

Scientist Says Human Race Would Survive H-Bomb War



DISCUSS GENEVA CONFERENCE — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter (right) briefs President Eisenhower at the White House on the deadlocked Geneva Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference on Berlin.

Oregon Agricultural Commodity Commissions Hav More Freedom

Oregon's agricultural commodity commissions—grower-created and grower-propelled vehicles to promote a particular product—have more freedom of action as result of 1959 legislation. Until this year these self-help programs have operated tightly under the wing of Mother Oregon. But the recent legislature, heeding advice of the interim committee on governmental reorganization, made changes that actually bring the commission work closer to the growers who support it.

These changes are effective July 1. The major ones include:

1. Public budget hearings for the growers. (So far growers seem unaware of this change as few have appeared at the budget hearings held in June by the seven established commissions.)
2. An annual budget, instead of biennial as in the past when the legislature approved the budget and when it had to be projected two to three years in advance.
3. Deposit of commission funds in their own bank accounts, in banks approved as a state depository. Checks will require two bonded signatures and accounts and records will continue under periodic state audit.
4. A single emergency fund item in the budget to cover unforeseen emergencies. Heretofore the commission could go to the state emergency board for unbudgeted pressing needs.
5. Certification of the budget to the secretary of state through the director of agriculture, who will ascertain if it has been prepared and adopted as the law required.

6. Commission adoption of uniform reasonable rules on travel and similar expenses. Employees will still be under state civil service and retirement.

7. Gubernatorial recognition under the law of recommendations made by growers or grower organizations for appointment of commission members. (Actually, all governors have done this on a voluntary basis.)

8. The contribution the growers make to the program henceforth becomes an assessment rather than a tax.

The changes enumerated above apply to the general act under which commissions are now created and also the specific wheat and potato commission laws.

The state department of agriculture continues to perform the duties of receiving petitions, holding hearings and conducting the grower vote to deny or approve creation of a commission. Also the director of agriculture and dean of the OSC school of agriculture or their respective representative continue as ex-officio members of each commission.

Aside from the interim committee changes, the amended law also includes some housekeeping changes recommended by the department of agriculture and the commissions. These relate mainly to the general commission act.

These will permit more than one kind or type of commodity (as canberries instead of a single berry) to come under a single program; allow two-thirds of the original signers to withdraw a petition; permit the department to submit a supplemental budget to cover hearings and referendum costs; permit the commission to audit records of persons required to pay or collect the assessments; permits a write-off after 5 years of small or uncollectible assessments; closes reports of growers and handlers to public scrutiny; clarifies procedures to increase or decrease the assessment, to limit or expand powers or to continue or discontinue a commission.

Copies of the amended law are available from the State Department of Agriculture, Division of Market Development, Salem.

Suicide Is Verdict After Second Autopsy On Reeves

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—TV Superman George Reeves committed suicide according to results of a second autopsy, Coroner Theodore J. Curphey announced Tuesday.

Curphey's action, taken after Reeves' mother doubted her son had taken his own life, also disclosed that Reeves was under the influence of alcohol at the time of his death.

Reeves left guests in the living room of his home June 16 and mounted to the second floor bedroom. A shot then was heard. The television performer was found dead.

"It is my opinion the wound was self-inflicted," Curphey said. Several questions which continued to puzzle friends and associates included:

- The incessant phone calls police said he received from a former girl friend;
- Why he would leave most of his \$50,000 estate to the wife of a film executive instead of to his fiancée;
- And why a coroner's seal on his Benedict Canyon home was broken.

The city attorney's office disclosed that Reeves had complained about phone calls which came from a woman. Reeves said he believed the calls came from Mrs. Toni Mannix, the main beneficiary, but a subsequent investigation showed the calls did not come from her home.

Mrs. Mannix, wife of Eddie J. Mannix, former general manager of MGM and president of Lowe's, in turn had accused Reeves of annoying her, police said. She recently hired a bodyguard.

No action was taken on the phone calls.

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Experts Say Atom Testing Still Needed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Experts said today that more atomic tests are needed to fill gaps in knowledge of what an H-bomb war would do to the warring nations and the world.

They made this suggestion as a congressional atomic energy subcommittee continued hearings on the "biological and environmental effects of a nuclear war."

The subcommittee was told Monday that a major nuclear attack on the United States would destroy or make unusable for varying periods half the nation's total dwellings.

For the purpose of the hearings, the subcommittee assumed that on a "typical October day" an aggressor hit 224 target areas in the United States with 260 H-bombs ranging in power from one to 10 megatons. One megaton equals one million tons of TNT.

Counting bombs dropped on Allied targets in Western Europe and U.S. retaliatory bombing of the aggressor's homeland, the total megatonnage in this hypothetical war adds up to 4,000.

As the hearings went into their second day, the subcommittee sought to learn from expert witnesses details of what nuclear blast, fire, radiation, and fallout do to human beings.

The survivors of the A-bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have given the world much information on this score. But scientists can't relate this information precisely to radiation dosage because they lack detailed information on just what dose the two wartime bombs delivered at certain distances.

In testimony late Monday, Dr. G. S. Hurst of the Atomic Energy Commission's Oak Ridge (Tenn.) National Laboratory suggested matter-of-factly that "the most effective way" to get the needed data "would be to detonate reconstructions of the two weapons fired over Japan."

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BEARING GIFTS FOR PRISONERS

GREENVILLE, Miss. (UPI) — Circuit Judge Arthur Held sentenced Norman Tanksley for violation of parole: Once a month for the next five years, he must call at the county jail with gifts—"not exceeding the value of a carton of cigarettes"—for the prisoners.

11 Students Earn Perfect Grades At EOC

A record number of 11 students earned a perfect, 4.0, grade point average for the spring term at EOC.

Receiving straight "A's" were Elinor Denny, Sharon Hill, and John Willmarth, La Grande; Seymour Baybrook, Kamuela, Hawaii; Leslie Edwards, Moro; Wilbur Hutton, Baker; William Love, Haines; Harold Moore, Madras; Larry Morgan, Milton-Freewater; Dorothy Reynolds, Empire; and Michael Rieker, Union.

Those who received a 3.5 average or higher entitling them to be included on the honor roll were Mary Bray, JoAnn Berryman, Nancy Choate, Jean Cuthbert, John Dahlstrom, Donna Detrick, Robert Detrick, Frederika Evans, Joyce M. Fertig, Gary Gaertner, William Hawks, Dorothy Knechtel, Keith Masterson, Franklin Mathias, Gene Noland, Barbara Paris, Louis Porter, Susan Peterman, Theresa Rauwolf, Susan Rich, Myrtle Schaad, Robert Seavers, David Walch, Neil Williamson, Albert Wolfe, and Jack Wood, all of La Grande.

Others were Dick Cantrell and Jerrold Baxter, Union; Gary Dielman, John Geriza, Walter Kirklin, Norman Lewis and Harry Spence, Baker; Melvin Munn, Richland; Joyce Kay, Pendleton; Thomas Sutherland, Pilot Rock; Myron Carpenter, Gayle Eddy, and Thomas Switzer, Vale; Yvonne Bannister and Tarry Clifton, Weston; Ken Geigner and Don Heard, Milton-Freewater; Robert Bennet, McNary; Mary Michel, Summerville.

Carol Rudishauser, John Day, Donald Ille, Hermiston; Edsel White, Joseph; Luella Willard, Dayton; Josephine Ward, Forest Grove; Mary Jean Riese, Wilder, Idaho; Carolyn Muller, St. Helens; Ken Kiyono, Kyushu, Japan; Jeannie Edmison, Bend; Ked DeJmal, Ontario; Jean Damon, Heppner; Phyllis Collins, Wallawa; Patrick Cawood, Portland; and Bob Winkel, Maupin.

British Release Atom Bomb Spy

LONDON (UPI)—Klaus Fuchs, the man who gave the atom bomb secret to the Russians, was released from prison Tuesday and left for permanent residence behind the Iron Curtain.

A spokesman for the East German foreign ministry announced in East Berlin that Fuchs would go behind the Iron Curtain into Communist East Germany tonight or Wednesday.

Wakefield Prison officials confirmed that the 48-year-old German-born nuclear scientist was taken from prison under guard today. He had spent nine years in prison.

The government announced some time ago that Fuchs, who had served about two thirds of a 14-year prison term, would be released "by the end of June" and allowed to go wherever he chose.

RAIDERS KILL BRITISH
CAIRO (UPI) — Arab Fedayeen raiders killed five British soldiers in the southern Arabian state of Muscat and Oman, the semi-official Middle East News Agency reported Monday. The unconfirmed report said the raids took place between Nazwa and Azki against a British military camp and another British outpost.

HEMINGWAY HONORED
RONDA, Spain (UPI) — American novelist and bullfight expert Ernest Hemingway, currently vacationing in southern Spain, received a gold medal from the mayor here Tuesday honoring the 100th anniversary of the birth of bullfighter Pedro Romero.

RUSSIAN ESCAPER DROWNS
HELSINGBORG, Sweden (UPI) — A Russian sailor was drowned in the two-mile-wide strait between here and Denmark Monday after jumping ship in a dramatic bid for freedom. "I was watching the Russian ship through binoculars and saw the man jump overboard," said Port Capt. Folk Herrlin. The man began swimming toward Sweden and deliberately turned his back on a lifeboat sent by the Soviet ship before he went under, Herrlin said.

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Benson Predicts President Will Veto Demo Wheat Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson predicts President Eisenhower will veto a Democratic sponsored bill calling for higher wheat price supports and smaller plantings.

Benson made it clear at his news conference Tuesday that he would urge the President not to sign the measure, which the Senate sent to the White House Monday night.

The wheat bill provides for a 25 per cent cut-back in plantings in 1960 and 1961 to help reduce the growing wheat surplus. To take the pinch off farmers, it also would increase price supports from 75 to 90 per cent of parity.

Benson challenged sponsors' claims that the bill would save the government \$264,000,000 a year in overall costs. The farm secretary said instead it would cost an additional \$100,000,000 a year above the present \$700,000,000 annual cost of the wheat program.

4 Face Charge Of Rape Of 14-Year-Old White Girl

NEW YORK (UPI)—Four Negro teenagers charged with the rape of a 14-year-old white girl in a junior high schoolyard appear in the adolescent section of Felony Court for a hearing today.

Jacob Bethea and John Rich, both 16, admitted sexually attacking the girl last Thursday night when she left the school recreation center and started home, police said. Henry Stokes, 16, and Edward Jacobs, 17, were said to have admitted holding her while the attack occurred.

All four were charged with rape. Two other Negroes were involved in the incident, but their ages, 15 and 14, prevented their being charged with any crime except juvenile delinquency. Police said the 15-year-old admitted helping

Accident Injuries Claim Radio Man

SALEM (UPI) — Glenn McCormick, owner of radio station KSLM in Salem and part owner of station KYOS in Merced, Calif., died in a hospital here Tuesday afternoon of injuries suffered in a head-on automobile accident Monday.

The 61-year-old veteran broadcaster was fatally injured when the car he was driving collided with one driven by Earl Ward Jr., of Valseit. Ward and McCormick's 10-year-old nephew, Mark Kuhn, were in good condition in Salem Memorial hospital recovering from injuries.

The accident occurred east of Rickreall on the Salem-Dallas highway.

McCormick is survived by his widow and a daughter, Glenda, both of Salem.

He became the owner of KSLM in 1944. McCormick was a former president of the Oregon Broadcasters Association and represented the group at the United Nations conference in San Francisco in 1945.

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