

In A-Attacks Wear White, Loose Clothes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7-(AP)—People dressed in white, loose-fitting clothes would stand the best chance of surviving flash burns in an atomic war, the government said today.

It advanced that idea in a report graphically detailing the medical effects of the atomic bomb. The report is being sent to the governors of all states for guidance in the development of civil defense, Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman said.

The 30-page survey of "Medical Aspects of Atomic Weapons" was prepared by the department of defense and the atomic energy commission, based on exhaustive studies of the devastation and after-effects caused by American atomic bombs dropped on Japan during World War II.

Discouraged Big Bomb
The report, in some degree, discounted the value of atomic weapons bigger than those which struck Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. It said, under the subtitle "The Power of the Bomb": "The Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs caused total destruction and serious damage to buildings—death and injury to people—for two miles from the point at which the bomb was set off. The extreme limit was about four miles.

More powerful bombs could cause a wider area of damage, but very great increases in explosive force are necessary in order to accomplish relatively small increases in the area of damage.

For example, it would be necessary to double the power of the bomb in order to increase the radius of severe damage and injury by one-fourth, from 2 to 2 1/2 miles.

Falls No Punctures
But the report pulled no punches in saying just exactly how deadly the old-fashioned Hiroshima-type bomb can be: "A single atomic bomb of the type dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima during the war can lay waste the heart of a large city and injure and kill great numbers of people," it said.

In the two Japanese cities, over 100,000 were killed and nearly as many were injured.

The report said that white clothing "tended to reflect the radiant heat, darker clothing to absorb heat" in the Japanese bombings. Thus, it said, color had "a protective effect."

Thieves Steal Church Bell

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 7-(AP)—Churchgoers today missed the usual toll of the bell at the Redeemer Lutheran church four miles north of Peoria.

The reason: Somebody stole the bell. The Rev. Theodore Taylor, pastor of the year old church, told the Peoria county sheriff's office that the bell was taken from a 15-foot high outdoor belfry. He said the thieves also took the wooden framework which supported the bell.

Mao, Russians Believed Near Agreement

By Eddy Gilmore
MOSCOW, Jan. 7-(AP)—Mao Tze-tung, Chinese communist leader, and the Soviets are believed to be near an agreement. Informants expect an important announcement. They predict it will probably reveal an agreement on overall Chinese-Russian relations.

Talks between Mao and Soviet leaders, informed persons believe, will bind China and Russia very closely together economically and politically.

Some high-ranking diplomats, who regard the current talk as among the more important conversations of postwar history, continued to be intrigued over their possible outcome. They are still interested in the 30-year alliance between Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist government and the USSR, which, as Mao has pointed out, still exists.

These diplomats continue to speculate on whether it will be continued in force in its present form or altered. And if altered or amended, what form it will take. Mao has been in Moscow 21 days. A week ago the Chinese leader said he was planning to remain in the Soviet Union for some time yet, discussing mutual questions, chief among which are the existing alliance, mutual trade, and Soviet credits to China. He also explained he had planned his visit to the USSR to observe how the system works here.

Commonwealth Nations Agree On Red Fight

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Jan. 7-(AP)—A conference of eight British Commonwealth nations assembled here Monday to reach a common understanding on how to combat communism in southeast Asia.

The meeting comes on the heels of Britain's tender of recognition to the Chinese communists. India, Pakistan and Ceylon, three other members of the Commonwealth, have taken like action.

Australia and New Zealand are likely to make their decisions concerning recognition of the Peiping regime after this conference.

Prime Minister D. S. Senanayake of Ceylon, newest dominion in the Commonwealth, told a news conference today there were differing views concerning the agenda, but that it will be very much concerned with the subject of communism.



POST OFFICE AT HOME—Y. C. Booth, who was Jones, Tenn., Postmaster 32 years, watches his wife who succeeded him bring the mail to the tiny Post Office in back of their home.



BEAR MEETS BEAR—Brought to Moscow as a gift to Anna Durova, animal trainer, "Snow Blizard," polar bear cub captured in the Arctic makes friends with a Russian bear at the Zoo.

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Taft Says GOP Solons to Write Party Policy

By Jack Bell
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7-(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) made it clear today that GOP members of congress intend to write the new republican policy statement without too much advice from the party's national committee.

Taft told a reporter he is opposed to attempting to work out any statement of principles at a joint meeting of the 15 senators, 15 house members and 15 national committee members named to aid in drafting a statement of party principles.

"I don't think a convention of 45 people can get anywhere in efforts to reach an agreement," said the Ohioan, who heads the senate policy drafters.

National Chairman Guy G. Gabrielson is expected to call the 15-member national committee group together here within a week or 10 days.

No Meetings Set
A. B. Herrmann, republican executive director, said there was no present plan for this group to meet with the congressional committee. He denied, however, that there is any friction among the groups.

He said the national committee probably will be called together later to ratify any policy statement that is worked out, just as the group approved a platform drafted by senate and house members in the 1946 congressional race.

While Taft said the senate and house groups are pledged to consult with the national committee members, he indicated that the republicans in congress feel that, as candidates, they ought to have the final say in drafting the platform on which many of them will be running this year.

In Generalities
That platform appears certain to deal only in generalities of republican aims, avoiding as far as possible committing GOP lawmakers in advance to action on bills that may come before them in the present session of congress.

Taft already has said he regards as the No. 1 issue of the campaign President Truman's program for what the Ohioan calls "a labor-socialist type of state."

There won't be much disagreement in the republican ranks on that point, although some party members like Senator Morse of Oregon have cautioned their colleagues not to be against sound welfare plans just because they were proposed by the democrats.

Cat Freezes Tail to Tree

SPOKANE, Jan. 7-(AP)—Hazards of winter? Here's one. A big persian cat was trapped in a tree for several hours today, her tail frozen solid to a limb. A housewife who noticed the feline's plight when she tried to coax it down with food called firemen.

2 Men Hurt as Car Careens Into Power Pole

Two Salem men were injured, one seriously, Saturday night when their sedan collided with another and careened into a power pole at 14th and State streets.

The injured were Vernon Sweeney, 22, Salem route 9, and Charles Lawrence, 24, 3215 Portland rd. Lawrence, a passenger in the front seat of the car driven by Sweeney, suffered a possible skull fracture. He was still unconscious early this morning. Sweeney suffered head injuries.

Ralph Ermen Caley, 1560 Jefferson st., driver of one of the cars involved in the accident, told police he was driving east on State and had started a left-hand turn into 14th when the crash occurred. Police said apparently the second machine, driven by Sweeney, had attempted to pass at the same time. The car careened out of control and into a power pole just east of the intersection and on the south side of the street.

The front end of Sweeney's car was heavily damaged. Only minor damage was done to the Caley machine.

Three other passengers of Sweeney's car, Clyde W. Smith, 2350 Adams st., and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sullivan, 1144 N. Cottage st., escaped injury. The three were riding in the back seat of the Chevrolet sedan.

Occupants of the second car were uninjured.

Oregon Traffic Toll Declines During 1949

An estimated 50 traffic deaths last month brought Oregon's 1949 death toll to 357, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry announced Saturday.

This represents a 14 per cent drop from the 419 fatalities recorded in 1948, the least deadly months were February, when 11 persons met death, and January with 13. Injuries in Oregon also decreased, the secretary of state said, from 12,000 in 1948 to an estimated 10,500 last year. Total accidents will be down about 9 per cent, the first reduction to be noted since the end of World War II.

Soldiers to Fight Floods In Midwest

By The Associated Press
Soldiers and guardsmen were mobilized Saturday for flood fighting in the midwest, and an unexpected blast of cold heaped fresh damage on the California citrus crop.

Floods, following drenching rains, already have driven more than 4,000 persons from their homes in the midwest and south. Although the crisis still is to come for several cities, waters are receding in some areas and at least 1,000 persons have returned to their dwellings.

A wave of cold, clear air bore down on the midwest from Canada, easing the flood threat momentarily, but forecasts said it would be short lived. The freeze is expected to slow the runoff of ground waters into swollen rivers and streams.

Soldiers on Way
Eight hundred soldiers were ordered to leave Fort Knox, Ky., Saturday for Vincennes, Ind., where the crest of the rampaging Wabash river is expected the middle of the week. The city's national guard unit was ordered to be ready to assist them. Officials in the city of 18,000 said the situation was serious but not alarming. The soldiers are expected to strengthen the levees in the area.

The Embarras river, which joins the Wabash river near Vincennes began pouring over rich farmland between Vincennes and Lawrenceville, Ill., when a levee gave way.

Brig. Gen. Frank Singer, assistant Illinois adjutant general, ordered 75 national guardsmen at Lawrenceville to help the sheriff combat the flood in that area.

Heavy Snow Storm
Meanwhile, a heavy snow storm ended a long spell of summer-like January weather in the northeast, and a bright sun began melting away an icy mantle that coated much of the southeast.

The California freeze was the worst on record in some spots. Crop damage was heavy, especially in high areas where growers did not anticipate it. Some growers, their smudge pot fuel exhausted by a long siege of cold, burned rubber tires to ward away frost.

The mercury dropped to 19 degrees at Riverside, lowest since the city started keeping weather records in 1902.

Turkey Group Opposes Suit Against A & P

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 7-(AP)—The National Turkey federation expressed opposition today to the government's anti-trust suit against the Atlantic & Pacific Tea company.

William Brady Dies, but 'Show Must Go On'

NEW YORK, Jan. 7-(AP)—William A. Brady, 80, a top showman for half a century died yesterday but—at his own request—his death didn't keep the show from going on.

Brady, one of the theater's outstanding producers, manager of many leading stars and sport figures, had been ill for some time with a heart ailment.

He died about noon yesterday at his Park avenue home.

But 24 hours later reports were being released that he was "seriously ill."

Six Children Die in Blaze

MEDWAY, Me., Jan. 7-(AP)—Six children—five of them brothers—perished today in a flash fire that raged in a rural dwelling in a snowstorm. Five other persons suffered burns or injuries.

Eyewitnesses said the flames enveloped Mrs. Grace Jones' home moments after gasoline from a falling jug spashed on a parlor stove. Deputy Sheriff George Daisey said the gallon jug was dropped by Bernard Jones, 24, when he slipped on his way to fill an automobile's tank.

The five brothers lost were sons of Mrs. Jones, 51, who was badly injured. The sixth child was the daughter of young Jones.

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