

# Harnessing Atomic Power Is Work of U. N. Commission

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**LAKE SUCCESS, New York**—Often out of the main spotlight of world publicity, the work of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission has gone on now for some two years.

Yet this work concerns the harnessing of the most powerful source of creation or destruction, that has ever been developed.

As a source of destruction, the unequalled power of atomic energy was demonstrated at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But as a creative force, atomic energy promises to open new horizons for industry and the sciences.

This dual power of atomic energy—for war or peace—has been the subject of intensive study by the Atomic Energy Commission since 1946, when the Commission was given four main tasks by the U.N. General Assembly. It is to draw up specific proposals for:

1. The control of atomic energy to ensure its use only for peaceful purposes.
2. The elimination of atomic weapons and of all other major weapons of mass destruction.
3. Promoting among all nations the exchange of basic scientific information for peaceful purposes.
4. Effective safeguards, by inspection and other means, for preventing violations of atomic energy control.

The General Assembly recommended that the work of the Com-

mission should proceed gradually, by stages, so that the successful completion of each step would develop the necessary confidence of the world before the next was attempted. The Commission was instructed to work under the Security Council and not to infringe upon the responsibilities of any other U.N. Organ. Its membership includes the eleven nations on the Council, plus Canada, whenever that country is not represented on the Council.

Scientific experts as well as diplomats worked together on the Commission and past meetings have been attended by such eminent scientists as Dr. Frederic Joliot-Curie, of France; Sir Chas. Darwin, of the United Kingdom; Professor Dmitri Skobeltsin, of the Soviet Union; and Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, of the United States.

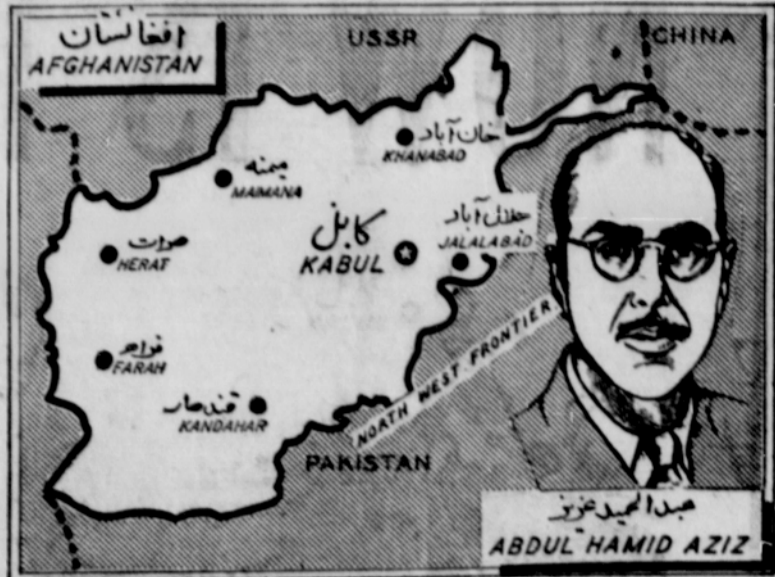
More than a hundred meetings have been held so far, and from these, two basic plans have emerged.

One reflects the views of the U. S. A., the United Kingdom, China, France, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Colombia and Syria. The other is upheld by the U.S.S.R. and the Ukrainian S.S.R.

A basic difference between these—and a persistent point of disagreement during the Commission's discussions—concerns the question as to which the United Nations should undertake first: the setting up of a control mechanism; or the prohibition of atomic weapons and destruction of existing stocks.

The United States, the United Kingdom and France wanted a plan which would first put into operation a system of international controls and safeguards. After that atomic weapons were to

## U.N. Facts and Faces . . . . . AFGHANISTAN



**Landlocked Afghanistan is a country of towering mountains and high plateaus, cut through by important rivers. Most of the 12,000,000 Afghans live by agriculture and grazing on her 250,000 square miles, in numerous, fertile valleys. Many of Asia's great trade routes, the historic avenues of the invading armies of Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, cross the country. Among Afghanistan's important exports are karakul furs, wool and excellent fruits and nuts. Afghanistan, which is attempting to end its former isolation, is represented at United Nations headquarters by Abdul Hamid Aziz, Plenipotentiary Minister. Her flag has black, red and green stripes and a crest,**

the Soviet plan, on the other hand, recommends that production of atomic weapons should be outlawed and existing stockpiles destroyed first, and the rest of the control system established thereafter.

All the Commission members agree that an international agency should be established to carry out strict world control of atomic energy. However, a second, basic disagreement exists over the powers and functions of the international agency.

The United States, the United Kingdom and other countries picture such an agency as staffed with an international personnel and as having an elaborate system for the inspection of all atomic processes. The agency would have ownership of source materials, nuclear fuels and dangerous facilities, as well as the actual management of and supervision over day-to-day operations in the manufacture of atomic energy.

The Soviet plan, on the other hand, envisages an international agency with a system of safeguards based on periodic inspection, special investigations and

other means. Under this plan, the agency also would be staffed with international personnel.

The Soviet plan is considered to be inadequate and ineffective by its opponents, who contend that there would be no way of knowing what went on between the periods of inspection.

The objections lodged against the United States proposal for granting the international agency the right to own, manage or supervise establishments producing atomic energy contend that such rights would constitute intervention in the internal affairs of sovereign states and would mean making the economy of the Soviet Union and other states dependent on the will of a majority of an international agency which might make unjust and one-sided decisions in its work.

Another key difference between the two plans is that the United States, and countries sharing its views, believe that the proposed international agency should function within U.N. but not under the immediate jurisdiction of the Security Council, where the "Big Five" have "veto" power.

The Soviet plan agrees that effective measures should be taken against violators but recommends that the international agency should operate within the framework of the Security Council and that any punitive sanctions should be imposed by the latter.

The Soviet Union contends that to accept the U.S. plan would mean substituting the control agency for the Security Council and that this would lead to a circumvention of the Charter, which charges the Security Council with the primary responsibility for maintaining peace and security.

A possible third approach, between the two basic views has been mentioned recently. This involves the simultaneous conclusion of two treaties—one outlawing atomic weapons, and the other establishing measures of strict international control.

The Soviet Union has declared that this plan has not yet been formally presented to the Working Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission, but that it would express its views as soon as this was done.

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Ross Biggs, brother of Mrs. Hetrick, is erecting a house on the Hetrick place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerdon have rented the Clayton Payne place and expect to move here in June.

Mrs. B. L. Maley, Ray and Jay Suter received word Monday morning of their brother's death in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Irene Ames was happily surprised early Monday morning, receiving an orchid sent to her from Honolulu by their son.

Relatives from Coquille were Sunday guests at the Victor Oleson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Enno Dornath went to Blue River for Mother's Day visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dornath.

Those from here attending the Crab festival at Newport were Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Booher, Darrel Booher, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Thompson and sons.

Other Sunday visitors at coast points were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oatney and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson and daughters, Delbert Oatney, Larry and Lavina Oatney.

Everyone is watching with interest the new project at Curtin getting underway. A company, to be known as the Curtin Lumber Company, is putting in a lumber yard on a small tract of ground leased from the Chrisman place, and located between the county road and Pass Creek and adjacent to the railroad.

Several mothers gathered at the school house Friday afternoon to look over the display of work from the Hobby Horse club. Mr. Frank Van Boistel, county club leader, was also present. Everyone also enjoyed the demonstration of the Revere projector as presented by the Clark Studio of Roseburg.

The Cottage Grove Junior Chamber of Commerce held a dinner meeting at the Rainbow cafe at 7 p.m. May 6. O. M. Patten, Cottage Grove Riding club representative, offered the group's assistance in the Cottage Grove Regatta August 6, 7, and 8.

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high at the closing of the auction, the bidder must immediately confirm the required payment and confirm the bid by submitting it in writing on a Forest Service bid form. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Roseburg, Oregon, the District Ranger, Disston, Oregon, or the Regional Forester, Portland, Oregon. m13-21-j3

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned has been appointed as Administratrix of the Estate of RUDOLF HANSEN (sometimes known as RUDOLPH HANSEN), deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, by an Order, dated May 11, 1948. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the law office of Herbert W. Lombard, Wisner Building, Cottage Grove, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. Dated and first published May 13, 1948. MABEL HANSEN, Administratrix. HERBERT W. LOMBARD and RICHARD L. THWING, Attorneys. 40-51-44

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