

# Truman Said Near Verdict On H-Bomb

(Story also on page one.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—There was mounting evidence today that President Truman may be nearing a final and grave decision on building the super-smasher hydrogen bomb; possibly in favor of it.

A series of separate but related events added weight to this speculation which was based primarily on reports that Mr. Truman's close advisers believe the fear-weapon, perhaps 1,000 times meaner than the A-bomb, should be added to America's atomic arsenal.

Here are some of the things which seem to point to a decision in the near future:

(1) A member of the senate-house atomic energy committee said a majority of the lawmakers favor building the bomb. Statement Expected

(2) Another committee member said he expects an "authoritative" statement on the hydrogen bomb to be made by Mr. Truman apparently is the only person who can make or authorize a statement of that caliber. He said yesterday that the decision on developing the new bomb is his to make. But he gave no hint when it might come.

(3) A senator told a reporter that he is certain Secretary of State Acheson favors an H-bomb program. Favors H-Bomb

(4) Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee came out openly in favor of the H-bomb.

(5) Dr. Harold Urey, one of the nation's top atomic scientists, said last night the United States has no choice but to go ahead with the bomb.

(6) Military opinion was reported to favor strongly making the bomb in view of the belief that Russia has the theory of it too.

General Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff approved to be urging a go-ahead in a speech yesterday, although he did not mention the H-bomb.

Costs Discounted  
A democratic senator who asked his name not be used said he believes congress would approve appropriations for the H-bomb program. "From reports, it wouldn't cost as much as we had believed," he said.

Senator Connally said the H-bomb would strengthen the peace. His statement:

"The United States should arm itself with the hydrogen bomb. The security of the nation and our people require that we provide our armed services with the best possible weapons.

"We must remain strong. We want to preserve the peace of the world, but the hydrogen bomb will serve that purpose as the atomic bomb has done since it ended the war and gave us peace."

Connally's statement was in effect a direct appeal to the president since the final decision rests with Mr. Truman.

It was reported that the senate-house atomic energy committee has not yet made a formal recommendation to President Truman about the H-bomb. But one member said the committee's views may be given to the president within the next week.

"I'm certain," he said, "that a great majority of the committee favors building the H-bomb."

The American Veterans of World War II (AMVETS) also spoke out for immediate construction of the terrifying weapon which has leaped into discussion in recent weeks.

National Commander Harold Russell said in a statement:

"Any other decision, however merciful and humanitarian, would be inconsistent with the brutal facts of international life today."

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# Noted Baseball Figure Passes

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 28 (AP)—Blake Harper, nationally known baseball executive who helped develop the St. Louis Cardinals' farm system and a flock of star players, died today. He was 60.

During the three decades he was identified with the national pastime, Harper had been president of several minor league clubs, supervisor of concessions at Sportsman's park in St. Louis and for the Cardinal farm clubs. He also was credited with helping produce such crack players as Pepper Martin, the "Wild Hoss of the Osage"; Flint Rhem, Chick Hafey, Gus Mancuso, Charles Gelbert and others.

# Infant Dies Of Suffocation In Lebanon

Statesman News Service

LEBANON, Jan. 28—Billie Irene Alexander, month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander, Klamath Falls, was found dead in her bassinette about 7 a.m. today at the home of Alexander's parents six miles south of Lebanon.

Linn County Coroner Glen Huston said the baby died accidentally by suffocation. The parents had checked the baby about six hours previously and she was alright, Huston said.

Alexander, a student at Klamath Falls college, has been visiting at the home of his parents here for the past three weeks.

Graveside services will be held at the IOOF cemetery at 3 p.m. Sunday under the direction of the Howe-Huston mortuary.

# Woman Takes Man's Clothes Following Ride

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (AP)—An attractive girl "in her twenties" gave a stranger a ride early today, then pulled a knife on him and forced him to remove all his clothing but his socks and shorts.

Joseph Perrino, 22 told police he struck up a conversation with the girl at a lunch counter and went for a ride in her car. Suddenly, he said, she swung into a dark alley and threatened him with a knife.

Perrino said the girl ordered him out of the car, commanded him to take off his clothing except for his socks and shorts, and drove off, still brandishing the knife. She took the clothes, including \$2 in a pocket.

The shivering man wandered about in below-freezing weather until a resident of the neighborhood noticed his plight and called police.

Officers gave him some pity advice and a blanket.

# Blizzard Whips Into Dakotas

By The Associated Press

A howling blizzard whipped across the Canadian border into the Dakotas Saturday and a new blast of Arctic air stung the galathea Pacific northwest.

Early risers in Rapid City, S. D., found the temperature a mild 40 degrees at 6:30 a.m. Then a 60 mile an hour gale hit the city, knocking up blinding clouds of snow and driving the mercury within three hours to zero.

The northern stirred up blizzard conditions at many points in the Dakotas.

Much colder weather was heading eastward toward the Great Lakes area, with a sharp drop in temperature forecast for Sunday.

# Autos Take Toll of Birds in Wyoming

LUSK, Wyoming (AP)—John F. Alter of Lusk has been counting dead birds along Wyoming highways for 15 years. It's strictly a hobby, but the counting has convinced him the human traffic toll is nothing compared to the small animal kill. Birds, he said, take the worst beating.

Alter suggests that cars and trucks be equipped with plastic nets during the summer months to protect bird life along the highway. "Beginning July 15, and lasting until the latter part of October, the count is three dead birds to the mile. During August the count is up to five birds a mile, and I am sure the dead birds that land in the barrow pits will up these figures by at least a third," he said.

Alter counted 1,248 rabbits that lost to the auto on one 96 mile drive. He tallied 771 rabbits and 44 game hens on another trip of 47 miles and 55 dead cats on a 595 mile drive. Alter has seen horses, cattle, sheep, deer, antelope and even bobcats that lost their lives.

NOT UNDERGROUND DURANGO, Colo.—(AP)—Just as U.S. Sen. Eugene D. Millikin (R-Colo.) was about to speak at a rally, the lights went out.

"This doesn't mean the republican party is going underground," quipped C. O. Oran, a bald-headed junior senator. He went on talking for 10 minutes before a new fuse put the lights back on.

# Salem Obituaries

BALDWIN Sherman Anson Baldwin, at the residence, 478 N. 34th st., of the age of 89 years. Survived by the widow, Mrs. S. A. Baldwin, Salem; daughters, Mrs. E. J. Bentley; Mrs. E. J. Craven, both of Salem, and Georgia Baldwin, Exeter Springs, Mo.; six sons, P. H. Pierce, Exeter Springs; granddaughters, Jane Craven and Mrs. Patricia DeCapito, both of Salem; grandsons, Richard D. Craven, Columbus, Ohio; great granddaughter, Sandra Jane DeCapito, Salem. Announcement of services later by Church-Barrick company.

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# Radar Proves Effective as Curb to Speeding Drivers; Enforcement Two-car Job

By George Miller

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—You can argue with a speed cop about how fast you were driving, and maybe get away with it.

His speedometer—yours or yours—may have been off. Traffic engineers say automobile speedometers can err as much as 15 per cent if you are traveling at a 50-mile an hour clip or better.

But you can't tell off the radar speed meter, which has been in use about two years. Engineers say it stays on the beam; that its margin of error is a slim one or two per cent.

In many places the courts are taking the radar meter's word. Try to argue the point and the judge comes back at you with frequencies, wave lengths and logarithms.

All Are Convicted  
In one month, Columbus, Ohio, police detected 128 speeders by radar. Of these 126 pleaded guilty. The other two were convicted.

The 45-pound radar meter works simply, it sends out a constant microwave signal which operates within a 150-foot range. The reflected wave length is proportional to the speed of the moving car. It shows up on the machine in miles per hour. The speed is written down by a regular recording device on a revolving sheet of paper that looks like a businessman's sales graph.

Speed law enforcement by radar is a two-car job. The speed meter is mounted in a control car. Here the speeder is clocked and his license number radioed ahead to a second car which picks him up.

Connecticut Starts It  
The Connecticut state police department was the first to use radar against speeders, but only after a two-year preliminary tryout.

L. Leslie W. Williams of the Connecticut police's traffic division said the department wanted about all else to avoid having its radar labeled a newfangled speed trap. Radar patrolled roads were staked out: "State police radar speed control zone."

Since the system went into use, there have been only five arrests—two and five convictions.

The Virginia state police followed Connecticut's example in setting up radar speed controls.

Other States Follow  
Now, says Paul L. Green of the Automatic Signal Corp., of Newark, Conn., which makes the device, it is used extensively by state, and local police departments in many sections of the country.

Radar has gone to work on highways in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Tennessee.

The village of Garden City, N. Y., employed it in a dual capacity— for traffic study and speed law enforcement. Here, again, to avoid the "speed trap" tag, village authorities marked highways: "Speed checked by radar."

Auto Traffic Problems  
Connecticut's highway department has several portable radar sets measuring highway speed and safety conditions. It provides the answer to such questions as to how fast can you take a curve safely, how many cars pass control points at a given time.

Robert J. Allen, chief traffic engineer for the Association of Casualty and Insurance Companies, says that an application is unlimited. It should be a tremendous help to engineers in working out the basic problems of traffic.

# Helen Traubel To Resign as Diva at Met

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Helen Traubel, the Metropolitan Opera's famed Wagnerian soprano, "withdrawing" from the company at the end of this season, her agent said today.

Miss Elizabeth Winston, the singer's agent, said Miss Traubel is making the move because of "the absence of any overtures" from the new Met management for her appearance next season.

Rudolf Bing, only recently named general manager of the Met, said in New York that the singer had made a "precipitate decision" and described it as "somewhat hasty and somewhat unfriendly." Statement Issued for Miss Traubel said:

"The leading dramatic soprano of the Metropolitan Opera association for the past ten years, Miss Traubel was entitled to the courtesy of an invitation to enter into negotiations for future opera appearances."

The singer "will proceed with other plans," the statement said. Bing in New York said he was surprised that Miss Traubel is leaving and said:

"This is the first thing I've heard about it."  
Only yesterday, Bing said, he wrote to Miss Traubel "expressing regret at not having had the opportunity of meeting her so far" and asking to meet with her next week to discuss plans.

Madame Traubel has decided to quit the Met," he said.  
The singer has been away from New York City for the last two weeks, Bing said, adding that he had "one or two meetings" with her manager, James A. Davidson "on another matter."

"Never once in our meetings did he hint at the fact that Madame Traubel was in such a hurry to start negotiations," Bing said. Manager Surprised  
The Met's general manager said he was surprised at Miss Traubel's action because it is not customary for the Metropolitan to begin negotiations with its artists so early as January.

"I am doubly surprised because Madame Traubel is aware that I am a new man who has hardly been here 12 weeks," he said.

The Metropolitan's season ends March 26.  
Bing officially succeeds the outgoing manager, Edward Johnson, on June 1.

Miss Traubel told a news conference here yesterday that she plans to write mystery novels. She didn't mention any plans then to quit the opera company.

# Sleuth Finds Man Who Forgot \$50,000 Policy After 50 Years

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 28 (CP)—Martin Oscar Olson formerly of Vancouver, today has \$50,000 in the kitty. And he can thank a city detective and a grey-haired old lady for his good fortune.

Detective George Pinchin of the missing persons bureau traced him to Tarzana, in California's San Fernando valley, after New York insurance investigators lost his trail here. The unidentified woman, his memory agile, supplied the missing link.

This story with a "Hollywood" ending begins in Topeka, Kan., before the turn of the century—years before Mr. Olson, then a brash blacksmith, moved to Vancouver.  
Business Prospered  
Mr. Olson owned a blacksmith shop, and his business prospered in those horse and buggy days. But he must have foreseen the day when automobiles would make the smithy almost obsolete, for he walked into an insurance office one day and plunked down \$20,000 for a paid up policy.

He was a cautious, if forgetful, business man. To guarantee the money would support him in his old age, he stipulated the policy be locked in the company's vaults for 50 years.

At the end of that time, he was to get the sum, plus interest. But a man can forget much in a half century. When he and his wife left here in 1948, he had no idea the policy had doubled its value.

The insurance company, however, didn't forget, and the trail of the wandering blacksmith in Vancouver, they called on Detective Pinchin.  
Recalled Family Name  
The detective visited Mr. Olson's former neighborhood and there he discovered the old lady who recalled the family name of one of Mr. Olson's married daughters.

A few hours later, the detective interviewed the daughter, Mrs.

# Gunmen Force Store Manager To Open Safe

PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—Gunmen forced a chain store manager from his home to open a strong box after store hours in one of two armed robberies here tonight.

Police said the Safeway store manager, Wesley K. Bailey, reported two gunmen knocked at his door. One remained at the house with his wife while the other forced Bailey to drive him to the store. The Baileys' 14-year-old son was taken along on the ride as a hostage.

The boy's life was threatened, Bailey said, if either he had refused to open the safe or his wife had attempted to alert police.

Bailey said he opened the safe and the gunman scooped up the undisclosed amount of the day's receipts. The manager was then forced to drive the robber back to his home where the couple and the son were lined up against a wall. Bailey called police a few minutes after they believed the men were out of range.

Earlier, two gunmen had held up the Multnomah Cleaners and Dyers shop and fled with an estimated \$475 in cash.

# Monoxide Gas Kills Children On Car Trip

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—A horrified Nebraska couple discovered two of their children dead in the back seat of their automobile when they stopped here today.

Carbon monoxide gas from the car's exhaust was blamed. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Edmiston, Lincoln, Neb., told police their sons, Robert, 3, and James, 1½, were asleep beneath a blanket as they drove through 10-degree weather across the snow-covered Blue mountains en route from Spokane.

Coroner William Arrivey said gas apparently was seeping from a hole in the car's muffler and concentrated in the back seat. A third child, a baby in Mrs. Edmiston's arms, was in the front seat and unharmed. The Edmiston, who are touring the country with a trailer, said they did not notice any fumes. They were en route to Biloxi, Miss.

They stopped here for groceries and the father discovered the rigid bodies. He rushed to the police station. The two children were taken in a first aid car to a hospital, but artificial respiration failed.

Contrary to popular belief, unfermented coffee grounds are not a fertilizer.

# Finance Firms To Construct Office Building

Willamette Production Credit association announced plans Saturday to construct a modern office building which will also house the Federal Land bank.

The \$16,000, one-story, 40 by 65-foot structure will go up this spring on a lot at the northwest corner of North Commercial and Division streets, according to Philip M. Brandt, Association manager. The lot was purchased recently from Candalanria Investment company, he said.

Plans call for a reinforced concrete building designed by local architect W. F. Severin. The land bank will lease office space. Off-street parking space is to be included in the design.

The credit association and land bank, both cooperative credit associations, now have offices at 399 N. Commercial st. They employ a total of about 12 persons, said Brandt. The new building will be designed for future expansion.

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# Game Commission Sets Earlier Fish Openings on Some Rivers

PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—The state game commission announced earlier openings for fishing in some rivers in the final revisions of 1950 angling rules completed today.

Major changes on previously announced tentative regulations include:

Zone 1:  
15 day earlier opening of the Nehalem, Salmonberry, north fork of the Salmonberry, Rock creek, Wilson river, Trask and north fork of the Trask river. On Oct. 1 instead of Oct. 15. These streams are earlier in the summer and are earlier opening allows fishing before highwater.

The winter closing of the Nestucca was set at Feb. 28 to conform with other coastal streams.

Zone 2:  
New opening day of ay 1; Lost Lake in Linn county was given an opening season June 1 to June 30.

Zone 3:  
Southern half opening May 1; closing Herman creek to Salmon fishing up to highway 30 bridge Aug. 30 to Oct. 29 to protect hatchery operations of commission.

Zone 4:  
Little Lava lake removed from the closed to all angling list; the opening of Rock creek reservoir was set at May 1 to conform with other area waters; opening of Fawn, Wabco and Bony Lakes was moved to June 1 instead of June 10; the season for North Twin lakes will be May 1 to Sept. 15 and for Wickiup reservoir May 1 to Sept. 30.

# Real Rubles Fail to Swing Car Purchase

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Jan. 28 (AP)—A woman who tried to buy an automobile with worthless Russian rubles demanded today that the car be delivered as advertised.

Only this week, fire damaged Mrs. Ruth Ray's old car. So she was pleased when she read an advertisement in the East Liverpool Review which said:

1947 Dodge coupe for sale at a "bargain price of 1,275 rubles."

The ad was joking and listed such extras as a "Siberian radio" and a "salt mine heater." It meant dollars, not rubles.

Mrs. Ray, however, took it in dead earnest. She happened to have two 1,000 Russian ruble notes brought back from China by her husband, Edward, an ex-marine.

The next day she appeared in the salesroom of auto dealer Eddie Lane, plunked down the rubles and demanded the car.

Lane was dumbfounded. The ad had been written by a man in the newspaper's advertising department and Lane was unaware of the jesting tone.

The car belonged to his brother-in-law, Louis Hassall.

Mrs. Ray still has her rubles and Lane has his car. She says she will consult a lawyer to find out whether she has a case that would stand up in court.

Before the war, rubles were worth 55.5 cents in Russia. In this country they have only a souvenir value.

# NEW RED UNIVERSITY SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A "Peoples University of China" will be set up with Soviet Russian instructors, says a recent Peiping broadcast heard here.

The radio did not say where the new university will be located. It said that the school would "train experts needed for the construction of New China."

If houseplants are infested with mealy bugs, pick them off with a cotton-tipped matchstick or toothpick dipped in alcohol or toilet water.

# Peace Parley Fails to Halt Mine Walkout

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28 (AP)—Peace talks or no, it appears that the bulk of the nation's 88,000 striking coal miners will cling to their traditional policy of "no contract no work."

That was the pace set today by the big Robena local at a meeting in Uniontown, Pa.

John Ozanich, president of the local, drew cheers and shouts of approval from more than 1,000 of his diggers.

He said there will be no work until they get a contract that will permit them to work five days a week.

John L. Lewis now has the miners on a three-day week. Ozanich declared:

"The men are going to stay put. That's all there is to it."

Miners reported Ozanich said UMW District Leader William Hynes threatened suspension to any Robena miners who continued to strike.

Ozanich said these reports are incorrect.

"Mr. Hynes' name was never mentioned," he said.

Early reports from the core of the strike in southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia indicated many of the other rebellious diggers will follow Robena's lead.

Flurry of Phone Calls  
There was a flurry of telephone calls after the Robena meeting as word went out to other locals in the Uniontown area that the Robena diggers will not work. Some of them scheduled meetings to discuss the development. Many of them admittedly held off action pending the Robena decision. Robena is the largest UMW local.

There was no vote taken at the miner meet on return to work.

"We made our decision last week for once and for all," Ozanich said.

There was optimistic reaction in some coal circles to the announcement of renewal of contract talks next Wednesday between Lewis and representatives of northern and western operators.

But it made hardly a dent in the solid front of the balking diggers.

It wasn't even mentioned at the Robena meeting.

# Condition of Wreck Victim Still Critical

Richard Parker, 25, Tacoma, injured Friday night in a head-on crash of two cars south of Salem, was still in critical condition at Albany hospital late Saturday.

Parker, with Norman Burvick, Seattle, was a passenger in a car operated by Charles Olson, Seattle, when it collided with another occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Walker of Portland near the Jefferson junction overpass.

Olson, 1948 football captain for the University of Washington Huskies was seriously hurt in the crash. He was reported "improving" by hospital authorities. Burvick suffered minor injuries.

Condition of the Portland couple was described as "good" by Salem Memorial hospital officials Saturday night.

# Gestapo Due In East Reich, To Back Reds

By Daniel De Lasee

BERLIN, Jan. 28 (AP)—The Gestapo is returning to east Germany—this time to protect communism.

Communists are demanding the establishment of a ministry of state security at the next meeting, February 8, of the Volkskammer (people's chamber) of the Soviet zone republic. Their control of the chamber assures passage.

The core of the new ministry will be