

U.S. Constructs 'Rival' A-Sub Power Plants

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has "rival" atomic submarine power plants under construction. Theoretically one could be smaller than its competitor while producing equal energy. It also could be more hazardous to operate, stopping just short of being a potential atomic bomb.

This device is to be called the submarine intermediate reactor—SIR. It is now under construction by the General Electric Co. at an AEC-owned site in West Milton, N. Y.



By Charles A. Sprague

It's getting that time of year again—time to think about schools. In another month the vast machinery of the school system will resume after the summer recess. The wonder is that it can renew activity with a minimum of clanking and cranking.

The schools, especially the public schools, are very much with us. They absorb so much of the lives of children, and so much of the taxpayer's dollar, that there is no escape from thinking about them. And one of the summer's articles to stimulate that thinking is "An Open Letter to Teachers," written by a western educator, Prof. Paul Woodring of the Western Washington College of Education, Bellingham. His approach is different. Instead of taking a posture of defense, shield on his arm and sword raised to strike down a foe, Woodring welcomes critics of the schools into his library, listens to them and then makes some valuable suggestions to members of the teaching profession. The rational critics (not the victims of phobias) offer these complaints:

- 1. That the public schools in a democracy belong to the people but that professional educators have progressively preempted the responsibility for policy-making.
2. That the philosophy of pragmatism (or instrumentalism or experimentalism) which has almost completely to dominate educational thinking in the United States, is unacceptable to a large number of Americans.

On the first point Woodring says that while teaching methods may be left to the teaching profession, the public through its schoolboards (Concluded on editorial page 4.)

20 Commie Jets Downed by U.N. in Six Days

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—The Korean war raged with new intensity Saturday as Allies and Reds traded heavy blows on land and in the air.

Carrier-based British warplanes shot down a MIG-15 jet within 50 miles of the 38th parallel. U. S. F-56 Sabre-jets nailed a MIG in Northwest Korea. That brought the Red toll in six blistering days of air combat to 20 destroyed and 22 damaged.

B-29 Superforts plastered the North Korean capital with 10-ton bombs in a continuation of pounding attacks on prime military targets throughout the country.

On the ground, the Communists fired 21,688 rounds of artillery and mortar in what may have been their heaviest bombardment of the war.

The Communists hurled more than 13,000 rounds from their big guns in a bitter but vain attempt to regain a hill on the Central front.

However, the Allies otherwise lost eight planes last week. Four were shot down by Communist anti-aircraft fire and four were missing from "unknown causes."

The six days of daily dogfights were the longest string of the year and the longest since an 11-day period last year, Nov. 26 through Dec. 6.

HAIL DAMAGES CROPS

PRINEVILLE (AP)—Grain, barley and potato vines were damaged by hail in Central Oregon Friday night. The loss was generally light, although some growers in Deschutes and Crook Counties were hard hit.

Soapbox Derby Winners Take Trial Runs at Akron

AKRON, O. (AP)—One Ohio youth and two others from mid-Western states were favored Saturday night for Sunday's 15th annual All-American Soapbox Derby.

Although no official times were kept in the warm-up tests, rail birds with stop watches picked three cars as the ones to watch. They were driven by Johnny Fageol, Ravenna-Kent, champion, Vic Shephard of Flint, Mich., and Roger Zerman, a St. Louis lad who calls his racer "the flying ironing board."

The weather man forecast ideal weather for the big race which will follow 81 heats. The three boys left will compete for first prize of a \$5,000 four-year college scholarship.

Oregon entries are Philip G. Shoop of Astoria; Richard G. Reeves of Medford and Douglas H. Adams of Salem. Scheduled to arrive here Saturday night were four Derby boost-

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Jury Decries Karnes to Die

Ike Favors Social Security Expansion Stevenson to Seek to Curb Filibuster

DENVER (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called Saturday for expansion of the social security program to cover an additional 14 million persons—and for increased old age assistance grants.

And the Republican presidential nominee was reported by three Republican members of the House to be much interested in their suggestion that the scandal-ridden Internal Revenue Bureau be removed from jurisdiction of the Treasury Department and given independent status.

The three Congress members also discussed the social security program with Eisenhower, and the general later issued this statement: "I am particularly concerned about the present inadequacies of the social security law and feel strongly that the law ought to be extended to present uncovered persons."

Problem of Aged "One of the pressing problems in the field of social security, both on the merits and security, are the old folks."

"They have contributed so much to America and we have a responsibility and obligation to see that they receive adequate protection in their old age."

"I would support and press for adoption of legislation designed to lighten the burden of the high cost of living on our senior citizens," James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, said the general had in mind increased old age assistance grants in talking about easing the financial burden of senior citizens.

Federal State Funds Those grants are made up of a combination of funds from the federal government and the states.

Kean said the general's statement regarding expansion of the social security program applied to 14 million individuals presently not covered by the program.

In that group, Kean said, are professional people, migratory farm workers, some part-time household workers and several other categories.

Before the conference with the three House Republicans, Eisenhower's headquarters announced that the general will fly to Boise, Idaho, Aug. 19 for a campaign conference with the Republican governors of 10 Western states, including Douglas McKay of Oregon.

Bullet in Head, Blood Donation Makes Man Weak

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A hard-headed young man, Joseph Nicks, 21, Saturday survived a shot an inch from his brain fired by a service station attendant whom he allegedly held up.

Sheriff's officers said Nicks remained conscious and even probed for the bullet with his pocket knife while waiting for the ambulance.

Nicks gave up when he was hit. Officers found him still standing when they arrived. They suggested he sit down. To which, they said, he replied: "Yeah, I'm pretty weak. I gave a pint of blood last week."

Mercury Climbs To 91 Degrees

A high temperature of 91 degrees at 4 p.m. Saturday, considered mild by many Salem residents after recent temperatures over a hundred, still managed to bring perspiration to numerous brows.

The Salem Weather Bureau at McNary Field promises a slightly cooler Sunday with a high temperature of 85 predicted, preceded by early morning cloudiness.

New Demo Chairman Formerly From Oregon

HOOD RIVER (AP)—Stephen Mitchell, new Democratic National Committee chairman, lived here a boy or 15 years old.

His father, Stephen, was president of the Hood River State Bank from 1912 to 1913. The family moved away when the bank was sold to the Butler Banking Co.

THE WEATHER table with columns for Max, Min, Precip. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, and Willamette River.

Two-Year-Old Boy At Silverton Runs Car Into House

SILVERTON (AP)—Two-year-old Terry Dennis, son of Mrs. Walter Kenfield, went for a ride in his mother's 1948 Buick and ran into a neighbor's house, badly cutting up the garage and front porch.

The neighbor, Armond Hovland, was away for a vacation when the accident occurred late Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Kenfield had just left the car in front of the house, and reported taking the key from the lock. But the youngster, she said, fitted a second key into the car, stepped on the gas and was off, riding in a standing position and seemingly enjoying himself until the car crashed into a cement block connected with the Hovland home. Terry escaped with a gash over one eye.

Police Plea Awaits Verdict By City Council

Decision of whether the people will be permitted to vote on the subject of a 40-hour week for Salem city policemen or not rests in the hands of the City Council to be aired at their Monday meeting.

City police have been attempting to gain permission to get this proposal on the November ballot. A ruling by City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz Sr. Friday informed the police that it was illegal for them to engage in political activity by circulating petitions. This question isn't entirely solved. By petition they need 2,500 signatures before Aug. 20.

The bill calls for reduction in the policemen's work-week from a 44-hour to a 40-hour week and seeks a special tax levy of two mills to pay the salaries of additional officers that would be necessary to him. This is said to amount to about \$64,000 a year.

Socialists Fall Far Short of 250 at Meeting

Oregon Socialists at a meeting in Salem Saturday night failed to have the required attendance in order that their candidate might be placed on the ballot for the November presidential election.

Some 35 people heard Darlington Hoopes, Socialist Party candidate for president, in his address before the Salem group at Bush school. The independent nominating assembly had hoped to have the 250 qualified voter attendance required by Oregon law to officially nominate Hoopes for president on the Oregon ticket.

In his concluding remarks Hoopes urged that "it's time for the people to take over," in active participation in their own government. He asked that more people join the Socialist crusade for the cooperative movement.

Oregon State Fair Budget Put Under Finance Bureau

Placing the Oregon State Fair operations under the same state budgetary control as other state activities was announced here Saturday by state finance department director Harry Dorman.

Dorman said this action was meant as no reflection on the state fair management or operation of previous state fairs. "On the contrary," Dorman said, "I feel that all state departments and activities should be on a common budgetary basis."

A member of the finance department staff will be at the fair grounds during the 1952 state fair to countersign all checks issued for prizes and other purposes.

Panhandler Jailed After Police Find His '52 Lincoln, Chauffeur

EL PASO, Tex. (AP)—Willie the panhandler complained bitterly about his business Saturday—from inside the El Paso city jail.

Willie—full name Willie Cobins—was picked up on a downtown corner at his regular trade of mooching nickels and dimes.

Around the corner officers found Willie's 1952 Lincoln sedan. Inside catching a few well-earned winks was his \$35-a-week chauffeur, Billy Hill, 18.

Willie's business complaints had to do with his recent frequent change of address—at the request of officers. He and his entourage departed Oklahoma City last Thursday after a brief stay. Before that they were in Dallas. "This sort of thing ain't good for business," Willie moaned through the bars. "People reading about that ole Lincoln of mine, they gonna think I'm a millionaire."

Verdict: 'Guilty of Murder'

By Conrad Prange Staff Writer, The Statesman

A Marion County Circuit Court jury decreed Saturday that Albert William Karnes, 24-year-old convict, should die for the slaying of Mrs. Susan Litchfield at her 1333 Waller St. home June 7.

The jury returned the verdict of murder in the first degree against the slender Karnes in the fifth day of trial and Judge George Duncan set Tuesday at 10 a.m. for official sentencing. According to Oregon law the verdict automatically carries the death penalty.

In arriving at its verdict, first such conviction in this county in many years, the jury of eight women and four men turned down Karnes' plea of innocence by reason of insanity.

Relatives Weep When jury foreman Frederick R. Manegre read the fate-sealing verdict Karnes maintained the same stolid expression he has shown during the course of the five-day trial. His mother, Mrs. Roy Warren of Astoria and young sister, Miss Arvilla Karnes, who have attended the entire trial with other relatives, broke down and wept in the courtroom.

The solemn jury showed the gravity of the decision when it returned the verdict and jurors objected to having their pictures taken by photographers. After the verdict was read Judge Duncan ordered the jury polled. To the question of the clerk as to whether they concurred in the verdict each juror answered, "yes," some in faltering voices.

The jury deliberated about three and one-half hours and reached its decision about 2:45 p.m.

Plea for Leniency Before it began its deliberations Saturday morning the jury heard an eloquent plea for leniency from Karnes' hard-working attorney John William Stortz, who was appointed by the court to defend Karnes.

Stortz's closing argument dealt mainly with attempting to nail down proof of Karnes' purported mental deficiency. In a voice which often dropped to a low, almost pleading pitch, Stortz asked the jury to consider a verdict other than the death penalty.

He also insisted the state had failed to prove either premeditation on the part of Karnes or that Karnes committed the murder while robbing the Litchfield home.

Stortz pointed out how Karnes had deliberately prepared and eaten a sandwich in the kitchen of the Litchfield home only minutes after he had slain the woman. "Are those actions those of a sane man?" he asked the jury.

District Attorney E. O. Stadter Jr., who introduced an impressive array of evidence, mostly based on Karnes' admissions to officers, pegged Karnes as a "criminal with a plan."

"You have here," Stadter told the jury, pointing to the impulsive Karnes, "a master criminal, a planner and a schemer of foul deeds." Stadter added that the defendant was "not insane, he just doesn't have good sense. But that should not excuse him from the consequences of this act."

At the outset of the trial Stadter asserted he was seeking the death penalty.

Must 'Dethrone Reason' In his instructions to the jury Judge Duncan explained that not every degree of insanity will excuse liability for a crime in Oregon. He said there must be evidence of insanity in the accused so strong that it "dethrones reason" and renders him "incapable of knowing right from wrong."

Probable climax in the trial came Friday when defense witness Dr. B. F. Williams, psychiatrist who examined Karnes, admitted under cross-examination by Stadter that even though Karnes is "emotionally immature," he is not insane. The doctor also said Karnes was capable of determining right from wrong.

Karnes' conviction ends a dramatic chain of events which began Sunday, June 8, when the brutally beaten body of Mrs. Litchfield was discovered in the woodshed of her home by Harold Shell, a roofer.

Ended at The Dalles With very few positive clues to operate with city and state police began an intensive search for the unknown killer. The search ended 10 days later in The Dalles when tall, slim Albert Karnes confessed to the Litchfield slaying. (Additional details on page 2.)

Karnes Aims Blow at Camera



First marked expression of emotion during his trial for murder was shown by Albert William Karnes Saturday when his picture was taken a few minutes after hearing the jury return a guilty verdict for the slaying of 81-year-old Mrs. Susan Litchfield June 7. Detectives were forced to restrain Karnes as he lunged for the photographer seconds after the shot. Man at far right was not identified. (Statesman Photo.)

'Bert Had a Fair Trial,' Karnes' Mother States

By NORMAN ANDERSON Staff Writer, The Statesman

Mrs. Roy Warren sat in a chair in the courtroom of Judge George Duncan Saturday afternoon and heard a jury pronounce her 24-year-old son, Albert William Karnes, guilty of the murder of Mrs. Susan Litchfield.

For five days the Astoria housewife listened—except at brief intervals—as testimony piled upon testimony to draw a web around her son's life. Saturday the jury, by its verdict, ordered Karnes' life taken from him.

But interviewed in the hall of the School Building just after the jury went out to deliberate at 10:30 a.m., Mrs. Karnes was resigned.

"Bert had a fair trial. After hearing all the evidence, I can take no exception to the verdict they will reach. But he's my son. All I prayed for was his life."

She told The Statesman in an interview that she was deeply grateful to District Attorney Edward O. Stadter, Jr., for his courtroom courtesy, both to her and her son, to Judge George Duncan for providing her with a room in the building to which she could retire when her emotions became too much for her in the courtroom.

"Not once," Mrs. Warren said, "did he let me see my son in handcuffs. I'll always be grateful to him for that."

As she stood quietly in the hall some three hours before the jury found Karnes guilty as charged, Mrs. Warren, attired in a grey dress, her eyes dark-ringed and face pale, showing the strain of the week-long trial, was calm and entirely in control of herself. She fully expected the rendering of the verdict to be a personal ordeal for her.

"No matter what the jury does to my son, I shall be everlastingly grateful to Bill Stortz (John William Stortz, Karnes' youthful attorney). He did everything he possibly could to save Bert's life. I could ask for no more from him. He's a very fine young man."

Wreck North of Lebanon Kills Albany Man

LEBANON—An automobile careened off the highway Saturday night about five miles north of Lebanon killing the driver instantly, and sending two others to Lebanon Hospital.

Killed was Arthur John Backen, 28, of Albany. Violet Halvorson of Oslo, Minn., had both legs broken and after being taken to Lebanon Hospital was rushed to Portland by ambulance for emergency treatment. Frank Chambers of Marion received a broken collar bone and cuts.

The wreck was described by witnesses as "one of the most gruesome seen for some time." The car took out several guard rails in an attempt to make the corner on Highway 20 and rolled over and over 100 yards before cleaving a telephone pole.

Hefty Escapee Gives Up After Lengthy Hike

Penitentiary escapee Alfred Neilson, who weighs 260 pounds, grew tired of running away Saturday night after spending 2 1/2 days hiking from Salem to the Jefferson area, so he phoned Warden Virgil O'Malley to come and get him.

O'Malley picked him up about 9:30 p.m. at the Santiam Bridge on 99-E, nine miles north of Albany. The convict had eaten nothing but berries since he escaped from a bean-picking crew at the prison annex Thursday afternoon.

Neilson, 24, is serving an eight-year sentence for sodomy.

Iran Solons Stall 'Dictator' Law

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iranian senators unexpectedly balked Saturday at a bill granting Premier Mohammed Mossadeh almost dictatorial powers. They put off final action until the premier "clears up doubts" and tells them exactly what he plans to do with those powers. The bill which would permit Mossadeh to rule nearly every phase of Iranian life by decree for a six-month period.

BASEBALL section listing scores for Western International, Pacific Coast League, and American League.