

# If Russia Develops Hydrogen Bomb, United States Better Not Be Behind

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

One of the most momentous decisions in U. S. history is in the making. The question is: Shall we produce a hydrogen bomb?

A hydrogen bomb is a special kind of atom bomb. Scientists believe such an explosive could be 1000 times more destructive than the bombs dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They think an H-bomb could wipe out from 50 to 100 square miles of a city. In other words, possibly half of a great center like Chicago.

When the first atom bomb was announced, the world felt the zenith in destructive possibilities had been reached. To learn that this weapon might be outstripped 1000 times is certain to astound us all. Those who must decide whether to make this bomb are confronted with a terrible choice.

The economic aspect isn't critical. Scientists estimate they can produce the H-bomb for an initial cost of \$200,000,000. The project would take two to four years and would require a sizable amount of many materials in heavy civilian use. But apparently the impact on normal business and industry wouldn't be too severe.

Basically, the decision is a moral, political and military choice. Where will we stand in the world's eyes if we undertake

to produce this colossal weapon of destruction?

There is danger that more than a few nations would conclude we were bent upon a murderous arms race that could only end in a crushing war. They might believe that no country can morally preach peace while it is making so powerful a bomb.

From the military view, however, the question is whether America can take the risk of not producing the H-bomb when its potential enemies may be doing so. Government guesses on Russian A-bomb progress were highly inaccurate. Furthermore, the theory of the hydrogen bomb has been well known for years and the Russians may already be working on it.

Scientists, members of the Atomic Energy commission and presidential advisers are divided in their counsel. One distinguished scientist, associated with the first A-bomb, has advised the President not to make an H-bomb. Other men think the country's security demands that we go ahead.

Retiring AEC Chairman David E. Lillenthal is among several who are said to believe the United States should make another exhaustive effort to get an atomic control agreement with the Soviet Union before undertaking the H-bomb.

This, it is felt, would strengthen our moral standing in the world. It would be new proof that we really desire peace, even though we are considering construction of the most devastating weapon ever conceived.

The President might adopt this plan. Or he might decide to start the H-bomb project and at the same time enter into new control negotiations with Russia. The aim in that case would be to prevent the Russians from buying time for bomb research through eddles stalling at the bargaining table.

## CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

YAKIMA, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Librarians were probably half right when they figured—20 years ago—that something had gotten into their magazine files.

A conscience-stricken automobile "bug" mailed a bundle of clippings to the Yakima City library from Pendleton, Ore.

An accompanying unsigned note read: "I am returning some pictures of old time automobiles that I cut out of some old magazines about 20 years ago. I feel I cannot be a Christian and have them in my possession."



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## Super Power Of Teamster Union Occasion Alarm

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—NLRB general counsel Robert N. Denham declared yesterday that if the AFL Teamsters union ever concentrates its power "there will be no measuring" its economic force on the nation.

He made clear that he views this prospect with alarm. As attorney for the National Labor Relations board, Denham is the government's chief Taft-Hartley act prosecutor. His office is independent of the NLRB itself.

In a speech prepared for a meeting of the American Trucking associations, Inc., Denham said the Teamsters exercise control which touches virtually every industry in the country. He added:

"If they could just concentrate that control, as most of the other organizations do, under a single master-type agreement or formula patterned for collective bargaining that would apply to and tie in all of the industries which they touch, there would be no measuring the economic force and power of the teamsters in this country."

The potential strength of the million-man union, Denham said, "is sufficient to dwarf the economic power of those so-called monopolistic giant unions into relative insignificance."

"It is hardly necessary for me to remind you that that union is fully conscious of its power."

Despite the Taft-Hartley provisions intended "to curb abuses of that power, not only as it exists in the teamsters, but in every other labor organization," Denham said, "we still have a long

way to go before what seems to be the congressional intent will be realized."

## Northwest Conference Coaches Eye Ruling

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—A majority of Northwest conference basketball coaches were expected to vote today to toss out basketball's two-minute rule in favor of the Big Ten conference modification.

Paul Durham, president of the Conference Coaches' association, said he would make the survey today and, if accepted, could see no reason why the modified rule couldn't be put into effect this weekend.

The Big Ten version gives the fouled team two shots in the final two minutes of play. If the second is missed, the ball remains in play. If made, the ball goes out of bounds to the defending team.

NCAA rules provide for the fouled team to retain possession of the ball out of bounds whether the foul shot is made or missed.

## Second Half YMCA Play Starts Tonight

The YMCA basketball league launches the second half of league play tonight at 7:30 in the armory gymnasium. The Jaycees play the undefeated Umpqua Plywood five and the Christian church quint opposes the National Guards in the late game.

Marlen Yoder, YMCA general secretary, said the public is invited to attend free of charge. A collection will be solicited from the spectators and players to help meet expenses and the cost of a league trophy.



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## Jack Kramer Is No Longer 'Tour Cinch'

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 31.—When Pancho Gonzales and Francisco Segura switched opponents in the world wide tennis tour now being promoted by Bobby Riggs, the change resulted in the end of the domination of the tour by world champion Jack Kramer.

The change of pace took place on the night of Jan. 1 and the new lineup sent Segura against Kramer and Gonzales against Frank Parker. Both Segura and Parker won and Gonzales snapped back after a long slump in his series against Kramer.

When the tour returned from Europe, where the change took place, Gonzales once again was matched with Kramer and now holds a 6-5 edge in the 11 matches played since the first of the year. So, when the four touring tennis stars appear in McArthur court on February 8, sports fans from the Willamette valley and western Oregon will have a chance to see the players at their best and the series in its hottest competition since the inception of the post-war professional competition.

The Kramer-Gonzales rivalry naturally rates top billing, but the Segura-Parker match and the doubles battle between Kramer-Parker match and the doubles battle between Kramer-Parker and Gonzales-Segura is also certain to give the fans an evening full of sports thrills.

Nearly a thousand seats have been sold in the reserved sections at McArthur court, but good seats are still available at \$1.00 each. The price is the lowest on the tour and was kept in line with normal University of Oregon prices to enable the greatest number of fans to attend. When the tour opened in New York the price scale was from \$5.50 and more than 18,000 fans attended. General admission tickets will

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## Earlier Fishing Openings Listed

PORTLAND, — (AP)—Earlier openings for fishing in some Oregon rivers and lakes were listed Monday by the state game commission in final revisions of 1950 angling rules.

Major changes to previously listed tentative rules included: Zone 1—15 day earlier opening of the Nehalem, Salmonberry, north fork of the Salmonberry, Rock creek, Wilson, Trask and north fork of the Trask rivers—Oct. 1 instead of Oct. 15.

Winter closing of the Nestucca was set at Feb. 28 to conform with other coastal stream closures.

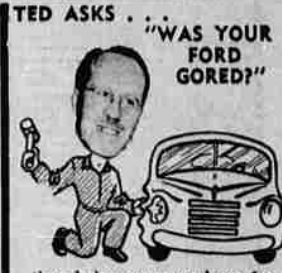
Zone 2—Southern half opening May 1.

Zone 3—New opening date of May 1; Lost lake in Linn county was given an open season June 1 to June 30.

Zone 5—Little Lava lake removed from the closed to all angling list; Rock creek reservoir opening was set at May 1 to conform with other area waters; opening of Fawn, Wahoo and Rosary lakes was moved to June 1 instead of June 10; the season for North Twin lakes will be May 1 to Sept. 15 and for Wickup reservoir May 1 to Sept. 30.

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