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Hydrogen Bomb, Yes or No

Heads of our government, and principally President Truman, are puzzling over whether to order the atomic energy commission to proceed in the attempt to perfect a hydrogen bomb, reputed to be 1000 times more powerful than the uranium bomb of the Hiroshima model. The question is really a medley of questions: of ethics, finance, politics, military defense. The decision will be a hard one, as was the decision to drop the bomb on Hiroshima.

From the standpoint of ethics and economics the answer would be a sharp negative. Multiplying killing power by a new weapon and employing it violates the law of God and the agreements of the nations, for treaties outlawing war have never been denounced. The great expenditure required, of unknown amount, would be sheer waste from an economic standpoint because scientists say that it would be impossible to harness the explosive power such as that released by a hydrogen bomb which comes not as a result of atomic fission but of junction of hydrogen atoms.

Politics and military defense yield different answers. Do we want to neglect this development and let Russia go ahead with it, giving Russia a weapon to reduce our cities and industries to desert mounds of rubble? Of course not. If hydrogen bombs are coming we want to have them first and plenty of them.

The suggestion is offered that we make a fresh approach to Russia with a view to agreement not to develop or use a hydrogen bomb. But we haven't been able to agree with Russia on control of atomic energy. What chance is there we should agree on the hydrogen bomb? Russia will not agree to international inspection, and perhaps we wouldn't either. Conversations in that direction seem futile.

What shall we do then? That's the question the president must decide, though one suggestion was offered to let the people decide. We just haven't the facilities for a national referendum, though presumably they could be improvised. The wiser course is to let those in authority make the decision for us. They can get the opinion of scientists as to the probable time and cost required for developing the hydrogen bomb. They can get the views of statesmen on whether war is inevitable. When Mr. Truman gets all the views of advisers he then will have to shut the door to his office, ponder them and make his decision. The people of the United States can only hope that his decision, yes or no, proves correct.

Don't Forget Germany

When the cat's away the mice will play. It's an old truism that's still true. It's true in Germany, too. Only Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is no mouse in any sense; he's a man who looks like a crafty old fox. While the idea that the United States has won the cold war in Europe has somehow taken hold and Americans are busy with the Far East, the old fox in Germany is playing his hand well.

Drew Middleton of the New York Times writes from Frankfurt that Adenauer's Bonn government is slowly emerging as a more powerful, more important force than was envisaged when it was established with U.S.-British-French consent. The Allied High Commission gave the west Germans a few fingers in the form of concessions; today Adenauer is out to grab the whole hand.

It appears as though the allies last year made the same mistake Chamberlain made at Munich. Hitler told the British then that he would make no more territorial demands. Adenauer in November assured us that, if dismantling was stopped on this and that industrial installation, no more dismantling requests would be forthcoming. The allies conceded. Now, says Middleton, Adenauer is "nagging" for an end of dismantling in three more plants.

The Bonn government does not consider itself as a government on probation, existing by sufferance of and under the ultimate authority of the high commission. It considers itself to be equal to the free and independent governments in west Europe. It looks forward confidently to getting German shipping and air transportation their "rightful place" in competition with other Europeans. And it can hardly wait for German rearmament—or the popular euphemism: "German participation in the common defense of Western Europe."

We must remember that Adenauer is a career bureaucrat in a country where the bureaucratic caste is accustomed to boot-licking by the com-

mon people. Already he has slyly circumvented many controls imposed on the Bonn government by the occupation statute. He illustrated his lack of tolerance for opposition and his small regard for democratic processes in the way he slapped down the socialist opposition. And as allied control declines and dissenters are silenced, as the Bonn government develops independence, nationalism grows, centralization grows and fascism grows.

Germany's neighbors are watching helplessly and looking to the United States for leadership. Unless the U. S. presses for restatement of allied control in Germany, America is going to be blamed for "the eventual resurgence of a powerful Germany paying only lip service to democracy." That's the way it looks to Drew Middleton, a qualified observer.

It looks to us as though we can't feel secure about Europe until we know where Germany stands. That's every bit as important—if not more so—than the question of where we stand in the Far East.

Sleds vs the Machine Age

Maybe we should quarrel a bit with the powers-that-be for roping off some of Salem streets lately. After all, those streets were built for wagons, automobiles, trucks and easy access to property—not for sledding parties, belly-busters and the like. Paid for with tax money, too. Are we quarrelling? We are not.

The kids were going to slide anyway, for one thing, and for another—why shouldn't they! Salem doesn't get really good coasting very often (and we have no quarrel with that, either). And if the young fry get fun out of weather like that of this week, power to 'em. The young fry weren't the only ones, either. Plenty of eager pops were on hand, and pretty moms bundled up like Eskimos weren't averse to losing their dignity—and footing—in the commendable interest of joining the children at play.

Plaudits should go to those who made safer sledding possible, including the street department and co-operative police. 'Twas fun. But even so, we don't want the weatherman to get the wrong idea.

Denham Goes to Court

While President Truman briskly walks around the coal-miners' on-again, off-again strike tactics, Robert Denham, general counsel of the national labor relations board, has moved in to ask for an injunction against the mine workers' union. His petition asserts that the union is engaging in unfair labor practices on a variety of grounds: Limiting work to three days a week, demanding a closed shop, putting a welfare fund under union control. The federal district judge in Washington, Richmond B. Keach, set the date for hearing on January 26.

Considerable doubt is expressed whether Denham will get the injunction he prays for. Senator Taft gave his opinion to the effect that congress was vesting power to ask for injunctions in such disputes to the president alone. The real injunction that Denham seeks, however, is for Lewis to get down to business and engage in real collective bargaining. That objective surely has merit, because so far the negotiations in the coal dispute have been chiefly long distance sparring. The principals have not really got down to cases where they sweat it out until they come to an agreement.

It certainly is time that genuine bargaining was begun, with steel mills, rubber factories, and other industries feeling the pinch of dwindling coal stocks. Denham may not have the law on his side but his pressure for action has merit.

Dairy state senators lost their fight against the bill repealing oleo taxes but they did win certain points: Restaurants serving margarine must post notices to that effect, and colored margarine must be packaged in triangular form. This was one battle where the consumer interests won out over the producer interests. Some states like Oregon ban sale of colored margarine, and presumably fresh pressure will be put on them to remove the ban now that federal restrictions are being largely erased.

An old election argument (credited to Abraham Lincoln) is borrowed by the Labor party in its campaign to stay in power in Britain. Sir Stafford Cripps warns the voters against changing horses in the middle of the stream. Conservatives may ask who got them into the quicksand?

Russ Blockade of U.N. Looks Serious

By James D. White
AP Foreign News Analyst
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19—(AP)—The multiple Russian walk-out from United Nations groups at Lake Success looks like the biggest veto yet.

It has not been called that, but by refusing to recognize anything done in the absence of her delegates, Russia at least implies a threat to block the whole U. N. procedure until she gets her way.

It is profoundly important that the issue is over red China.

Russia wants Chinese communists seated on U. N. committees instead of the nationalist Chinese delegates still there.

One wonders why she is so anxious. The Chinese veto is not necessary to Russia on the security council. Russia's own veto does the job. Therefore, there must be some other reason why Russia is pressing to such lengths the issue of seating Chinese communists at the United Nations.

way upon Russian help in getting red China set up as a recognized member of the family of nations. However, he is negotiating with the Russians in Moscow not as a peeper but as the leader of a great new communist power in a part of the world where prospects of expansion look promising. Perhaps no Chinese ever had so much bargaining power.

This is because the rise of red China has presented the communist world with a stroke of luck and heightened a great and ticklish problem.

The question is whether the communist world is going to proceed from here on according to the orders of Moscow alone or whether new red ducks like Mao Tze-Tung in remote but large puddles like China are going to do some of their own splashing.

Coming on the heels of the upsetting experience with Tito in Yugoslavia, this situation appears to be secretly rocking the very souls of reds in various parts of the world. You get symptoms like this:

The cominform in eastern Europe attacks communist leader

Sanzo Nozaka in Japan. Nozaka is a great admirer of Mao Tze-Tung and has consciously copied his methods of trying to adapt communism to a Japanese setting.

Eastern European delegates at Lake Success walk out of the Soviet walk-out. Have they had enough of Russian dictation as to what their nations shall do?

The trouble with Mao Tze-Tung—as this column explained yesterday—is partly that in important ways he "adapted" communism to Chinese conditions.

This affronts the basic doctrine of communism—according to Moscow—that whatever Moscow says is right, regardless of whether it makes any sense elsewhere in the world. This is what Tito couldn't take.

However, another trouble with Mao Tze-Tung is that China is too big and strategic to be ditched like Yugoslavia. China would seem to be necessary for preserving a solid communist front in the future. Fitting this fact into the front may be part of the work being done at those long negotiations in Moscow. They already have lasted more than a month.

STOCK PILING FOR THE POLITICAL WARS



IT SEEMS TO ME

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with county officials, planned a building which would be of maximum utility for those who work in the building and the public patronizing its offices. The plans have been over time and time again, and when the building is erected the public will see that the building is eminently practical.

Suppose we take a verbal tour of the building. Entering the main door on the High street front, one steps into a central lobby. Off of it will be found offices most frequently visited by the public: County, clerk, assessor, tax collector, recorder, treasurer, and the county court with individual offices for commissioners and county judge and a separate room for public hearings.

On the level below, which will have natural light for most of the offices, will be offices of the school superintendent, county agent, sheriff's civil office (with private elevator for conveying prisoners to jail or court floors), surveyor, veteran's office. Also, such utility features as ladies' lounge, snackbar, central mailing and 'phone exchange room, election workroom and general storage.

The floor above the main floor, the second floor, is the circuit court room floor, with space for four courtrooms and auxiliary rooms and offices such as judges' chambers, rooms for lawyers, witnesses, jury assembly room and deliberation rooms, law library, juvenile officer, court reporter.

A mezzanine floor provides additional space for the law library and dormitory for jurors confined over night in the building. The third floor houses the district attorney's offices, two district courts and grand jury room, and constable.

The fourth and top floor contains the jail for men and women, separate detention quarters for juveniles, boys and girls, and

ward for mentally ill persons under temporary detention; also the sheriff's criminal office, quarters for jailer, kitchen laundry.

This summary shows how the offices have been grouped in a way to give the maximum conveniences to county employees and to the public.

The Safety Valve

Here's One Who Likes the Snow To the Editor:

It was with some amusement and maybe some apprehension, drummed up by the snow tragedy, reports over the radio and in the newspapers. I kept wondering where in the awfulness of a few inches of snow lay.

In another state if eighteen inches of snow fell during the night—street workers cleared the sidewalks with horse drawn, hand made, wooden snow plows, before children were up. They attended school without any more rattle than if they had the sniffles.

I can't understand why schools were closed or where the boogies in a hand full of snow.

Mrs. Rose Evans
765 Union St.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is the wrong with this sentence? "His generosity was very human."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "tortoise"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Acerbity, acetylene, accelerate, acclimate.
4. What does the word "exonerate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning

Your Health

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BOILS and carbuncles are extremely painful and potentially dangerous in that their germs or other poisons may be taken up by the blood and spread throughout the body. Once a boil or carbuncle has formed, the usual treatment has been to apply hot, wet dressings, to give penicillin or one of the sulfonamide drugs, and then to cut the boil open and drain it at the proper time.

A treatment recently described seems to be of help in speeding up the healing of these painful sores. It is especially helpful in those cases occurring in patients with diabetes or kidney disease, or in other conditions which cause great loss of strength.

This treatment consists of injecting a mixture of penicillin and local anesthetic around the boil or carbuncle but not directly into it. The treatment is easily carried out in the physician's office or in the patient's home.

Of the patients treated in this manner, no reactions occurred even though large areas of the neck, lips, hands, buttocks, thigh and abdomen were affected by the boil or carbuncle.

The injections are given directly into the skin surrounding the boil. They are not given into the area of skin around the boil which is red or swollen. Following the injections, hot packs are employed. On the second day following treatment, drainage of the infected material from the boil usually occurs in large amounts and continues for two or three days. Then, healing gradually begins and, within two to four weeks, the condition has cleared up completely with the formation of a thin, white scar.

One of the advantages of this treatment seems to be that it

with no that means "worthless; trivial?"

ANSWERS
1. Say, "His generosity was very humane," which means kind, benevolent. Human means pertaining to man. 2. Pronounce tortoise, as in tort, as in tortoise, not tortoise. 3. Accelerate. 4. To clear, as from an accusation. "He was exonerated from blame for the accident." 5. Paltry.

Any Excuse Sufficient to Stop Shaving

By Henry McLemore
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Jan. 19—For one, can't feel too sorry about New York men being unable to shave regularly because of the city's lack of water.

Just why is a clean-shaven face necessary? One of the most beloved men in the world, Santa Claus, has whiskers luxuriant enough for a fox to hide in when pursued by hounds.

Many of our presidents had whiskers, and everyone knows that it is the dream of every mother to see her son in the White House, where all he will have to worry about is a small thing called the world.

Call the roll of the great artists since time began and it is a cinch that the majority of them were as bushy as a new mop.

The same goes for soldiers, statesmen, scientists, and tough drop makers. Most of them sported faces that a bulldozer would have trouble getting through at more than half a mile per day.

Shakespeare sported a beard and did all right, so I don't see why the literary men of New York today should care too much about having faces as smooth as a mackerel's side.

And as for bankers and brokers and other rich folk, they should remember that the Rothschilds' credit was pretty good throughout the world, and they didn't lather up every morning.

And as for the love-making department, a study of history will show that more gals climbed down ladders into the arms

4 Patrolmen, 23 Firemen on Regular Status

Four patrolmen and 23 firemen who have completed six months' probation are now on regular civil service status.

Recommendations by the fire and police chiefs were approved this week by the city civil service commission.

New patrolmen given full appointment are David J. Bain, Robert A. Fiedler, Eugene Grunewald and Ronald Wiebe.

The firemen are: A. Aeschliman, B. Bartell, D. Biedelman, C. Blakley, E. Carlisle, C. Dill, C. Frad, D. Hagdorn, D. Hendrickson, C. Howe, M. Nelson, N. Nesbitt, E. Noble, C. Patterson, Warren Paynter, V. Millikin, R. Norton, R. Payne, R. Ruch, J. Stilson, F. Walz, G. Wiltsey and Wayne Paynter.

Temporary appointment of M. Mize and C. Whittemore to the fire department was approved. Resignation of Patrolman Loren Dunham and temporary appointment of John C. Stavenau as patrolman also were approved.

of bewildered gents than ever used the same cumbersome method to plop into the arms of men with no shadow, five o'clock or otherwise.

Furthermore, having is no fun. I have yet to hear of a man who shaved for the joy of it. Artists paint on their vacations, and writers write, but to my knowledge the world is without any proof that any man spent his leisure time shaving. Man has yet to invent an instrument that will take off whiskers easily and cleanly. I have used everything from a straight razor that was first used in Andrew Jackson's time (an heirloom), to an electric device that is only five steps removed from the atom bomb, insofar as being complicated is concerned, yet my whiskers have yet to be daunted.

Of course, if a man feels he must shave, water isn't at all necessary. Every G.I. knows that. The dry shave, done without benefit of water, is entirely possible. It brings forth cries of anguish, and words not normally used in civilized society, but it can be done. The dry shave is a real shave, too. Done right, which means that the first layer of skin comes right along with the whiskers, it guarantees that no more shaving will be needed for a week or ten days. A few days of hospitalization, perhaps, but no more shaves.

If a dry shave is too rough a man will find that caviar spread over his beard serves as a great help. Must be Russian and unsalted.

As an old New Yorker, and as an act of sympathy toward my friends who live there, I am not going to shave for a month.

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only four stage drivers and four passengers died in holdups.

Most successful of the bunch was "Black Bart," who operated alone. Without firing a shot he robbed 27 coaches in eight years, each time escaping on foot. Traced by a laundry mark on a handkerchief he dropped at his last robbery, "Black Bart" turned out to be a mild-mannered, middle-aged man who looked like the first J. P. Morgan. He served a term in San Quentin and disappeared.

The real heroes of this book are isolated sheriffs like Harry N. Morse, a pioneer human bloodhound whose courage in tracking down bandit gangs is too little known. His feats match the exploits of a Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

This is a fine pre-Christmas package for all who love to read about scoundrels—as which rascal among us doesn't?

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By Lichty



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