

Test Atomic Reactor Core Exploded; No One Injured

LOS ALAMOS, N. M. — The AEC said today that the test atomic reactor exploded during testing on Feb. 12. No one was injured, but the power unit was destroyed.

The reactor core—in essence a stripped down model of a power reactor—was, because of its "naked" nature, whimsically dubbed "the Godiva."

It consisted of a sphere of uranium 235 about 64 inches in diameter suspended on a tripod. The AEC announcement said no damage was done to the building and radiation contamination has been removed by standard cleaning methods.

The uranium core itself did not explode. Pieces of the core "flew apart" under pressure of heat from an increased chain reaction which the AEC said was caused by a "malfunction of special test equipment."

The uranium sphere consisted of six pieces in three sections. Screws holding the sections together couldn't withstand the strain of the reactor heat and gave way, scattering pieces of the sphere for "several feet" around the room housing the "Godiva"—a so-called "unclad" or critical assembly—was first built in 1951 for experiments with what the AEC called "critical" or "delayed" neutrons.

More than 3,500 experiments of various kinds had been conducted with the assembly," the AEC said.

One spokesman who declined to be quoted by name compared the destruction of the reactor unit to "what happens when you hold a hot glass under cold water."

"Because the Godiva was not especially designed for the heavy demands for 'prompt burst' service irradiations which had been made on it, another unshielded assembly had already been designed which will accommodate either delayed or prompt critical experiments," the AEC said.

This new unit will have a wider range "and additional protective features desirable for repeated 'prompt burst' operations."

Employer Groups Protest Increased Unemployment Pay

SALEM — Employer groups protested before the Senate Labor and Industries Committee Thursday that labor's bill to increase unemployment benefits would "make it tough on employers."

But George Brown, representing the state AFL-CIO Council, contended that the proposed benefits would only achieve the original objective by paying benefits equal to half of a worker's wages.

The bill, introduced at the request of the council, would increase the maximum weekly benefits from \$35 to \$40 on July 1, to \$45 in 1958, \$50 in 1959, and two-thirds of the average wage paid in the state in 1960.

Fred Packwood, of the employer group, said that the total benefits would be 35 million dollars a year by 1960 if the bill is passed. The present total is 23 million.

The cost in terms of payroll taxes on employers, who now pay 17 million a year.

Another employer witness, Robert McKean, said "we should try to encourage industry instead of taxing it more. We shouldn't make it too tough on employers, who are the only ones who can create jobs. We want to do everything we can to help industry and to attract new industry."

Packwood criticized payment of benefits to part-time and seasonal workers, asserting that elimination of them would make it possible to boost benefits for "those who deserve higher benefits."

McKean and Packwood also complained about administration of the program and "leaks in the law." These, they said, result in a drain on the fund.

Brown, quoting employers as saying the unemployment fund is shrinking because of too liberal benefits, declared the real reason is that employer taxes are too low.

He said that in eight of the past nine years, employers have paid into the fund that the benefits that were paid out.

Brown asserted that employers got a 40 per cent tax cut in 1949, and another 10 per cent reduction in 1951. He added that in 1954, 40 per cent of the benefits were charged against the fund, rather than against employers' accounts.

Labor's proposals are based on "sound economic reasoning," he said.

Historical Society To Mull Moore Bill

Matters relative to a congressional bill on the Lilly B. Moore property will be taken up at the Douglas County Historical Society meeting Sunday. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Roseburg Women's Club.

Mrs. V. J. Micelli, a spokeswoman for the society, said that Mrs. Florence Shambrook Virden would speak at the meeting. Her topic is "Family Recollections of the French Settlement."

Mrs. Micelli stated the City of Roseburg and the Historical Society have taken title to the Moore house and furniture located on the property at Southeast Rose Street and Washington Avenue.

A congressional bill to transfer ownership of the three lots in conjunction with the 100-year-old house is being prepared, Mrs. Micelli stated. She added that Congressman Charles O. Porter will be in Roseburg April 22 in connection with the bill.

Acting Superintendent Appointed At Glendale

Albert Moe, English instructor, was appointed acting vice superintendent of Glendale Schools at a board meeting held Thursday night in the high school.

He will act in that capacity while James Pate, regular superintendent - principal, is ill, Mrs. Grace Fox, News-Review correspondent, said.

It was announced at the meeting that Marlen Yoder, newly appointed superintendent of the Glendale School District for the next school year, hired Mrs. Gerald Brady of Astoria as a home economics instructor. Mrs. Brady is a graduate of Glendale High School and has been teaching at Myrtle Creek. The board gave unanimous approval of her selection.

A decision on bids concerning gasoline for school buses and oil for heating the grade and high school buildings was tabled because one member of the board was absent.

Fullerton PTA Group Named For Boy Scouts

The central committee designated by the Fullerton PTA for Scout Troop 114 held an organizational meeting recently at the home of Walter Hobbs. The committee met, Hobbs said, to determine the pertinent needs of the boys and adult groups.

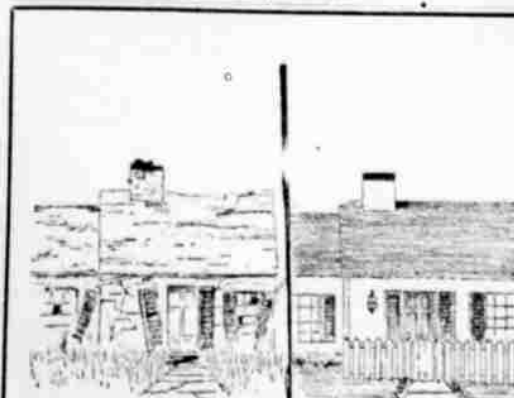
The next regular meeting of the committee is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 3, at the Fullerton School.

AGENT APPOINTED

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THE PACIFIC BIBLE COLLEGE A Cappella choir of Azusa, Calif., will appear in concert Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Roseburg Evangelical United Brethren Church. Pastor Kenneth D. Dooley reports that the first division of the program will consist of anthems, the second of negro spirituals, the third, hymn anthems and gospel songs. The 32-voice singing ensemble is composed of young people in training for Christian Service at Pacific Bible College of Azusa. The choir is directed by Jack Arthur Raines, dean of the school of music since 1946 and a staff writer for "Accent," national magazine for choral conductors. The program will be open to the public.

Brewster Admits Records Of Union Destroyed

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witness giving testimony of the alleged conspiracy.

Chairman McClellan (D-Ark) announced in the hearings that the committee has asked Dave Beck, international president of the Teamsters to furnish it all his financial records for the years 1949 through 1953 preliminary to hearings planned to begin about two weeks after the current series on Portland is concluded.

Brewster's report of the destruction of the Western Conference's financial records was the second time this week the committee has run into inability to get its hands on records.

On Wednesday, Reginald McKee, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Teamsters Council, told the senators his organization's records for the period from mid-1934 to mid-1936 had been destroyed because more office space was needed. The senators had asked for these records.

Robert Kennedy, committee counsel, brought out from Brewster that the teamsters' Western Conference records were destroyed the same year Internal Revenue Service wanted them in investigating financial operations of Brewster and Beck.

Asked about the financial records, Brewster said he "knew by hearsay" that those prior to 1934 were destroyed in January, 1934 and that the Internal Revenue Service later wanted those books.

He told the committee that "Buddy" Graham, secretary-treasurer of the Western Conference, took the records out of their customary storage place and they subsequently were put in the trash. Pressed for reasons for their destruction, he said a janitor put them in the trash on orders from the Seattle firemen to clean up a storage room as a fire hazard.

He said he had no direct knowledge of the incident and his information was based upon statements to him by others.

Kennedy wanted to know why a janitor would throw away records and Brewster replied: "He doesn't know, I believe, a record, or whether it's a Sunday newspaper or a ledger."

Brewster was asked about a series of checks drawn on Western Conference accounts under signatures of Beck and Brewster while the money going to the Los Angeles Teamsters Joint Council No. 42 "public relations division account."

The checks totaled \$23,000 from Feb. 15, 1951 to Feb. 28, 1952.

Brewster said he did not know for what purpose the money was sent to the Los Angeles Council. He said he supposed it was to buy television time or some other public relations expenditure.

Kennedy asked Brewster whether under the conference bookkeeping system it was not possible that the conference officials with power to sign checks "might not have been able to embezzle thousands of dollars."

Brewster said all the officials were bonded.

Kennedy pressed his question again, asking whether one or two officials signing all checks could have "embezzled" large amounts of money.

"I believe it was possible but not probable," Brewster answered.

Kennedy asked Brewster whether he would be surprised if he should learn that "a large part" of the \$23,000 "went to pay the personal bills" of a Los Angeles official the committee named as Raymond Leheny.

Brewster said he would be "most shocked."

Brewster said Leheny was director of public relations in Los Angeles.

Sen. Mundt (R-SD) asked Brewster whether, "as far as you know," the records on the \$23,000 are still intact.

"As far as I know, I don't know anything," Brewster replied, and smiled at the spectators laughed.

Before the questioning began, Brewster was permitted to enter his general denial of the various

accusations made earlier in the hearings.

Reading from a 21-page prepared statement, Brewster told the committee the evidence against him "consists mainly of hearsay, rumor, and insidious insinuation." He attacked the genuineness of voice recordings which Elkins says he secretly made.

Brewster said that "with few exceptions" his accusers in the hearings have been underworld characters whose testimony "can be and was used to create the impression that the Teamsters may have engaged in illegal practices in Portland."

"I have never conspired with anyone at any time or place," Brewster said.

He contended there has been testimony about "trivial events which, when linked together with the perjured testimony of Elkins," unfairly seemed to brand him.

Specifically, Brewster denied allegations that he had accepted \$10,000 from Stanley Terry of Portland to let Terry get union stickers for his pinball machines and call off pickets who Terry said were preventing delivery of supplies to his place.

For the most part, Brewster said his voice rose slowly and finally reached almost a shout as he denied even knowing or talking with Terry, or asking or receiving money from Terry.

Brewster said he had never asked for any sum from anybody for "influence" to get a union contract.

As for Elkins' testimony that he and Brewster once were allied in a plan to take over the Portland underworld, Brewster said that far from conspiring with Elkins "I threw him out" on the only occasion he said Elkins ever visited his office in Seattle.

Reading from a prepared statement, Brewster said:

"As to the alleged conspiracy on the part of the Teamsters or any official or employee thereof to engage in any racket in Portland in connivance with any public official of that city, I will make the following categorical statements under oath:

"1. I know of no conspiracy or plan or effort on the part of the Teamsters or any official or employee thereof to gain control of the law enforcement agencies of the city of Portland, the state of Oregon, or of any official of said city or state. My sole interest there is the same as in every state, that is, to elect officials who are not anti-labor and who will oppose so-called right-to-work laws.

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"3. I have never authorized Elkins, Maloney or McLaughlin, directly or indirectly to represent the Teamsters or myself in Portland or anywhere else on any matter."

Two New Courses Added To Vocational Program

Two new courses have been added to the curriculum in vocational education, according to Dick Boss, director of vocational and adult education for the Roseburg School District.

Both are for electricians. One will cover electric control selection, and the other electric motor selection. Boss said they are part of a General Electric Co. series. Ralph Carlson will instruct.

Both courses will start April 2 at 1 p.m. at Roseburg High School. Tuition will be \$12.50.

Boss has details of the courses at the adult education office at the high school.

HILLSBORO MAN HELD

Richard Raymond Miller, 24, Hillsboro, was held to answer to the circuit court today on a charge of larceny by conditional vendee. Miller was arraigned in district court on the charge after his arrest and return to the county by a deputy sheriff.

Washington State Adjourns Legislature With Budget \$41 Million Out Of Balance

By LEROY HITTLE

OLYMPIA — Washington's 33rd Legislature adjourned shortly after 4 a.m. Friday after approving a state budget \$41,700,000 out of balance.

The deficit figure was conceded on the Senate floor by Sen. Howard Bargreen, Democratic majority caucus chairman and head of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Despite the apparent deficit, Gov. Rosellini said he does not plan to call the Legislature back into special session immediately.

He added, however, if, after analyzing the state fiscal picture, he finds the Legislature has appropriated funds "substantially" beyond foreseeable income, he "will not hesitate to call a special session."

As the midnight deadline for winding up the 60-day session drew near, Sen. Gerald Nixon, Tacoma Democrat and retired engineer, called on the legislators to start "railroad" legislation needed for adjournment.

Ignoring the warning signals of the Republicans, the Democratic majority highballed through two major appropriation bills authorizing state agencies to spend more than a billion dollars during the two year period beginning July 1.

They sidetracked Republican attempts at amending the spending bills, using parliamentary procedure to muffle GOP moves to amend and argue individual items in the budget bills.

Sen. Victor Zednick, Seattle Republican, protested that the midnight hour had denied its constitutional rights.

"In 12 sessions, I have never seen such a disgraceful proceeding," Zednick said. "The Legislature has no right to violate the people's rights, just to get away by 12 o'clock."

Sen. Nat Washington, Ephrata Democrat, retorted he was "tired of hearing Republican complaints" and referred to the 1955 GOP-controlled session which, he said, "was the most flagrant violation of rules in Legislative history."

He said the Democrats at that time had a stack of amendments which they wanted to offer to a tax measure, but the Republican majority adjourned the Legislature without permitting discussion.

Major legislation of the 33rd session was rammed through before the midnight deadline, but because of the mechanics of enrolling and engrossing bills, actual adjournment did not come until several hours later. As a result, the clocks in the legislative chambers were stopped shortly before midnight to prolong the 60th day.

The main budget bill, appropriating \$45 million dollars, was amended and passed by the House 63-35 and reapproved by the Senate 24-19 in the closing hours before midnight.

Following closely was the supplemental appropriation bill, making another 75 million available for various state agencies in 1957-58. It passed the House 57-42 and the Senate 25-21.

Several tax measures to offset the 41 million deficit were attempted, but few passed. Those that did get through will raise about \$35 million dollars.

Bomb Warnings Ground Planes

LOS ANGELES — Anonymous bomb warnings Thursday night grounded seven airliners in Los Angeles, four at Dallas, one at Wichita Falls, Tex., and another at Phoenix, Ariz.

The searches turned up nothing.

A Trans-World Constellation, 20 minutes out of Los Angeles bound for New York was called back to International Airport.

The telephone operator who received the anonymous call here said a man with a mature voice who talked slow with a nasal twang, "told her there was a bomb on the New York bound plane."

TWA officials ordered searches of five other Connies at International and one at Lockheed Terminal in nearby Burbank.

Police and airline workers made similar hunts on four Braniff planes at Dallas. A Braniff Convair en route from Dallas to Amarillo was grounded at Wichita Falls for an hour for a check through the plane and its mail and baggage.

J. E. Miller, executive vice president, said at Dallas the anonymous telephone warning received by Braniff apparently was a prank.

Another such prankster called a travel agency from Fresno, Calif., to warn about a bomb aboard an airliner. TWA's flight 22, which had just stopped at Fresno, was searched by FBI agents when it reached Phoenix, Ariz.

Child Aid By County Discussion Topic Here

Miss Barbara Davis, child welfare consultant with Portland office of the Oregon State Welfare Commission, will be in Roseburg Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to consult the County Welfare Commission staff concerning child welfare problems.

Mrs. Katherine Webster, registered nurse from the commission's Portland office, was in Roseburg this week to visit the Douglas County Chronic Disease Hospital and the Riverside Sanatorium, according to Mrs. Louis V. Baker, County Welfare Commission administrator.

Purpose of her visit was to help determine nursing care rates. Mrs. Baker said. While in Roseburg, Mrs. Webster consulted Dr. Mary E. Soules, county health officer, and the county court.

Sanitary District Buys Truck From Local Firm

A low bid of \$1,280 on a half-ton pickup truck from Hansen Motors of Roseburg was accepted by the North Roseburg Sanitary District at a recent bid meeting, Howard Harris, district manager, said.

The bids of five companies ranged in price up to \$1,581. The bid accepted included a trade-in on a 1950 pickup. Delivery will be taken on the new vehicle as soon as it arrives here.

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Mayor Schunk Questioned By Grand Jurors

PORTLAND — Mayor Terry Schunk was questioned by the Multnomah County grand jury Thursday, one day after returning from Washington, D.C., where he appeared before Senate committee investigating charges of labor racketeering.

The mayor, looking tired, said he was subpoenaed while he was in the bathtub at home, getting ready to visit his doctor.

City Commissioner Stanley Earl, who testified earlier before the Senate committee, also was summoned before the grand jury. But later he was told he could go home and probably would be called again Monday.

In Washington, Schunk denied an accusation that he took a \$500 bribe while Multnomah County sheriff. He also declined to take a lie detector test, explaining he thought some of the questions to be asked him were improper.

Among others called Thursday before the grand jury, investigating charges of vice and corruption, was Mrs. Phyllis Detrick, secretary of Clyde Crosby, Oregon Teamsters Union boss.

Crosby, who also testified at the Senate hearing, was indicted by a previous grand jury.

Blizzards Whip Midwest Areas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blizzards whipped across northern Midwest areas today, isolating scores of communities, as other violent mid-March storms swept sections in the central part of the country.

Minnesota, Iowa, and Dakota and Nebraska appeared the hardest hit by the late winter icy storms which erupted yesterday. At least six deaths were attributed to the blizzard conditions, four in Minnesota and two in Iowa. Rain, sleet and snow spread across wide areas.

Strong northerly winds whipped the heavy snow into huge drifts and visibility was cut to zero in some places. Wind gusts up to 70 m.p.h. lashed areas in Iowa and Minnesota yesterday as the storm rolled across the upper Mississippi Valley.

Travel was curtailed and in many places halted. Telephone and power service was disrupted and schools were closed. At least a dozen small towns in northwestern Iowa were isolated when communications were knocked out. Similar conditions were reported in other parts of the storm belt.

About 300 of the 500 persons attending a high school district basketball tournament at Moline, Iowa, were forced to spend the night in the school gymnasium because of snow-blocked and icy highways.

Vital Statistics

Divorce Suits Filed

BARTZ — William E. Jr. vs. Arlene Faye Bartz. Married Oct. 11, 1954 at Reno, Nev. Plaintiff asks custody of two children and property.

WOLFORD — Pearl vs. Alex Wolford. Married Nov. 17, 1928 at Phoenix, Ariz. Plaintiff seeks custody and support for two children and property settlement.

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