

OPA POWERS END AT MIDNIGHT

The Weather
Salem Max 72 Min 53 Precip 0
Portland 75 55 0
San Francisco 80 53 0
Chicago 84 70 0
New York 86 68 0
Willamette river -1.1 feet
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau): No rain can live and fight for months aboard the atom today at far away Bikini. Wendell Webb, now managing editor of the Statesman, was one of them during his days as war correspondent for The Associated Press, and herewith gives a few highlights regarding those he knew first-hand.

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A-BLAST SET FOR 1:30 p.s.t. TODAY

Sad Farewells, Ardent Hope Go With Valiant Ships Now Facing Annihilation at Bikini

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Editor's note: Many a valiant ship awaits the might of the atom today at far away Bikini. Wendell Webb, now managing editor of the Statesman, was one of them during his days as war correspondent for The Associated Press, and herewith gives a few highlights regarding those he knew first-hand.

The historic second when the awesome A-bomb tears into staunch ships-of-the-line at tiny Bikini (set for 1:30 p.m. Pacific time today) is going to bring a perceptible wince from a good many Oregon navy men who fought through World War II.

No man can live and fight for months aboard a floating arsenal without acquiring an intrinsic pride in the fact that all the enemy could throw was not enough to down that plowing hull with the Stars and Stripes. And even today there cannot be a lingering hope that some of the gallant craft will ride through even the mortal rife of unleashed nature.

The super-dreadnought Nevada, bulwark of the atomic bombardier, has well earned the world's limelight, sadly destructive as it may be. Of the eight battleships battered in the treachery of Pearl Harbor, it was the Nevada which first got up to fight again.

Site for Ceremony

Three months after that holocaust, while the great ship was preparing to leave for Bremerton for further repairs, Admiral Chester Nimitz and his white-clad staff climbed aboard under the bright Hawaiian sun for the navy's first mass decoration of its heroes of Dec. 7, 1941.

In that by waters we could see the awful wreckage of other ships still was visible. The great red bottom of the capsized Oklahoma was but a few hundred yards away. But for a brief moment, the thousands of workmen laboring to turn Pearl Harbor into what it already should have been—the Gibraltar of the Pacific—hushed their deafening din while thoughts traveled toward hoped-for brighter days to come.

Cruisers 'Hero Ships'
Incidentally, a picture taken of that medal-presentation aboard the trim ship was the first ever radio-photographed across the Pacific. It was sent by RCA from Honolulu to The Associated Press in San Francisco and when it was received it was so black that no one could recognize it. That was because we had not learned how "sharp" a picture-print should be used for radio transmission. Subsequent radio-photos were much better.

So far as the early-day Pacific war is concerned, the real "hero ships" facing atom destruction are the heavy cruisers, Pensacola and Salt Lake City, and the carrier Saratoga. The two cruisers were the largest useable American craft (exclusive of carriers) in the Pacific war area for eight months after Pearl Harbor, and they carried a terrific brunt.

The Pensacola during one trip aboard was even used as a lone cargo craft, many of its weapons immobilized by great stores of supplies stacked on its decks, to carry aid to the menaced New Hebrides off the northeast coast of Australia.

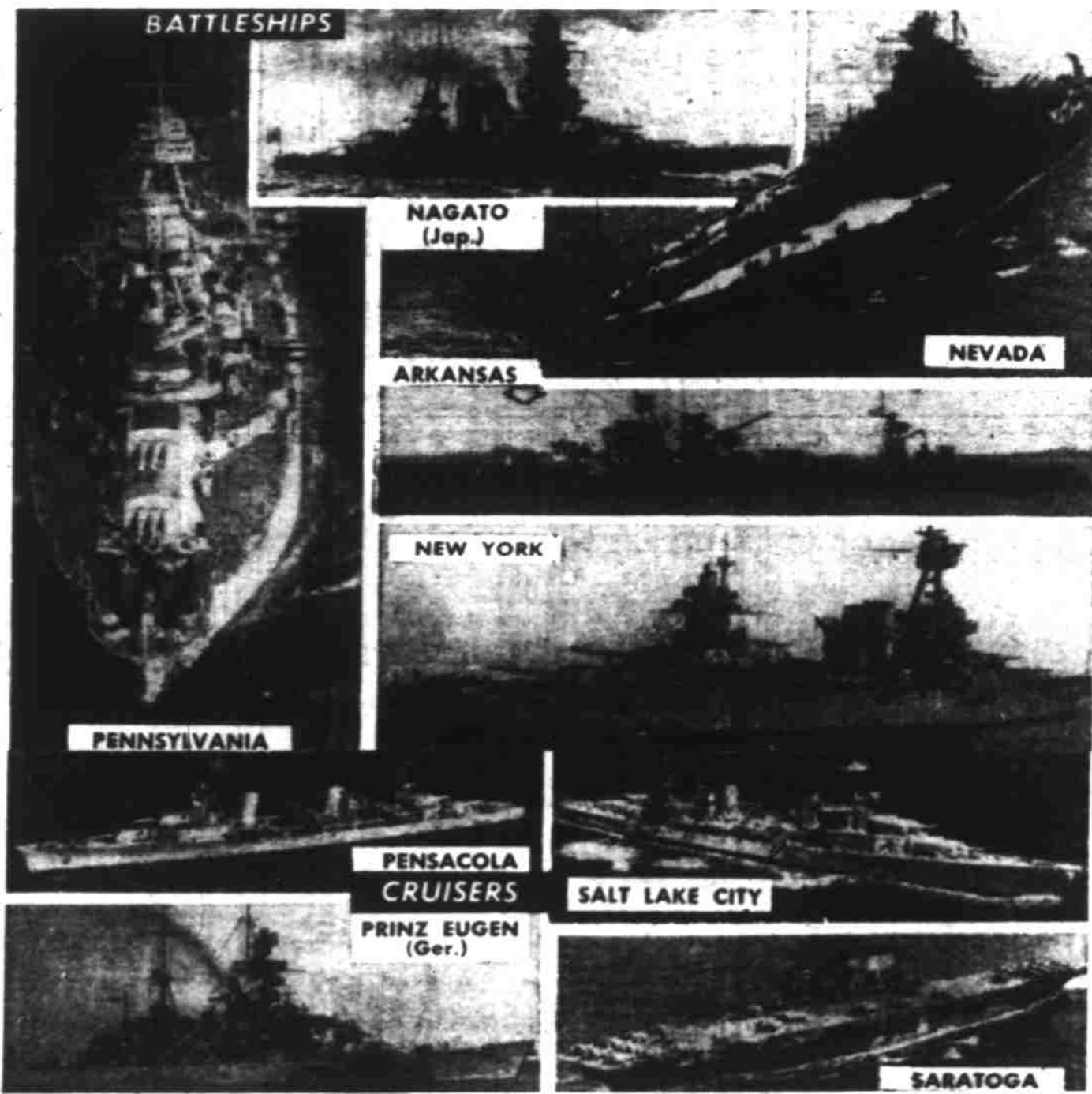
In the Thick of Midway
It was also in the thick of the Battle of Midway, tried vainly to save the carrier Yorktown which was mortally wounded by Japanese torpedo planes that turning-point day of June 4, 1942: It was itself badly shattered in that flame-ridden night off Guadalcanal on November 30 of the same year when scores of men were lost, and lived to fight the remainder of the war.

Its sister ship, the Salt Lake City (both were reported sunk many times by the Japanese), also figured heavily in holding the line until capital ships could come from the states to end such precarious times as at Midway when an American fleet, outshipped by 4 to 1, had not a single battleship with which to face the dreadnaughts of Japan.

The carrier Saratoga, also fated to be a scientific guinea pig under the might of nuclear energy, was the hard-luck ship of early war days. But it figured valiantly in many later incidents. And its great ray hull was one of the world's most welcome sights when we saw it loom through the fog north of Midway to bring badly-needed plane replacements for the Enterprise and Hornet after the costly first day of that engagement.

Similar sagas could be recounted interminably by persons conversant at first hand with such ships as the Pennsylvania, Arkansas, New York, Independence and other craft awaiting war's most terrible weapon. Mured for their term today will be many a regretful farewell—along with the fervent hope that in death they may serve the cause of peace as well as they did the tragedy of war.

Some of the Key Ships at 'Crossroads'



Ships Begin Evacuation of Bikini Lagoon

ABOARD USS APPALACHIAN, Bikini, Sunday, June 30—(AP)—Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy today designated 8:30 a.m. tomorrow (1:30 p.m. Sunday PST) as zero hour for the detonation of the world's fourth atomic bomb on a guinea pig fleet of old warships in Bikini lagoon.

(Radio station KSLM has scheduled a broadcast of the dropping of the atom bomb at Bikini Atoll for 1 p.m. today.)

The decision was made after weather experts informed the task force commander that the cloud cover would be about 20 to 30 per cent and visibility would be about 12 miles.

Evacuation Underway
The evacuation of Bikini lagoon is now underway.

Some 40,000 military personnel, scientists, correspondents and observers must be clear of the lagoon by 5 p.m., leaving only skeleton crews to make last-minute adjustments to the scores of instruments, cameras and recording equipment aboard ships and on island of Bikini Atoll.

Two-Hour Leeway
Every ship and every man must be out of the lagoon two hours before the bomb is detonated.

Then all that will be left will be the ghost fleet—silent ships on which will be no human being. The craft will stand around the bulwark Nevada as guinea pigs of the first test of atomic power against ships.

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Marion County Marriages Set Monthly Mark

The 133 marriage license applications issued during June by the all-time record for any month Marion county clerk's office set in the county's history.

License applications issued by the county clerk's office from Jan. 1, 1946, to noon Saturday totaled 627, or more than last year's entire issue of 599.

Before record-breaking June came along, May of this year was the all-time high month with 103 applications issued. In June, 1945, 85 applications were handed out. The biggest year yet recorded by the county was in 1943 when 739 license applications and 326 divorces were granted.

While June set a license mark, some 46 divorces were granted, which does not, according to County Clerk Harlan Judd, establish a record. Last month 40 divorces were decreed.

Big 4 Delay Showdown

PARIS, June 29—(AP)—The four-power foreign ministers tonight postponed a decision on a general European peace conference and pondered a new compromise proposal on the disputed port of Trieste which French sources said might break the conference deadlock, but which American quarters declared could not be seriously considered.

The compromise Trieste plan, submitted by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, calls for establishing Trieste as an autonomous region under international guidance for 10 years, said French sources. At the end of that time the big four would re-examine the problem.

58 to Graduate at W.U. Commencement Today

Hundreds of Salem residents and visitors will see 58 seniors graduate this afternoon at Willamette university's 104th annual commencement. The exercises are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at the campus gymnasium.

Mrs. Ruth Fisher Oxnam, wife of the commencement speaker, and the Rev. Roy Fedje, superintendent of the Salem district of the Methodist church, will receive honorary degrees at the commencement.

Double Parking Drive Underway

A Salem police drive against double parking is underway. Patrolmen were instructed by Police Chief Frank Minto Saturday to renew a strict enforcement of regulations forbidding double parking, and by Saturday night several drivers had been ticketed for violations.

Trucks as well as passenger vehicles will be checked closely, the police chief stated, although trucks may continue to double-park for commercial loading purposes in the mornings only.

Truman Keeps War Powers

WASHINGTON, June 29—(AP)—President Truman today signed an amended version of the second war powers act, which renews his authority to ration and allocate scarce materials.

The bill contains a specific provision that it cannot be used as authority for fixing price ceilings on commodities or rents.

Signing of the measure also bestows on President Truman for another year the extraordinary powers to requisition property and give priorities.

Scientist Warns A-Bomb May Fizzle

KWAJALEIN, June 29—(AP)—A warning to the public that the atomic bomb to be dropped at Bikini lagoon might be a "fizzle" was voiced by an eminent scientist today.

The warning came from Dr. Karl Compton, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff evaluation board.

"My scientific colleagues," he told a press conference, "say that even if we had a number of bombs, even if they were made of the best materials, they would fizzle to a maximum efficiency."

The proposed state department would be governed by a board of seven members serving six-year terms, would take over activities of the state board of forestry, game commission, fish commission, department of geology and mineral industries, board of forest conservation, state sanitary authority, Rogue river coordination board, and possibly the state parks department of the highway commission.

The committee also recommended that a non-political state

Siege Controls 75% of Jews in Palestine

JERUSALEM, June 30—(Sunday)—(AP)—More than 75 per cent of Palestine's 800,000 Jews were placed under virtual house arrest yesterday as British troops clamped a tight military siege over the Holy Land "to end the state of anarchy."

Early today the British began lifting the 18-hour curfew imposed at dawn yesterday, removing the ban for all of Tel Aviv and most of Jerusalem.

Unconfirmed reports said that five persons were killed in various Jewish settlements during the day. The deaths of a British soldier and one Jew were reported officially.

Restaurants to Raise Prices

Increased prices on restaurant meals probably will result from the president's veto of the OPA extension bill, according to Robert Lehman, president of the Salem Restaurant association.

Local restaurateurs at a previously scheduled Monday night meeting will discuss the effect of this action on their menus.

Lehman said, Menu price increases will depend entirely upon the effect the veto has on food prices and may be only small increases, Lehman said.

Silverton Woman to Take Trip to Norway

SILVERTON, June 29—Mrs. Karen Larson leaves here Tuesday for New York from where she will sail July 13 for Norway on the Stavangerfjord. This will be her 14th voyage across the Atlantic and she will spend most of her time in Norway near Ringebu in Gulbrandsalen and Oslo.

Wrecks Hurt 2 Near Mt. Angel

Rose Ehli, Silverton was being treated at Silverton hospital, early Sunday for head and knee injuries received in a two-car collision near Mt. Angel late Saturday. Hospital officials said her condition was not critical.

Harold Sawyers, driver of the car in which Miss Ehli was riding, was treated for cuts and bruises but was not kept in the hospital. Both cars were reportedly badly damaged. Officials said that the driver of the other car was treated for bruises and shock, but that his name was not known.

Truman Vetoes Measure, House Sustains Action

President Appeals to U. S. to Hold Price Line Until Bill Formulated

WASHINGTON, June 29—(AP)—Price and rent controls come to a halt at midnight Sunday, but President Truman told the people tonight that the fight for them "is not over."

He asserted in a nationwide broadcast that the fight "is not over" for something stronger than the congress version of OPA extension which he vetoed earlier in the day with the declaration that it would lead to "disaster."

The impasse came when the house upheld the veto but failed, OPA Employees' Status Undetermined

WASHINGTON, June 29—(AP)—What happens to OPA's 34,000 employees on Monday was an unanswered question in Washington tonight.

OPA said it was counting on all of them being at work Monday morning.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) to those OPA amendments President Truman specifically objected in vetoing the OPA bill, said no funds would be available legally after midnight tomorrow to pay administrative expenses or salaries.

And Senator Barkley, majority leader, told a reporter that "so far as I can see," there just wouldn't be an OPA Monday.

Meanwhile, OPA said Price Administrator Paul Porter will go on the air (ABC network) Monday at 6:15 p.m. Pacific standard time, to tell the agency's employees just what their status is.

along with the senate, to pass the temporary extension which would have kept the price agency alive past the month-end expiration of the present law.

Tonight the president broadcast this three-way appeal: To the voters—To make known to the lawmakers their determination "to retain price controls and so prevent inflation."

To Congress—To speed a temporary extension of the powers of OPA and then "pass a workable bill."

To business—To "exercise self-restraint" against skyrocketing of prices until congress comes through.

The president in the course of his all-network broadcast disclosed that he has called in the department of justice to investigate "some of the factors involved in our present shortages, to determine whether anyone is criminally responsible for them."

As he had done in the earlier veto message, to congress, the chief executive asserted that the Taft amendment providing higher prices for producers would be a "bonanza" for business, and would further increase the tendency to withhold goods for higher prices.

The president made his appeal while administration leaders in congress mullied over strategy for an effort Monday to reinstate the controls. There was evidence that the effort will come early, but equally strong evidence that the resistance will be stiff.

Action on Measure May Be Delayed Weeks

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said he expected objections that would hold off floor consideration at least until July 4. Senator Barkley (D-Ky.), the majority leader in that branch, spoke of a possibility that final action might be delayed two or three weeks by the senate practice of unlimited debate. And Taft said it would be difficult to breathe new life into OPA at all if the lapse ran as much as a week. He said he would make a "complete reply" to the president in a Monday night broadcast.

Meanwhile, he predicted, there is little chance that congress will take action Monday.

"Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex) can delay even a referral of a bill to committee until Wednesday," he said.

After his plea to all "to make their desires known to congress, Mr. Truman said he felt sure the country could depend during the lapse on the patriotism and good sense of its citizens, he added:

Truman Asks Restraint Until Bill Passed

"Therefore, I call upon every business man, every producer and every landlord to exercise self-restraint until such time as congress passes a law to take the place of the OPA. It would be contrary to their own interests to embark upon a reckless period of inflation. It is to their own interest to exercise self-restraint until some action can be obtained from the congress."

"I also request every employe of the OPA to stay at his battle station. The fight is not over."

The White House press office said just before 8 p.m. (EST) tonight that the latest count on messages from the public showed 288 in favor of President Truman's veto of the price control extension bill, with five against.

Federal Officials Predict Effects of OPA's Demise

OPA's powers were snatched away so quickly today it threw top government officials into huddles to determine what effect its passing will have on other emergency programs.

They agreed that: The wage control plan will die, too, because the government's sole authority over wage boosts is its power to limit compensating price increases.

And the only price control that can be salvaged will be through companion laws, such as those regulating housing and slaughtering of livestock.

Stabilization officials frankly feared a sharp inflation followed by new wage demands from labor which, if granted, would send prices still higher. Industry has acknowledged prices would rise but said they would drop as production increased.

Mr. Truman said that under the bill he vetoed, building materials would jump about 20 per cent in cost, steel \$4 to \$6 a ton, automobiles \$225 to \$250, washers and refrigerators, 25 to 30 per cent.

Labor leaders generally supported President Truman's veto of the congressional price control bill and grimly forecast unrest and labor trouble all over the nation. Business leaders, while agreeing with the union officials that price rises were coming, felt that a flood of production would soon stabilize the situation.

Wholesalers expected to see the commodity price list go upward immediately, but disagreed on whether the climb would be sustained or whether the prices would level off in a short time.

Department of Conservation Urged for Oregon; Forestry Committee Asks Long-Range Program

Creation of a new "department of conservation" to consolidate the activities of at least seven state agencies and form the basis for a comprehensive long-range forestry program for Oregon, was recommended by Gov. Earl Snell's 10-man special forestry committee today.

The proposed program also would provide more rigid fire protection and compel the rehabilitation of the 300,000-acre Tillamook burn.

The proposed state department would be governed by a board of seven members serving six-year terms, would take over activities of the state board of forestry, game commission, fish commission, department of geology and mineral industries, board of forest conservation, state sanitary authority, Rogue river coordination board, and possibly the state parks department of the highway commission.

The committee also recommended that a non-political state corporation be established to carry out the program for the Tillamook burn. It would be completed in 10 years, to be financed by not more than 25,000,000 of state guaranteed bonds. Actually, however, the money would be paid out of revenues from sales of salvaged timber, under the proposed plan. This corporation would carry out reforestation programs in other areas.

To carry out the general forestry program, the committee recommended a special use tax on forest products plus a legislative appropriation. The committee said existing laws are adequate but are not adequately enforced; recommended more men be employed to check logging operations; said there should be a law to require logging operations in hazardous areas to have telephone communications recommended that the legislature appropriate \$500,000 for extreme emergencies, and said new standards of fire protection be established.

If private agencies failed to meet the standards, the state should take over, it declared. The committee also recommended that special crews be trained for large fires, and that the state take advantage of such surplus army equipment as trucks, tractors, bulldozers, tanks, flame throwers, fog machines, explosives, incendiaries, radios and aircraft.

Declaring that the Tillamook burn would grow 225,000,000 board feet of lumber per year, the committee said "productive capacity of this high quality forest land is so great that its rehabilitation is imperative." But, the committee said, existing fire hazards first must be reduced by more frequent inspections, more roads, and more fire-fighting.

Recommendations that the state forestry department explore new methods of planting and rodent control, eliminate snags before

Animal Crackers



That's dirty—they should not allow half-nelsons.

Our Senators
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