

RUSSIA EXPLODES SECOND ATOMIC BOMB

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



ELWYN (DOC) POCKOCK, wheel aligner at Lockwood Motors, manipulates a John Bean visualizer as he aligns and sets the front wheels of a lumber company truck, a job which will average about one hour's time.

Doc and Mrs. Pocock have two children — Virginia, 12, a student at Junior high, and Lane, 6, who has enrolled at Rose for his first term of school.

Washington State Adopts Point System For Keeping Tab On Faulty Car Drivers

OLYMPIA — (AP) — A new point system to cut down on highway accidents is being tried out in Washington.

It enables officials to keep a close tab on every licensed driver in the state and take steps to weed out the bad ones.

A file is kept on every driver. It contains a record of all his traffic violations, each of which counts so many points against him — three points for speeding, two for going through a red light, etc.

If he accumulates too many points, he may lose his driver's license.

The system, similar to that in effect in several other states, was set up on a trial basis by the state patrol and the state department of licenses last June.

"This is a step in the right direction," said James A. Pryde, chief of the state patrol. "This system will enable us to check on the habitual violators."

Mrs. Della Urquhart, director of the department of licenses, explained that the point system is "part of an educational program to make careless drivers more careful."

Under the system, points have been assigned to various traffic violations on the following tentative basis:

Negligent driving when drinking is involved, four to eight points; an accident with an injury if the driver was at fault, five points; speeding, three; failure to keep to right when not passing, three; following too closely, three; failure to signal or improper signal, two; improper passing, two to three; failure to stop for stop sign or red light, two.

If a driver accumulates eight points, he receives a warning letter. If he piles up 10 to 12 points, he is directed to appear at an informal hearing with a state patrolman. If he continues to violate traffic regulations, his license is suspended when he has 15 or more points against him within a 12-month period of time. The individual may appeal to the courts if he wishes.

The system supplements that portion of the law which makes it mandatory for the courts to lift a person's license if he is convicted of more serious offenses, such as drunken driving, hit and run, reckless driving, or manslaughter resulting from his operation of a car.

Two Drunken Drivers Feel Law's Heavy Hand

James C. Nelson, 48, Myrtle Creek, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and fined \$360 on a drunk driving charge by G. D. Mylienbeck, Myrtle Creek city recorder, the sheriff's office reported. The arrest was made by Myrtle Creek police.

James W. Walters, route 1 Roseburg, pleaded guilty Wednesday to drunk driving charge and was fined \$500 and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence. Payment of the fine will be worked out in employment for the county. District Judge A. J. Geddes said.

John C. Flores, 22, Central, Calif., was fined \$50 and given a 30-day jail sentence on a reckless driving charge. Reedsport Justice of Peace Fred Wright reported.

Cop Who Slew 2 Youths Faces Murder Indictment

CHICAGO — (AP) — Policeman Michael Moretti, 33, has been indicted on two charges of murder in connection with the slaying of two west side youths.

Moretti said he was pursuing a narcotics investigation and claimed he shot in self defense at three youths as they sat in a car parked in a west side vacant lot. The survivor told the coroner's jury the policeman fired without provocation.

The Weather

Partly cloudy today and Friday.

Highest temp. for any Oct. 96

Lowest temp. for any Oct. 23

Highest temp. yesterday 62

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 48

Precip. last 24 hours .12

Precip. from Oct. 1 1.40

Defic. from Oct. 1 .87

Sunset today, 5:50 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6:14 a.m.

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Allied Offensive Slowed By Fierce Red Resistance

Gains, Losses Mark Battles On Long Front

Opposing Commanders Still Apart On New Site For Fresh Peace Talks

U. S. 8TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea — (AP) — Fierce Red counterattacks slowed a sweeping Allied offensive on the western front today.

But infantrymen of nine United Nations attacking along a 40-mile front stretched the advance in their two-day offensive to four miles in some places.

The longest gains — two miles Wednesday and two more Thursday — were made by Canadians. But American and Greek troops, fighting over ridges west of Yonchon in the center of the offensive, were forced to make small Wednesday openings the attack — mile sector.

A hundred U. N. planes roared down on strongly dug-in Chinese troops.

The Reds fought stubbornly against the big U. N. offensive. Five attacking Allied divisions were supported by 57-ton tanks and tipped by flame-throwing infantrymen.

A pooled dispatch from the eastern front said heavy Red mortar and artillery fire forced an Allied tank-infantry patrol to pull back Thursday after it probed up a valley east of Heartbreak ridge.

Allies Are Shoulder to Shoulder

French and American troops reported strong Red resistance from North Korean Reds still in control of Heartbreak.

The offensive smashed to within earshot of Kaesong, site of disrupted truce negotiations which the Reds Thursday refused to reopen anywhere else.

A roaring artillery barrage Wednesday opened the attack — the largest launched on the Korean front in three months.

The Allies — British, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, American, Greek, Turkish, Filipino and Korean troops — fought shoulder to shoulder.

Air and naval forces hammered at continuing heavy Red efforts to (Continued on Page 2)

Pershing's Aide Dies At His Desk



HUGH A. DRUM

NEW YORK — (AP) — Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, who was chief of staff to Gen. John J. Pershing in World War I, died Wednesday. He was 72.

Drum died at his desk in the Empire State building, apparently of a heart ailment.

He was president of the Empire State, Inc.

Son of an army officer killed in the Spanish-American war, General Drum, born at an army post, skipped West Point but became one of the nation's top military strategists. He served in the army 45 years and saw action in various trouble spots. When he retired in 1943 he was the nation's senior lieutenant general.

Truman Explains Why He Imposed Clamp On News

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman said today that his executive order tightening control over government information grew out of publication of 95 percent of our secrets "by the newspapers and slick magazines."

In a news conference the President sparred with newspapermen over the order and declared he had no desire to suppress freedom of speech.

The order, issued Sept. 25, empowers civilian as well as military of the government agencies to withhold information which they think might endanger the national security, and establishes uniform methods of "classifying" such information.

Although the President's announcement of the new order said censorship has been widely attacked by editors, publishers and many members of Congress as establishment censorship at the source of information to which the public is entitled.

Mr. Truman suggested that newsmen should withhold even some information made available to them by authorized government agencies.

Various reporters at the news conference then expressed puzzlement over just what the President expects of them.

He did not give the newsmen any specific guidance, however. He suggested that patriotism should govern what they publish regardless of what they receive from government sources.

Forest Industries Will Join Access Roads Urge

The Douglas county chapter of the Western Forest Industries association has agreed to cooperate with a Roseburg chamber of commerce committee to promote construction of access roads into remote timber areas.

The action was taken at a meeting in Roseburg.

The group also supported a resolution by officers of the Western Forest Industries association opposing a senate bill that would transfer bureau of land management activities to the forest service.

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He told the country that gold and dollar reserves of the British-banked sterling area had shrunk by \$3,000,000 in the past three months and were now only \$3,269,000,000. Members of the sterling bloc are Burma, Iraq, Iceland and all members of the commonwealth except Canada.

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What the gap actually means is that these countries bought \$398,000,000 more worth of things which must be paid for in gold or dollars

Freight Car Shortage Hits Lumbermen

Transfer Of Equipment Elsewhere For Wheat Harvest Reason Given

A shortage of railroad freight cars was again affecting lumbermen in Douglas county, but it reportedly won't last as long as last year's five-month scarcity.

Some of Roseburg's largest lumber operators said they were receiving about half as many cars as were necessary.

Contributing to the shortage has been the transfer of some 400 Southern Pacific cars to aid northern lines in the wheat harvest, according to Frank C. Nelson, Portland, SP freight traffic manager.

Nelson said more cars were going east than west on the nation's railroads, thus reducing the number of empties available on the west coast.

In the meantime, lumber was piling up in mills throughout Douglas county for lack of transportation.

The shortage was expected to continue possibly five more weeks, a spokesman for the West Coast Lumberman's association reported.

K. C. Batchelder, WCLA traffic manager, was quoted in the Western Forest Industries Review as saying:

"Our lumber organization has appealed to the Association of American Railroads to step up westward deliveries of cars.

"We pointed out that lumbermen would be glad to get rough boxcars that are less suitable for other merchandise."

A spokesman for the Roseburg Lumber company declared one of its mills has received about 40 to 45 percent of its actual needs since Sept. 7. On some days no cars whatever are received, he said.

A new Interstate Commerce commission ruling stating that cars must be 50 percent loaded at the point of origin was preventing "stopover" cars which helped to alleviate the situation last year.

Roseburg Couple Injured In Auto-Truck Collision

A Roseburg couple was injured Wednesday evening when the trailer of a freight truck hit a guard rail and skidded into the path of their car.

State police said the accident occurred on highway 99, near the Lane-Douglas county line.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Hunter were both taken to Mercy hospital. Hunter received head injuries, including a broken jaw, and Mrs. Hunter was treated for a broken arm, hospital attendants said. The Hunters are newcomers, moving here from Goldendale, Wash.

The driver of the truck, Ulmer Canaday, Milwaukie, was not injured.



W. E. (DUTCH) MILLS, Roseburg fire chief, left, and Wm. C. Uhrath, president of the Roseburg volunteer fire department, display an achievement trophy which the department will present to the most outstanding high school athlete who will have competed in three major sports during his senior year. The trophy will become the permanent possession of the athlete to whom it is awarded. The fire department plans to offer a similar trophy annually. (Paul Jenkins picture)

Oregon's Veterans' Bonus Bonds Attract No Bidders

SALEM — (AP) — The first \$500,000 worth of Oregon World War II veterans bonus bonds could not be sold today because no bidders showed up.

The \$500,000 is to be used to pay administrative expenses of paying off the maximum \$600 bonus. W. F. Gaarenstroom, state veterans affairs director, said he would ask the state bond commission in about 10 days to arrange for state trust funds to be used to buy the \$500,000 bond issue.

The lack of bidders today is a strong indication that no one will bid late this month when the \$40 million worth of bonds to pay the bonus are put up for sale.

The main reason that no bidders showed up today is that a federal credit restraint committee ruled the bonds are inflationary. Another factor is that Oregon bonds are becoming harder to sell because of the state's huge bonded debt.

If no bidders want the \$40 million bond issue, then the state bond commission probably will ask the state retirement board and state industrial accident commission to use their trust funds to buy the issue.

However, since these trust funds already are invested at higher interest rates than the bonus bonds would bring, there is considerable doubt whether the retirement board and accident commission would invest their funds in the bonus bonds.

The bonus, authorized by the voters last November, can't be paid unless the bonds are sold.

Abadan Refinery Loss Hits Britain As Dollar Reserves, Gold Take Fresh Nose Dives

LONDON — (AP) — A tense House of Commons gathered today to wind up its affairs, angry over the loss of the oil refinery at Abadan and shocked by the nose dive of Britain's gold and dollar assets.

Members are scheduled to hear a proclamation from the king dissolving parliament and clearing the way for the Oct. 25 elections.

Both the loss of Iranian oil and the country's financial plight are expected to be hot issues.

There were signs of such bitterness among the members over the government's abandonment of the huge Abadan plant that the impartial speaker of the House was prepared to halt any effort to discuss it in order to preserve traditional decorum.

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White House Relays News To America

Soviet Also Goes Ahead With Nuclear Weapons' Production, Report Adds

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Russia has exploded a second atomic bomb and is pushing ahead with production of nuclear weapons, the White House announced Wednesday.

The announcement, coming just two years and two weeks after President Truman disclosed the first atomic explosion in the Soviet, gave no further details.

But the announcement, coupled with other developments at home and abroad, raised anew the question whether atomic warfare might flare in Korea.

There Russia's satellite troops and United Nations forces are in stalemated battle; bitter fighting and mounting casualties bring victory no nearer for either side. Is resort to atomic arms contemplated? There are these facts:

1. A White House announcement that "another atomic bomb has recently been exploded within the Soviet Union" and that Russia, despite pretensions that her atomic energy program is only for peaceful purposes, "is continuing to make atomic weapons."

2. An assertion by Senator Hick-enlooper (R-Iowa), member of a former chairman of the senate-house atomic committee, that powerful new atomic weapons are available for use in Korea; that he favors using them; but that it is a military decision.

Control Need Emphasized

Except for the single opening sentence saying another bomb has been exploded within the Soviet Union, the White House statement issued at direction of President Truman contained no details.

The balance of the brief statement was devoted to stressing "again the necessity for that effective, enforceable international control of atomic energy which the United States and a large majority of the members of the United Nations support."

However, White House use of the phrase "atomic bomb" was significant. The President announced two years ago — on Sept. 23, 1949 — that evidence had been obtained of an "atomic explosion." He cautiously refrained from using the word "bomb." This time, the American scientists whose duty it is to maintain constant vigil for such things, apparently were sure it was an actual bomb.

Seismograph Confirms

Apparently evidence of the re-

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Tax Measure Conferees Make Some Revisions

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The senate-house conference committee adjusting differences in a multi-billion dollar tax increase bill chafed up considerable progress Wednesday, their first full day near agreement.

They agreed to:

1. Increase the normal tax rate on corporations from 25 to 30 percent, and leave the surtax rate unchanged at 22 percent, as favored by the House. The senate bill called for boosting the normal rate, which applies to the first \$25,000 of a corporation's earnings, to 27 percent, and tilting the surtax rate to 25. In either case, the combined normal and surtax rate which applies to earnings over \$25,000 would be 52 percent. The decision made it certain that corporations will be tapped for something over \$2,000,000,000 in additional taxes.

2. Make the corporate rate increase effective April 1, 1951, as voted by the Senate, rather than Jan. 1, 1951, the date approved by the House.

3. Start collection of higher individual income taxes Nov. 1, this year. (The committee has not so far decided whether to accept the house rate, which would increase most persons' taxes by 12½ percent, or the 11 percent general increase favored by the Senate.)

4. Grant unmarried persons who are the heads of households approximately one-half the tax advantage available to married couples under the income splitting provision of the present law.

5. Extend for two years, until Jan. 1, 1954, the income tax exemption granted members of the armed forces serving in combat zones, and those hospitalized as a result of such service. The exemption applies to all the pay of enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, and to the first \$200 a month received by commissioned officers.

SCHOOL PLANTS OKAYED

SALEM — (AP) — All school heating plants in Oregon now are safe, F. W. Smith, chief state boiler inspector, says.

Smith said his staff has inspected boilers and hot water tanks in the schools, and ordered a few of them out of service.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Oregon's motto, "She Flies With Her Own Wings," will be tested when the state is forced to finance the veterans' bonus with its own trust funds.

ASK SEVERANCE TAX

DENVER — (AP) — Members of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) want a timing severance tax in Oregon.

Five hundred of them approved a resolution calling for the tax in a session of the 15th annual convention of the union.