

# This Year May Tell Whether We'll Ever Have Atomic Power

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—(AP)—This year may tell the story on atomic power for civilian use—whether it has a good chance of becoming a reality or whether it will remain "pie in the sky."

High officials of the atomic energy commission (AEC) indicate much depends upon the success of some tests which they say could begin by the end of this month.

These are the first operational tests of an experimental device known as a "breeder" already erected at the AEC's testing station at Arco, Idaho.

The device, first of its kind known to exist in the world—unless Russia also has one—is designed to make new atomic fuel faster than it is consumed in keeping the machine going.

If it works—and in theory it could work—it would mean that America's resources of useable uranium for bomb materials or possible power use would be increased 140 times.

It would mean too that this country could also utilize the element thorium, which is more plentiful than uranium in nature, as a source of fissionable material.

Need More Supplies  
Dr. Lawrence Hafstad, director of the AEC's program of developing machines for the controlled release of atomic energy is on record as saying:

"... civilian power (from the atom) will remain pie in the sky unless, by a break in the breeder program or some other solution to the raw material problem, a more ample supply of fissionable material can be produced."

The breeding problem goes back to the way uranium exists in nature. There are two principal kinds of uranium—uranium-238 and uranium-235. Only U-235 can be used of itself as a material for bombs or other atomic purposes. And U-235 is only 1/140 as plentiful as

## Iran Begins Search for Oil Customers

TEHRAN, Iran, Aug. 25—(AP)—Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's government, with a billion dollar oil industry left on its hands by a breakdown of negotiations with the British, sought customers today to stave off a possible political crisis.

For the first time since Mossadegh became a popular hero by capitalizing on real and fancied wrongs and nationalizing the influential Anglo-Iranian Oil company, parts of the press began speaking out against him.

Strong political attacks in parliament, possibly even attempts to depose the premier on a vote of confidence, may be in the offing.

He made good on his promise to nationalize the AIOC. But so far he has not been able to deliver on the other part of his promise, to bring a "life of ease and comfort" to Iran's 15,000,000 people through control of Iran's oil riches.

Soon after the Iranian take-over commission went to Abadan, Iran announced she had oil to sell on the world market. But no tankers have called since the AIOC withdrew its fleet.

Deputy Premier Hossein Fatemi told a news conference today Iran had received "many requests" for oil from customers who could supply their own tankers. He declined to say, however, when he thought shipments would start.

The only customer he named was Afghanistan, negotiating for a small amount of oil to be shipped by truck.

British and American oil experts here discount talk that Iran could market her own oil. They say no big oil company could risk the enmity of AIOC by making such a deal unless guaranteed a steady supply for years at a competitive price.

anum called U-233, which is fissionable. Here again, if breeding is perfected the amount of U-233 produced would be greater than the amount of U-235 consumed.

## Dr. E. A. Johnsen Opens Dentistry Practice in Salem

Dr. Edwin A. Johnsen has opened the practice of dentistry in Salem, it was announced Saturday, assuming the practice of the late Dr. J. G. Nash. His office is in the Pacific building.

Dr. Johnsen has practiced in North Bend for the past 20 years, since graduating from North Pacific dental college in Portland.

Accompanying him here is Mrs. Johnsen, a daughter, Phyllis, will teach this year at Salem high school. Another daughter, Sally, will be a freshman at Oregon State college.

## Sen. Connally Calls for Cuts In Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—(AP)—Senator Tom Connally of Texas, veteran democratic leader, called today for deeper cuts in foreign economic aid, saying "We can't go on forever supporting the whole world."

Connally spoke out at a news conference, one day after the senate foreign relations committee which he heads and the armed services committee had voted to cut about \$675,000,000 in economic aid and \$290,000,000 in military help from President Truman's \$8,500,000,000 foreign aid request.

President Truman was reported to have protested vigorously against these cuts but that failed to sway Connally, who lately has rebelled against some of the administration's foreign aid policies.

Connally said he would prefer to see the \$290,000,000 military reduction restored to the bill when the senate acts on it. If it is not restored, he said he would still favor making the economic cut an even \$1,000,000,000 instead of \$675,000,000.

"Sooner or later we have got to cut this economic program," he said. "We can't go on forever supporting the whole world with hand-outs to these nations just because we like them—or for any other reason."

As for military aid to those nations resisting communism, Connally said the national security requires "large expenditures to contribute to the military defense of areas which are vital to us."

Connally's remarks were comparable to his outburst of July 30 when he held William C. Foster, head of the economic cooperation administration (ECA) that ECA officials were trying to "cover the earth" with money squeezed from American taxpayers.

He objected then in particular to economic aid programs for southeast Asia, and President Truman was moved to comment that he was very sorry the senator took that position.

The president was said to be resigned to a cut of about \$1,000,000,000, even while objecting to it. The bill's total as sent to the senate for action beginning Monday was \$7,535,000,000.

## Dewey Calls Rim of Pacific 'Critical Area'

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 25—(AP)—New York's republican Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said today the rim of the Pacific is the most critical area in the years ahead will be on the Pacific ocean rim.

He told a republican women's club that "Alaska is very close to the guns of the enemy. Diomedes island is only three miles from Russian territory, and that's closer if an anyone should be to any Russian, in my opinion."

Dewey called for stronger alliances with friendly nations. He said the "United States has won the battle against isolationism. Now it must concentrate on a strong foreign policy in the Pacific so we won't be alone. To be alone is to lose."

Many Rebellions  
"We won the battle in Europe through aid in Europe and a troops to Europe program. In 16 territories, nations, colonies and kingdoms I have visited, there are five first class wars or rebellions. I don't know whether World War II is continuing or World War III has already started."

He paid tribute to 150,000 French fighting in Indo-China under General DeLattre. Dewey said the French lost more officers in each of the past three years than were graduated from the military schools.

"The British are doing their share of fighting in Malaya, where he said 95 per cent of the enemy are Chinese communists."

"We are carrying our share in Korea. Each life lost there may be saving a thousand lives by averting another world war at a time when we are not ready."

Need More Time  
"If we can gain two—perhaps even one year—we can make progress with our allies so that they can clean out the revolutionaries in southeast Asia."

He called for a buildup of Japanese industry, declaring that "if Japan is lost to Russia, the balance of power would be swung to the enemy's favor. We may be strong enough in a year or two to prevent the Soviet oligarchy from launching a war that would end all wars."

Dewey said Alaska has the most glowing future in the world "if it can be liberated from bureaucracy."

He took occasion to deny reports he had refused to visit Mendonhall glacier or to visit Gov. Ernest Gruening's cabin near Juneau. He said he visited Mendonhall an hour after landing at Juneau, and spent an hour and a half at the governor's cabin.

Dewey called Alaska scenery "staggeringly beautiful."

LAWYER SELECTED  
PORTLAND, Aug. 25—(AP)—Thomas H. Tongue III, Portland, has been named to the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar to fill the unexpired term of James Landye, resigned.

The Yukon river is navigable by shallow draft steamer for 1,777 miles.

## BILLY GRAHAM DUE

PORTLAND, Aug. 25—(AP)—Billy Graham, evangelist, will arrive here tomorrow to conduct a rally in the Multnomah stadium at 7:45 p.m. Monday. He has been holding a series of meetings in Seattle.

## Can-Can Girls Win Praise From Chaplain

SEATTLE, Aug. 25—(AP)—The controversial can-can girls were back on the pier today for the docking of the troopship Marine Phoenix with 2,842 rotation combat troops from Korea.

And they drew a cheer from a returning army chaplain. Capt. James H. Fiser of Seattle, who has been in Korea since last August, beamed and declared:

"They're swell! There oughta be more of 'em!"

The girls drew frowns from various church groups recently, who insisted homecoming soldiers

should be greeted with religious music rather than buff and fluff. After missing several debarks, the can-can girls returned today at the behest of the sponsoring Greater Seattle Inc., which said the can-can revival was "by popular demand."

Captain Fiser said he had conducted services at a portable chapel in a hut on the bank of the Yalu river in the north of Korea with the temperature 28 below zero last winter. Then he pointed to the dancers, the band and the prancing baton twirlers and said they all were a "welcome change."

The passenger list included 2,804 enlisted men, 38 officers and seven army nurses.

The nurses were first down the gangplank, and each was greeted with a bouquet of red roses.

Lyons — Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phelps have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schwake from Lancaster, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jerrald from Clarkston, Wash., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nauve. Mrs. Jerrald is a sister of Mrs. Nauve.

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