a reclamation bureau priority claim on housing units at Richland, Wash., will assure Oregon State College and the University of Oregon of receiving 58 units assigned to the college campuses.

State Budget Director George Aiken said arrangements he made with the reclamation bureau officials had settled a dispute delaying installation of the units at Corvallis and Eugene.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A recommendation that 1,000 vacant war housing units here be transferred to up-state Oregon cities was made today to the National Housing Agency by the mayor's advisory committee.

The group reported that some vacant units are in areas needed by industries planning new plants.

Husband Pays \$5 Apiece For Spouse's Kisses

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—(AP)—His wife's kisses cost him \$5 each, Sidney Raskin, bakery executive, charged in domestic relations court.

His wife, Actress Doriene Welch, confirmed it.

"I did it to discourage him," she told reporters as she left the courtroom. "He was always buzzing and reeking around. It was annoying."

"If he didn't have \$5 with him, I'd take what he had on account."

Their contested divorce suit is set for trial next summer. Meanwhile, Judge Kurtz Kauffman denied her request for alimony.

Milk Dumped on Fire to Save 2,100 Lbs. of Butter

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 24.—What with the shortage and all that 2,100 pounds of butter in Tony Freeze's truck was pretty important stuff. Milk, on the other hand, isn't so hard to get.

So when the truck caught fire, Freeze unhesitatingly dumped 30 gallons of milk on the blaze. The butter was saved.

Farmers Seek Workers
CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Mixed platoon of women and children have proven so successful during the war years that Oregon farmers already have begun filing applications for crop workers.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and
Friday; cloudy tonight.

Atomic Control Commission Voted

LONDON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The United Nations General Assembly voted unanimously today for the creation of a special atomic energy commission, urged by U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes as necessary to save the world from an atomic armaments race.

The commission would have no power to compel the United States or any other country to disclose how the atomic bomb is made, according to interpretations given by Byrnes. Its responsibility will be to work out ways of keeping atomic energy from being used destructively.

It will be composed of representatives of the 11 nations on the Security Council and Canada, and will be responsible to the council for its work and policies.

Forest Revenue Gives Douglas County \$36,971

Distribution of revenues from National Forest transactions to the 31 Oregon counties in which forest lands are located was announced in Salem yesterday by Secretary of State Farrell.

Douglas county's share is \$36,971, derived largely from timber sales in the Umpqua National Forest.

According to V. V. Harpham, supervisor, sales of the Umpqua Forest timber during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, amounted to almost \$100,000. Other sources of revenue were from the sale of forest products, such as Christmas trees, approximately \$100; grazing of stock, \$1,000; land use rentals, such as from summer homes and resorts, and from issue of permits involving so-called special uses, \$1,000.

Twenty-five per cent of the income from National Forests reverts back to the counties in which they are located, for payment in lieu of taxes.

With cost of new, modern homes for veterans authoritatively estimated in five figures, many a "sad sack" seems destined for a "sad shock."

Levy Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein