

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Searge

Senator McMahon of Connecticut is chairman of the atomic energy commission and so is in possession of as much information about these super-bombs as any member of congress. Yet when President Truman announced he had directed work to proceed on the hydrogen bomb McMahon was evidently shocked at the implications of the order. So he came out with a proposal that the United States invest \$50,000,000,000 in a crusade for peace, even cutting in Russia for economic assistance.

The senator was well intentioned, but he seems to have fallen into a characteristic American error, namely that to get what you want all you must do is to put up money. If one billion will not do it, then five—or fifty.

But the world's woes are not just due to a money dearth. World tensions are due to fears rather than to greed, and we must exorcise fear if we are to relax the tensions. We need a sort of global psychiatrist expert that there is no such a person, and peoples might give him little heed if there were.

News of our H-bomb experimentation will stir up greater fears and thus add to the tensions. Nor does the renewed agitation for world federation seem timely. In the present international climate how far would the United States go in that direction — ? Russia is to have votes according to its population in a world government?

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This physician prescribes a long rest for the world as its best hope of cure, rather than any specific, — \$50 billion or world federation.

SOS Signal Heard in Area Of C-54 Search
EDMONTON, Alberta, Feb. 5 (CP)—An SOS signal which appeared to come from the interior of British Columbia was picked up early today on the radio of a C-54 plane searching for a missing C-54 transport, the Royal Canadian air force reported here.

The plane, one of 10 conducting a "U" radio search, heard the signal north of Spokane, Wash. The flight was sent out from Great Falls, Mont., after a settler at Beaver Lake, in British Columbia's rugged Caribou country reported a big plane flew low over his cabin the night the C-54 with 44 persons aboard disappeared.

Numerous other radio signals have been picked up from Alaska to the international border ever since the plane disappeared Jan. 26 but all have proved groundless. The RCAF said planes taking part in a "U" search fly in a wide U formation with a listening watch kept on all radios. The SOS was picked up on the 8280 high frequency distress band, and was not the same signal as those latched up later today by search planes in the Yukon. These were identified as transmissions from Denmark.

Officials said that the U. S. model of the Gibson Girl transmitter like that carried by the missing plane transmits simultaneously on the 500 low frequency and 8280 high frequency distress bands.

Weather in the interior of British Columbia was not good for searching today, but the RCAF said there was prospect of better weather tomorrow.

Thaw Brings Talk Of Commencements
AMITY, Feb. 5 — A hint of balmy days crept into news columns today when it was announced that Secretary of State Earl T. Newby will speak at the Amity high school commencement exercises on June 8. Norman McKee, former class president, made the report.

Mine Strike Spreads Despite T-H Act Threat

Plans for A-Engine Due Soon

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 5 (AP)—Designs for an atomic reactor to propel a navy ship will be undertaken sometime this year, the atomic energy commission said in a report released in Idaho Falls.

The report was released by the AEC's Idaho operations office dealing with atomic reactor developments at the Arco testing station.

Reactors being designed for the Arco station include an experimental breeder reactor, a materials testing reactor and the navy ship propulsion reactor, the report said.

It said that among other projects, the Arco station will "help particularly in the development of reactors for the propulsion of aircraft."

The AEC said that Arco experiments will point the way to "compact high radiation density reactors of a sort which must ultimately be developed if aircraft are ever to be propelled by atomic energy."

"Reactors of the future developing from those being designed, or from those planned on the basis of expanding knowledge, may generate useful power, drive ships or airplanes, or breed extra fissionable material."

The report stated that the breeder reactor will test the idea of producing more fissionable material than it consumes. It will be one of the "hottest" reactors at Arco and will use molten metal as a cooling solution.

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That water started pouring down through the elevator and stair shafts, spreading out slightly on each floor except the basement. Wall openings, however, prevented it accumulating to more than a fraction of an inch. Most of the tank's contents

were halted from going through the building by canvas rigged on the roof by the firemen, who were praised highly by Pratt. Then they and warehouse employees took squeegees to get rid of the water.

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Part of the Soviet zone's people's police — virtually an army — are to march as members of the youth organization. The marching is intended to paralyze traffic and lead to disturbances which would provide an excuse for uniformed formations of the Soviet-backed people's police to "restore order."

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Solons Seek Extradition of British A-Spy

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Chairman McMahon (D-Conn.) tonight called for the congressional atomic committee is exploring the possibility of American extradition of Klaus Fuchs, the British scientist suspected of passing atomic and hydrogen bomb secrets to Russia.

The Connecticut senator added, however, that preliminary study by the committee's lawyers had raised doubt as to whether any effort to force Fuchs to come to this country for possible trial would succeed.

FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover who already has told a senate appropriations subcommittee about the Fuchs case, is scheduled to meet tomorrow behind closed doors with the joint atomic committee.

After hearing Hoover, the same committee will hold a public session to question Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, wartime director of the A-bomb project. The committee judged Groves privately Saturday for more than two hours.

That part of the GI bill expires in 1956. Veterans administrator Carl R. Gray Jr. has informed congress that a regulation coming out April 1 will say that—with certain exceptions—veterans may not enter the training program after July 25, 1951.

Furthermore, after that date: 1—Veterans may change courses of instruction "only for the most cogent reasons." Veterans now may change courses fairly easily, usually after seeking counseling and guidance service.

2—Once a veteran completes a course he will not be able to enroll in another even though he may still have some school time left under the GI bill formula.

The 1951 deadline will not affect the approximately 1,000,000 veterans who enlisted or reenlisted under the armed forces recruitment act of 1945 and 1946 and those veterans who have been discharged since July 25, 1947, or who are still in service.

BOY FALLS THROUGH ICE
HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 5 (AP)—A 6-year-old boy plunged through the thin ice of a frozen slough at nearby Newton today and drowned. His body was not recovered until several hours later.

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Principal



INDEPENDENCE, Feb. 5—Wayne Jordan, new principal of Central Union high school, which will serve the Independence-Monmouth area next fall. Jordan is now principal of McMinnville junior high school.

Cheers, Jeers Greet Cripps' Political Talk

LONDON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps, campaigning tonight for the reelection of his Labour party, February 23, was both heckled and cheered. He preserved his composure despite the crowd's jeers.

In a speech at suburban Brixton, Cripps claimed labor had carried out every item of its 1945 platform, had made more progress for the "ordinary people" in the last four years than in any other peacetime period of history, and had set a record for recovery from the disruption and destruction of the war.

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The chancellor said the labor government had increased Britain's national production by more than 30 per cent over prewar output. He called the food subsidies a "godsend to the people."

Deadline Set On Vet College Training Plan
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15-Days Supply of Coal Left; Truman Warning Ignored

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 6 (Monday) — (AP)—The five-week old strike of nearly 100,000 of John L. Lewis' soft coal miners began spreading early today.

There's a possibility a majority of the 400,000 United Mine Workers in the soft coal fields will be idle by nightfall.

Early reports indicated few, if any of the 100,000 on strike last week will choose to work today. They face the threat of imminent use of the Taft-Hartley act's injunctive powers by President Truman.

In northern West Virginia, where 20,000 were idle last week, mines employing 4,000 diggers reported today they had remained closed because overnight shifts failed to show up.

The strike spread to southern West Virginia when cleanup crews failed to report at the East Gulf mines of the C. H. Mead company in Raleigh county. The mine employs 650 men.

And the walkout showed signs of spreading in Pennsylvania, too. In the Johnstown area, the night shift did not report at the No. 2 mine of C. A. Huges and Company. That mine employs 800. Its men worked two days last week. They were idled finally last Wednesday by pickets.

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Weather
Salem: Max. 41 Min. 33 Precip. .10
Portland: Max. 38 Min. 33 Precip. .05
San Francisco: Max. 61 Min. 49 Precip. .02
Chicago: Max. 40 Min. 27 Precip. .00
New York: Max. 38 Min. 27 Precip. .00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Considerable cloudiness with showers today and tonight. Little change in temperature with high today near 43 and low tonight near 31.

Eagles Lodge Celebrates 25 Years in Salem

Celebration of the 25th anniversary of Salem's Willamette aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will be spread throughout the coming week, President S. L. Griffin announced Sunday.

The lodge members, now more than 2,000 in number, may bring guests on Wednesday to the silver anniversary dance and floor show and on Friday to the anniversary card party, in charge of the Eagles auxiliary.

Other events of the week include an anniversary class initiation, followed by a sing show, Tuesday night games on Thursday night, silver celebration dance on Saturday night.

All will be at the hall on North High street, in the building acquired two years ago by the lodge. (Additional details on page 5)

Phone Strike 'Unjustified', Company Says

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 (AP)—A nationwide telephone strike threatened for 9 a.m. (EST) Wednesday is "completely unjustified" in view of pay scales and benefits now prevailing for employees, a company spokesman said tonight.

At the same time a union attorney, in another statement, said "at the moment there is no indication of any change in the telephone strike situation."

The dispute is between the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., the companies of its Bell system, and the CIO Communications Workers of America.

The scheduled walkout involves directly 100,000 workers of the Western Electric Co. and five other subsidiaries of the A. T. & T. but the union expects 220,000 other members to refrain from crossing picket lines, resulting in what CWA President Joseph A. Beirne said would be a general strike.

Federal mediation efforts began here yesterday and were to resume at 10 a.m. tomorrow. In Washington, a top official said the government might ask the union to hold off its walkout if no substantial progress is made soon toward a settlement.

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Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH

Only 'Minority Element' Of Youth Found Guilty at 'Trial', Given 'Sentence'

By Winslow H. Taylor
Church Editor, The Statesman

Only a "minority element" of modern youth can be found guilty on charges of Biblical illiteracy, vocational selfishness, upholding a false sense of values and following a thrill-seeking morality, Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell decreed Sunday night in a dramatic "trial" climaxing National Youth week in Salem.

Defendant William Hill, president of the youth fellowship of First Christian church, was found innocent "under the evidence shown" as representative of the majority. But for the minority he was sentenced to "six months' probation" under supervision of his pastor.

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Movie Star Tells Churchgoers of Intention to Give Up \$1,000 per Week Contract for God

By Elaine Kahn
PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Feb. 5 (AP)—A slim young film star in a form-fitting royal blue jersey preached the gospel from the pulpit today and captivated a strict Presbyterian church congregation.

Beautiful 21-year-old Colleen Townsend, who said she will forsake the movies and a \$1,000 a week contract for God, drew more than 1,200 Sunday worshippers to the little Norman Gothic Presbyterian church in this western Pennsylvania town.

President's Former Teacher Succumbs

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Feb. 5 (AP)—Miss Matilda D. Brown, 82, former teacher of English literature here for 35 years, died today.

She was known as "Miss Tillie" to her thousands of students, who included President Truman and Charles G. Ross, the president's press secretary.

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The young student apparently was electrocuted when a small radio perched on the edge of the tub fell into the water, causing a short circuit. Fire Chief James T. Blamey said. Police, emergency stewards and firemen administered first aid for more than an hour, but were unable to revive the girl.