

Direct Negotiations With Reds On Hydrogen Bomb Not Contemplated By President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—President Truman Thursday left wide open the possibility that he will order production of a hydrogen superbomb.

With the United States reported to be going ahead full blast on preliminary work leading up to production, Mr. Truman was asked at his news conference:

"Do you have under consideration production of a hydrogen bomb?"

The President replied that he could not comment on that. Mr. Truman also told inquirers that he is not considering direct negotiations with the Russians on the hydrogen bomb.

Rep. Eaton (N.), ranking republican on the House Foreign Affairs committee, said he is vigorously opposed to production of an H-bomb.

"If any civilization is to be left," he told a reporter, "then the United States, Russia and all the nations of the world should get together and put a stop to it."

Saying the devastating effect of such a bomb possibly could wipe out life for 100 miles or more, he added:

"It looks to me like the human race is bent on destroying itself. Truman Has Final Say

At least some top officials in the Truman administration believe that the bomb will eventually go into production. President Truman himself will presumably

make the final decision, one way or the other.

The government's present policy on the hydrogen bomb, estimated to be 1,000 times as powerful as uranium bombs now being made, calls for the assembling of all possible facts. On the basis of these facts the final decision probably will be made in a few weeks.

The state department and other administration agencies are engaged in an intensive review of the government's policies on international control of atomic energy.

One of the key questions in this study is whether the impending creation of a terrific new explosive provides the take-off point for a new approach to Russia on international control.

Such an approach—if made—almost certainly will take one of three forms:

1. Putting out secret feelers to see whether the Russians have any serious desire at this time to try to break the four-year-old deadlock on this issue in the United Nations.

2. Sending a special envoy from President Truman to Prime Minister Stalin or instructing the American ambassador in Moscow to go directly to Stalin.

3. Having either the president or Secretary of State Acheson make a major speech in the United Nations, appealing for Russian cooperation and warning of the dangers of continuing an unrestricted arms race in increasingly destructive weapons.

Agreement Improbable

Some of the president's advisers



Ice Cream: Drink Or Eat It? Knotty Issue In Hamburg

By Hans Joerg Flachmeyer

HAMBURG, — (AP)—Do you eat ice cream, or do you drink it?

You might think the answer is you eat it, unless it has melted and you are scooping up the last drops from the bottom of the dish.

But here in Hamburg it is not so easy as that. The best legal brains of the city are wrestling with the problem and there are 1,000,000 deutsche marks (about \$250,000) at stake.

Two years ago the city fathers decided that ice cream was a drink and thus liable to the beverage tax. Nobody bothered much about it then because German money was almost worthless and there wasn't much ice cream anyway.

But now that the reformed currency has real value, people are counting every pfennig.

Once cream dealer found he was paying tax on a "drink" that most people ate. He rallied his fellow tradesmen and they took the matter through two courts. Both ruled that ice cream was something people ate. Moreover, the new Hamburg law had violated an unrepented reichs law (State law). The city council should have voted twice—once to repeal the old law and once to approve the new.

The city council is going to remedy that omission by voting on the matter again. They also are taking the case to a third and higher court.

The million marks in the dispute are the taxes already collected by the city on ice cream sales. The hard-up city treasury is reluctant to part with them.

Anyhow, argues the treasury, who would get the money back, if the tax finally is ruled illegal?

All the people who bought ice cream in the last two years? Impossible, says the treasury. The ice cream dealers? That would be unfair, the treasury contends, since they did not pay the money in the first place, but merely collected it from the customers.

The taxpayers just hope the whole matter is settled by the time warm weather comes back.

Douglas Fir Output Of N. W. Mills Upped In 1949

PORTLAND, — (AP)—Douglas Fir sawmills in Washington and Oregon increased production during 1949. It was the fourth straight year of rising output.

The West Coast Lumbermen's association reported that output was 9,590,000,000 board feet. This was about 190,000,000 above the 1948 level.

Shipments of Douglas fir, west coast hemlock, western red cedar and Sitka spruce totaled 9,868,000,000 board feet last year. This was also above the previous year.

ers from the Atomic Energy commission side of the discussions have reportedly urged Mr. Truman to make another try for agreement with the Russians before giving a go-ahead signal on super bomb production.

This does not appear to be the state department's idea. State department leaders, apparently assume that if the arms race continues unrestricted the United States will have no choice but to make the most powerful weapons it can.

This also is said to be the view in the defense department.

The real question, as seen by Secretary Acheson's aides, is whether the total state of the world today makes an international agreement, including Russia, any more possible now than it has been in the past.

'ROUGH RAIDERS'

Oklahoma Parsons 'Declare War' On Bootleggers And Shimmy Gals

By WILLIAM PEART

OKLAHOMA CITY.—(AP)—Bootleggers and the night club "take it off" shimmy ladies—those are the folks a growing group of Oklahoma county parsons figure shouldn't be in business.

The raiders from the pulpits already have touched five whisky sellers in constitutionally dry Oklahoma.

Now, they say, the strippers will get a generous helping of their wrath. Their clothing, they add, isn't in the proper proportion to the skin which shows.

Raid Staged

A trio of preachers got together with a constable Saturday night, raided a couple of rum-runners, and had a look-in on some night clubs.

More than twice that many did the raiding Monday afternoon. And about that same number did Tuesday night's rerun.

In all, about 310 pints of the hard stuff have been seized.

The girle-girle shows came in for some real frowns.

The raids have been in the city and the county. The scorned shows are in both places, too.

Said the Rev. George Stone, pastor of the First Baptist church in nearby Bethany:

"Talk about sex crimes, it's no wonder we have them when people see what they do in some of our night clubs.

"I know that in some places the entertainers strip down to virtually nothing, while a master of ceremonies does his best to make it look attractive to the young ladies of the audience."

Sutherland

By MRS. BRITAIN SLACK

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas spent several days last week transacting business.

C. A. Tollefson of Roseburg, representing the Pierce Auto Freight company, was a business visitor in this city last Wednesday.

Sutherland Public library will now be open two days a week, two hours on Wednesday and two hours on Saturday from 2 o'clock until four. Mrs. Edna Powers, will be in charge on Wednesdays and Miss Dixie Willis on Saturdays.

Come in on either day and get your book. We have a good selection and are sure you can find a book to your liking. Mrs. Pow says. There have been several new shelves added and some new books will be added as soon as they can be procured.

Sutherland awakened Wednesday morning with about five inches of new snow on the ground which followed the flood the day before. Again on Friday the water had risen so that it was in several business places by 6 o'clock in the evening, in the night it turned cold again and we woke up with several inches of snow on the ground so the flood did not get as bad as the forepart of the week.

Mr. Crowin, representing the Leslie Salt company of San Francisco, was a business caller in Sutherland Thursday.

Eldon Young, of Springfield, Ore., made several business calls in Sutherland Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna Cook, who lives several miles east of town, was taken to Mercy hospital one day last week with pleural pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thornton were business visitors in Roseburg Friday and while there they visited their son-in-law, Kenneth Dice, at Mercy hospital, who underwent a major operation the fore part of the week. They reported that he was getting along nicely.



FACES SENATE FIGHT

The nomination of Carroll O. Switzer, Davenport attorney, above, to be U. S. judge for the southern district of Iowa, has renewed a squabble between President Truman and Sen. Guy M. Gillette (D., Ia.), over Switzer's confirmation.

Gillette last year successfully opposed Senate confirmation of Switzer for the post, but after Congress adjourned Mr. Truman gave him a recess appointment. To retain his judgeship, Switzer now must have Senate confirmation.

Royal Newlyweds Coming To United States To Live

BELOEIL, Belgium, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The brother of the pretender to the throne of Austria married his childhood sweetheart—a 26-year old Belgian princess—in a brilliant ceremony Tuesday.

She is Princess Yolande, daughter of Prince Eugene de Ligne, Belgium's ambassador to

India, and Princess Philippe de Noailles.

He is Archduke Charles of Hapsburg, 31-year-old son of the late Emperor Charles of Austria and Empress Zita.

The wedding, one of the most glittering in recent times here, brought together many of Europe's Noble houses.

The couple plan to fly to the United States where they will make their home. Charles, now working for an American business firm, said he had an apartment on Fifth avenue, overlooking Central park, where they will reside.

Heading the guest list were the Empress Zita and her son, Otto, pretender to the throne of Austria.

Neighbors put out the second attempt to burn down the Jerome prairie school near here Monday and Tuesday so they could go camping instead of having to attend classes, Sheriff Loyd Lewis revealed.

Rain halted the first blaze. After nominal damage had been done, the youthful arson suspects are being cited into juvenile court, Lewis said.

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Do not leave electric appliances and lights connected, it does no good—and when electric power is restored the tremendous "load," the instant demand of thousands of motors and lights for power creates an excessive drain for a few moments. After power has been on for a few minutes it's all right to re-connect appliances.

2. Be Sure to Disconnect your Refrigerator, Electric Water Pump and Other Electric Motors.

When power has been restored after temporary failure the voltage is usually low, which COULD be harmful to your refrigerator motor and other electric motors. Be sure to disconnect all electric motor powered units until power has been on for a while and higher voltage is resumed.

3. Do Not Call the Power Company.

Telephoning your power company cannot help—officials know the power is cut off—and your phone call ties up telephone lines urgently needed for other purposes.

4. If You Have a Private Electric Water System—

—and if the power is off for some time it's a good idea to drain standing water from exposed pipes. Because the normal flow of water in the pipes is stopped it is more subject to freezing.

5. Do Not Open Your Home Freezer.

Maintain as low a temperature as possible in your home freezer by not opening the lid during power failure. Exposing frozen foods to warm air when refrigeration is cut off makes them susceptible to thawing and increases the danger of spoilage.

6. Do Not Feel Neglected If Power Is Restored in One Area and Not in Your Neighborhood.

When electric power is restored some areas receive service first. Don't worry, the chances are your neighborhood will receive electric service soon.

7. Don't Worry.

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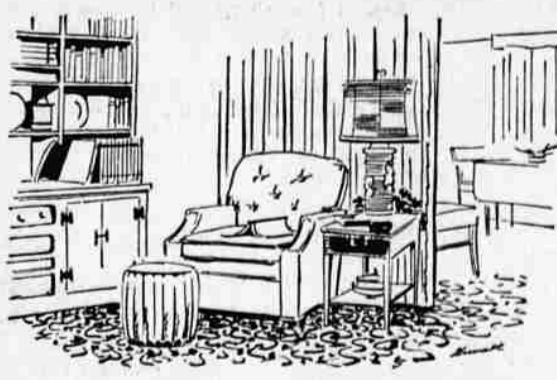


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By JACK JOSSE



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