Russians Able To Stop B-36 Raids, A-Bombs Would Be Wasted, Navy Men Declare

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 .- (P)-Navy men told Congress Monday that Russian radar-fighter defenses could stop B-36 raids in numbers, and that any getting through would waste a lot of

A-bombs by missing targets. Cmdr. Eugene Tatom brought Cmdr. Eugene Tatom brought gasps of surprise from the House Armed Services committee by testifying that you could stand at one end of Washington National airport and come through an atom bomb explosion at the other "without serious injury." The runway is a little over a mile and a quarter long.

Tatom bend of the Aviation

and a quarter long.

Tatom, head of the Aviation
Ordnance branch of the Navy
Aeronautics bureau, said the Abomb is "completely devastating
in the immediate vicinity of its
bursts." But contrary to popular
ideas, he said, the area of de-

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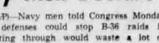
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struction is rather limited. He struction is rather limited. He went on:

"You can stand in the open at one end of the north-south runway at the Washington National airport, with no more protection than the clother you now have on, and have an atom bomb explode at the other end of the runway without excellent plants."

without serious injury to you."
Because of the tremendous cost of atom bombs and the scarcity of the materials in them. Tatom said, precision bombings is just as necessary as with conventional

bombs.
"Just let me assure you, gen-tlemen," he said, "that precision bombing of military targets deep in enemy territory from 40,000 feet at night or in daylight is a

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) told atom to come back today to nawer questions about the A-

bomb.
"We'd like to have you tell the many people were killed when committee." he said, "why so" the first one was dropped in Ja-

Tatom took the witness chair Tatom took the witness chair to cap testimony from Navy fliers and radar experts that Russia undoubtedly has both the warning system and the fighters needed to intercept bombers like the B-36.

the B36.

Another witness was Abraham Hyatt, head of the Aviation Design Research branch of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics.

They continued before the House Armed Services committee the Navy's barrage against a defense policy that puts so much of military funds into the giant, six-engine bomber.

Cmdt. W. I. Martin, executive officer of the Pacific Fleet All-Weather Training unit at Barbers Point, Hawaii, likened the B36 to a "moving van." It is "unacceptably vulnerable" to night fighter attack, he contended. leaders deserve the nation's than. The final settlement of the contract dispute came after 35 hours of continuous bargaining—and two hours after a strike deadline had been passed. Negotiations were marked by a strong determination on both sides to reach an agreement. It was an example that bargainers in other major industries would be wise to copy.

In the last stages, the dispute revolved around a pension plan.

Interview With Cow Marks Convention Bow

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—(P)—An interview with a cow marked the opening Monday of the three-day 18th annual convention of the National Association of Mutual

In the last stages, the dispute revolved around a pension plan. In this respect it closely parallels the current controversies in steel and coal, since the Ford contract terms are patterned directly at-ter the recommendations of Presi-dent Truman's fact-finding board in the steel case.

The Lighted Automobile Works National Association of Mutual Insurance Agents.

Before radio mikes and television cameras the association president. Hugh H. Murray of Raleigh, N. C., interviewed a descendant of Mrs. O'Leary's famous cow about the great Chicago fire of 1871.

A popular legend has it that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern and started the fire that laid waste to the heart of Chicago. in the steel case.

The United Automobile Workers (CIO) agreed to a company proposal to establish a pension fund that would allow Ford workers to refire at 65 with a total allotment of \$100 a month, including regular social security benefits. To finance the plan the company would contribute 8 34 cents an hour for each worker. Inasmuch as Ford already has set up a social insurance program calling for company contribution

cago.

The Interview, in the Casino room of the Congress hotel, was arranged to focus attention on observance of National Fire Prevention week.

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now agreed upon equals exactly the 10-cent "package" urged by the fact finders in the steel dis-pute. The Ford settlement calls for no contributions whatsoever by the workers themselves.

by the workers themselves.

It is this last principle—non-contributory pensions—that has so long stymied the steel negotiations. The steel companies believe no pension program is sound that does not call for some worker contribution. The union says such a contribution would amount to a wage reduction.

There can be little doubt that the Youl agreement will set a

the Ford agreement will set a pattern for the rest of the motor industry. The issues are similar in the union's bargaining with the Chrysler Corporation, where strike action has been approved

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The avoidance of a strike in the plants of the Ford Motor Com-

but no walkout deadline fixed.

If the Ford settlement does in-deed show the way to a satisfac-tory solution for others, every

American must desire that agree-ments be reached all down the line in the same spirit of reason-ableness and determination which characterized the negotia-tors in that case.

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Nothing would be more certain, to upset resurging business in America than a wave of strikes. Some are already upon us. They need not have occurred had the principals met with the common will to find a workable answer.

More Catholic Priests

In Czechoslovakia Jailed PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Oci. 12. - Pi - More than 40 Roman Catholic priests have been jailed in the past few days for opposi-ion to the communist govern-

ment's bill to control the church

pany is an achievement for which both management and union

ROSEBURG EXPLORER SCOUTS

These Roseburg boys in the top photo took time out from a weekend of strenuous activity church-state fight here. to pose for the Photographer on the wooden foot bridge at the Coos Bay Mingus park where the boys camped. Lower photo shows a part of the group at rifle practice, one of the many activities in which they engaged.—(Pictures by Maurice Newland.

Solution Of Ford Labor Dispute May

eliable sources reported Mon-

day.

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Crop Insurance **Testing Sought** In Linn County

ALBANY, Oct. 12—(P)—A movement almed at having Linn county one of 50 U.S. counties testing a new Federal Crop Insurance program for family-type farms was underway here today.

Soil Conservation connitreeman and farm leaders voted, 42 to 2, yesterday in favor of the proposal. A minimum of 200 farmers must apply for the over-all crop insurance before it becomes effective.

The idea, as applied in Linn county to seven crops, would

ounty to seven crops, would guarantee the farmer against loss up to the amount of his total insurance coverage. Losses on some crops could be offset by gains in others. In effect, it would apply the principle of crop insurance now used in Eastern Oregon wheatlands to the multiple crops of Linn county considerations. ple crops of Linn county considered as one.

ered as one.

The seven Linn county crops eligible under the program are wheat, oats, barley, Austrian Winter peas, vetches, common Rye grass and grain mixtures. The insurance would be underwritten by the Federal Crop In-

Informants also reported police pressure is being applied to in-dividual members of the church hierarchy who are opposing the legislation, due to become law



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