

Truman Order For Bomb Anticipated, Says Writer

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President Truman's order to the Atomic Energy commission to continue its work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the "so-called hydrogen or super-bomb," was of course anticipated as a measure of defense "against any possible aggressor."

However, many folks will be shocked at being brought face to face with the necessity of going ahead and developing this new horror-weapon of untold destructive power. The question naturally had arisen in most minds whether there wasn't some way in which this might be avoided.

The answer to that, I believe, had to be "no" if the security of our country was to be insured. There is no indication, as I see it, that there is serious danger of another world war in the near future. It could happen, but it isn't likely.

However, this cold war in which we are engaged—this conflict of the isms—is a fight to a finish. There is small possibility of any compromise.

Must Be Prepared

This means we must be prepared for contingencies. We can't run the chance that the other fellow may have the super-bomb before we get it developed, for that would lay us open to a possible lightning attack which might knock us out overnight. And we may be sure that the other fellow is thinking of his own security in similar terms.

It is, of course, a damnable shame that such atomic weapons of war should have to be built in this day and age. Thinking along this line, the London Daily Mail, one of Britain's most widely read newspapers, editorializes:

"The question is: Can we do anything about this new menace before it splits the world?"

"Even if the United States decided not to produce such bombs, this would not bind other countries. The only way out is to control the source of bomb-making materials. But Russia has always

Bruce L. Yeager Sales Manager Keel Motor Co.



BRUCE L. YEAGER
Picture by Photo Lab.

Vern Keel, head of the Keel Motor Co., Douglas county Studebaker dealer, announced today appointment of Bruce L. Yeager, 421 S. Jackson St., Roseburg, as the company sales manager.

Yeager joined the Keel Motor Co. a year ago following four years in sawmilling and logging. He previously had been engaged in automotive work for more than 16 years, coming to Roseburg from Coos Bay in 1933 to accept employment with an automotive firm by which he was employed until 1942, when he resigned to enter the lumber industry.

A veteran of two World wars, Yeager still retains his commission in the Marine corps reserve. He is a past president of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club and is currently serving as president of the Oregon Wildlife federation.

March Of Dimes Battles Handicap Of Bad Weather

Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland, state chairman for the March of Dimes, who authorized extension of the drive 10 additional days in 1950, described the winter weather as the "most crippling" he has experienced in the 12 years he has headed the annual polio drive in Oregon. Despite this considerable drawback, Dr. Hedlund said that public response had been "nearly up to par."

The Oregon state board of health issued figures at the same time which indicated that 1950 might be another troublesome polio year in the state. The state epidemiologist, Dr. Samuel Osgood, reported that 12 cases had been counted in Oregon thus far in 1950. He pointed out that only seven had been recorded for a corresponding time in 1949, the third most severe year in Oregon's infantile paralysis annals.

Thirty-two states—highest number in history—reported polio case rates in 1949 of more than 20 per 100,000 persons, the rate considered epidemic for this disease by health authorities.

Oregon just missed epidemic incidence by a whisker, according to a breakdown of 1949 figures by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Oregon's 1949 rate of 19 cases per 100,000 persons put her in 34th place among the states. Idaho ranked first with a case rate of 28.5, California was 27th with a 24.4

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rate and Washington 30th with a 23 rate. In all, the year brought a record 42,375 cases to the nation.

The March of Dimes organization commented that infantile paralysis is not only on the rise but outbreaks are becoming more general than sporadic. Eighty percent of the 1949 cases were assisted financially by the National Foundation and its chapters at a cost of \$31,000,000.

Put Missouri In Mothballs, Vinson States

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) suggested Wednesday the Navy put the battleship Missouri into "mothballs" and send an aircraft carrier to sea in its place.

Vinson made the proposal to the House Armed Services committee which he heads and asked members to back him up. He said he would seek formal committee action next Tuesday.

The Missouri is the only American battleship in active service. It has been stuck on a Chesapeake bay mudbank for the last two weeks. It was pulled off only a few hours before Vinson made his proposition to the committee. Vinson told the group he wanted them to "consider suggesting to Defense Secretary Johnson and Secretary of Navy Matthews that they put the Missouri in mothballs and bring out an aircraft carrier."

He said it costs millions of dollars to keep a battleship in the fleet. That is too much, he added, because a battleship is not as useful as it once was.

The Navy has taken the stand that the Missouri is valuable in service because, among other things:

- 1—It provides a means of keeping trained for battleship work.
- 2—It can carry large amounts of fuel for resupplying smaller ships at sea.

There were reports about a year ago that the Missouri—named for President Truman's home state—would be decommissioned. That brought a retort from Mr. Truman that a "smart aleck who poses as a Navy spokesman" was talking out of turn.

The Navy estimates it costs about \$6,750,000 a year to keep the Missouri in the fleet, but the cost of pulling it out of the Chesapeake bay mud may never be known.

The Navy said it has no way of figuring out the expense.

The good driver always exercises due regard for the rights of others and applies the simple axioms of courteous behavior.

Taft Demands Slash In Budget Of \$4 Billion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. — (AP) — Senator Taft (R-Ohio) called Wednesday for a \$4,000,000,000 cut in President Truman's budget. It was right in line with Republican plans to make economy a key issue in a party policy statement due next Monday.

Taft said in his weekly report to Ohio voters that federal spending has increased \$8,000,000,000 since 1947, the first year of the Republican 80th Congress.

"Surely half of that increase can be eliminated by the strictest economy, both at home and abroad," he said.

Taft labelled as "nonsense" President Truman's statement that the tax reduction voted by the Republican 80th Congress had caused the present federal deficit.

"The President does not recommend the restoration of one

cent of those personal income taxes," Taft noted. "Evidently he agrees with the 80th Congress that a higher taxation of personal incomes or any large increase in other taxes is more than the economy of this country can stand and still make necessary progress."

Taft also said any increase in corporation taxes would tend to discourage already lagging business investments.

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Promise Of U. S. Economic Help Cheers Formosa

TAIPEI, Formosa, Feb. 2. — (AP) — U. S. Congressional action assuring Formosa of \$28,000,000 economic aid boosted Chinese nationalist morale today.

Nationalists hoped this would be the forerunner of additional help to this financially pressed island.

High quarters repeated past estimates that it would take about \$100,000,000 to stabilize Formosa's economy.

The Nationalist government continued to prune its expenses. Some 70 diplomatic and consular posts abroad were ordered to reduce their staffs to the bare minimum to carry on business. Some officials lopped off the payroll have been abroad for 15 years.

As a means of raising revenue surtaxes were imposed in Formosa. These ranged from an increase of 30 percent in the business tax to 100 percent in the cost of electricity.

Meantime, fears grew that mainland Chinese Communists were holding in reserve an Air Force for the attack of Formosa preparatory to an invasion. The Reds are known to possess a few planes and Nationalists believe they are hiding them far inland until they are needed to bomb Formosa.

That is the reason Communist airfields along the coast have been bombarded of late. The Nationalists think the Reds would land their planes along the coast for refueling and loading bombs before taking off for this island 100 miles off the China coast.

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