

# Atom-Cloud on List Of Secret Weapons

## Glenn Martin Tells of Newest Devices

NEW YORK, March 24 (AP)—The United States has developed a radioactive cloud that "kills anyone who comes in contact with it," Glenn L. Martin, airplane manufacturer, said today.

"It is effective over a much larger area than is the atomic bomb," he said, "and might make the area it touches radioactive for an indefinite time."

Martin said the cloud is spread by wind and its use requires special knowledge of weather conditions or it might backfire on its users.

The head of the plane manufacturing company that bears his name said that the United States had new A-bombs much more effective than ones dropped on Japan, which are now obsolete.

Both the cloud and the bomb use the same material, he said, but the former is a vapor, formed either by itself or by sprinkling existing clouds with the material, while the latter is a detonation instrument.

Martin told reporters the navy

also had perfected guided missiles with homing device that can search out a ship at sea and destroy it.

"We can sink the ship even if it is halfway across the ocean," he said. "All we have to do is get our own ships out of the way."

The guided missiles can also be used to hit iron foundries and "it will be possible to eliminate a nation's steel industry in time."

Martin also mentioned new bacteria weapons, some of them capable of lying dormant for a time and then "making the victim ill, with an illness from which he does not recover."

He said these latest weapons made it likely that if another war comes the ultimate course of it would be determined within 60 days. "After that it would be a matter of policy as to how long it was allowed to drag on before the final mopping up," he said.

At Washington the atomic energy commission had "no comment."

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

TRAVEL LETTER No. 6

BOSTON—I have been anxiously awaiting report on the closing of filings for the Oregon primaries. It was not until I reached here that copies of The Statesman arrived with that news. The outstanding item of course was the filing and later withdrawal of State Treasurer Scott for the governorship. While the reason advanced (unwillingness to violate the corrupt practices act in financing his campaign) is testimony to his integrity, I feel sure he could have drawn enough adequate financial support had his campaign been set up at an earlier date.

And no implication should be allowed to stand that a candidate personally must expend more than the law permits.

That is not true.

The real competition for governor in the republican primaries is between Gov. Hall and Douglas McKay. I wholeheartedly take my stand with Doug McKay. Clean, vigorous, progressive, he would make a good governor for Oregon. He has a vibrant personality that quickly wins friends but he has ample courage and a decisiveness that qualifies him for executive duties.

Certainly people of Salem and the Willamette valley should support McKay actively, because of his demonstrated capacity for leadership and his active participation in virtually every worthy cause that has arisen during his residence in Salem.

Today is Palm Sunday, a great day for all Christian churches. I noticed here and in New York the downtown Episcopal churches were holding many Lenten services, offering the message of religion to a busy populace.

Talked with Dr. Waldo Mills from Salem who is completing advanced work in chest surgery. He expects to be through his course in May and to go to Seattle to practice in his special field.

I head west myself this afternoon by train.

# Needed Rains Soak California

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24 (AP)—California was soaked by beneficial rains again today. But weather bureau officials said the fall up to as much as three inches in northern sections, was not sufficient to relieve the drought or the acute power shortage.

However, H. J. Ryan, Los Angeles county agricultural commissioner, said today's rains would be of tremendous value in continuing the growth of feed on range lands. Ranges and late field crops will be benefited by the downpour, which extended from the northernmost reaches of the state to the big Los Angeles county line.

Mountains were covered with three feet of fresh snow which will help the moisture situation later, the weather bureau said, but much more rain is needed.

# Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

BERKELEY, Calif., March 24 (AP)—Discovery of a strange new minor planet which moves around the sun at high speed was announced by astronomers today.

This heavenly object is only about two miles in diameter but it has several unusual features. It was found on March 7 by C. A. Wirtanen, astronomer at Lick observatory. The Harvard university observatory, which acts as a clearing house for astronomic information, announced the discovery.

Although there are about 1,600 of these minor planets, all circling around the sun like the earth, most of them travel in orbits far larger than the globe, and do not come anywhere near it.

The new one cuts through the earth's orbit. Only four other minor planets have been found which do this, and all have been lost to astronomers.

There is every reason to believe the new one will not be lost, said Dr. Leland E. Cunningham,

# Rededication Week Heralds Freedom Train

Salem's week of rededication to American ideals and principles, heralding the April 6 visit of the Freedom Train, will begin with a proclamation by Mayor R. L. Elfstrom, next week, the mayor said yesterday.

Preliminary activities to the special week will begin Easter Sunday when 20,000 souvenirs introducing the work of the American Heritage Foundation, non-partisan group sponsoring the tour of exhibits in the Freedom Train are distributed in community churches. Dave Hoss, chairman of the Salem Freedom Train committee announced.

Rededication week actually begins April 1 on labor recognition day with George Thomason in charge. April 2, with Mrs. Dorathia Steusloff as chairman, is women's freedom day. April 3 is Harry Johnson in charge. Appropriate events and ceremonies are planned for each special day, but the over-all theme of the week is designed to create a greater awareness of the unique blessings of the American way of life and to raise the level of citizenship through more active participation by individuals in the affairs of their government, according to advance publicity.

The Freedom Train will be in Portland April 2, Eugene April 3, Corvallis April 4 and Astoria April 7. No other stops in Oregon are scheduled.

# U. S. Silent on Next Palestine Issue Move

LAKE SUCCESS, March 24 (AP)—Unexpected and unexplained United States silence stalled security council action today on the urgent Palestine issue. It was put over until next Tuesday.

Hoover's statement was read to the house, which was debating the European recovery program for the second day as part of its \$6,205,000,000 foreign aid bill.

In the earlier statement to the senate group Hoover opposed any "moral commitment" of U. S. aid beyond one year. He said today, however, that the ERP bill finally adopted by the senate meets most of his objections. The senate bill is similar in most respects to the ERP section of the house bill.

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# Light Saving Plans Dropped

MAYOR Robert Elfstrom, president of the League of Oregon Cities, announced Wednesday he would not recommend daylight saving to the league because of the sharp difference of opinion on the subject.

Of 182 questionnaires sent out by Mayor Elfstrom involving the daylight saving proposal, 86 mayors replied they favored daylight saving. Seventy-six said they were opposed. Others did not answer.

# Vessel Missing With 43 Aboard

LONDON, March 24 (AP)—Fifty-one days ago the Liberty ship "Samkey" bound for Cuba out of London, radioed she was north of the Azores. Nothing has been heard since.

The Lloyd's officially listed the 7,219-ton ship with a crew of 43 aboard as missing.

The Samkey was owned by the New Zealand Shipping company.

# Strange Minor Planet Circles Sun, Crosses Earth's Orbit

of Student's observatory, Berkeley.

The Wirtanen discovery, Dr. Cunningham reported, is going around the sun in an orbit a little more oval than the inside of a man's hat. It is about 80 million miles from the sun. This means it operates in an orbit about 10 million miles inside the earth's orbit.

Not until after submitting the bid did the firm discover this calculator had forgotten to add in \$200,000 worth of steel. They declined to do the work at such a loss and forfeited their deposit.

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# Air Force To Add 25,000

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Last week the air force said it had 312,000 men and would accept no more enlistments. But today it boosted its goal to 337,000 and to gain it, lifted the ban on recruiting married men.

The senate armed services committee studying President Truman's plea for a draft and UMT as a means of discouraging communist expansion received these contradictory arguments:

1. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in a letter to Chairman Gurney (R-S. D.) gave her support to universal military training as "a gesture which would be understood" by Russia.

2. Albert Einstein in a letter to Gurney said he was convinced that there was no "foreseeable threat of hostile invasion... of the United States" and consequently he opposed UMT.

Meanwhile, plans to exempt husbands, veterans and men over 27 from any peacetime draft gained strength in congress.

Chairman Gurney (R-S. D.) said he expects any plan to revive selective service to leave out veterans and married men. Rep. Radworth (R-N. Y.), who helped write the World War II draft law, said he thinks veterans should be exempt, and that the age span should be 19 to 26 or 27.

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In rapid-fire order, witnesses made these salient points before a house subcommittee:

1. Forty-six new B-24 engines "suitable for bombers or troop-carrying planes" were shipped from New York to Russia and Poland starting last May and continuing to the end of 1947.
2. Since V-J day, the war assets administration has sold 21,278 combat-type planes for scrap, at scrap prices, "some of which were obviously new."
3. Asked by Rep. Ruliffe (R-Okla.) subcommittee investigating WAA war surplus surplus sale, it heard from Le Roy H. Luckey, a Dallas, Tex., dealer, the story of 46 new plane engines going to Russia and Poland.
- Luckey said he got them from WAA and sold them to a purchaser he named as Richard F. Finckle, president of the Alpine Corp., Washington, D.C.
- He knew they were sent to Russia and Poland, he testified, because he steered the export licenses on the shipping cases.

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Maj. Gen. Terence S. Airey, British chief of civil affairs officer, said more British soldiers were being advanced to the frontier as a precaution.

Barely 2,000 tonight attended a communist political rally, the first since the United States, France and Britain announced on Saturday they were proposing that all Trieste territory be returned to Italian sovereignty.

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He is a member of long standing in the Masonic order, the Elks, Eagles, and Isaac Walton league. He has served as school director in his district, rural telephone director, and is now a cannery director. His three children and four grandchildren think he's tops.

I know my dad will give you friendly, competent representation. (Tomorrow: W. J. La Roche)

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