

## Nothing Much Left of First A-Blast Site

TRINITY, N.M. (AP)—There is little left but a memory of this lonely spot in Southcentral New Mexico where the first atom bomb pounded a huge pit in the earth. On July 15, one day short of eight years after the first atomic explosion rent the desert stillness, only the outlines of the vast saucer shaped crater and a lonesome shed will mark the place. Little more than a week from now, an Albuquerque construction firm, Campbell and Kay, will finish buying most of the glass-like trinitite formed of the sand by the heat of the blast. It is being dumped in a number of pits nearby and covered with sandy soil. All that will remain of the strange, glassy floor formed when molten sand cooled will be a few square feet protected from the weather by a shed.

The AEC said more than a year ago that it believed dust from the disintegrating trinitite might be a health hazard because of its radioactivity. A contract to fill the 1,100-foot-wide crater, which measures just short of 10 feet deep at the center, was awarded.

The government planned to have D. D. Skousen of Albuquerque scrape off the top half-inch—the glassy crust—scoop it into the center and cover it and the remainder of the bowl to correspond with the surrounding plain. The Soil Conservation Service agreed to plant range grass over the site.

But public announcement of the bid aroused dormant interest. Gov. McCheser of New Mexico urged Gordon Dean, recently resigned AEC chairman, to reconsider because of the historical value of the site. Rep. Fernandez (D-NM) introduced a bill in Congress asking that Trinity be made a national monument.

But in the furor of last fall's election and its political changes, a follow-up by the governor and New Mexico's Washington delegation was set aside. In May this year, representatives of the Defense Department, the National Park Service and the AEC inspected the site. Three points were decided. They were: The area could not be declared Trinity Atomic National Monument and opened to the public because it still is under Defense Department jurisdiction and being used by White Sands Proving Ground for weapons testing purposes.

The trinitite was to be buried. At the request of the Park Service, the original contour of the crater will be spared, grass was to be planted over it and a piece of the trinitite floor about 20 by 20 feet to protect it from further weathering.

"This substantially ends Atomic Energy Commission's connection with the Trinity site," the AEC said. The Nevada test site on Yucca Flat near Las Vegas has proved more satisfactory.

## Ike Enjoys Leisurely 4th In Mountains

THURMONT, Md. (AP)—President Eisenhower spent the Fourth of July holiday fishing, golfing and playing bridge with old friends. Eisenhower, vacationing over the weekend at Camp David in the Catoctin Mountains, fished for trout near his cabin headquarters Saturday morning and caught four. He was accompanied by Clifford Roberts, retired New York investment banker; William E. Robinson, executive vice president, New York Herald Tribune; and E. D. Slater, New York businessman. Their luck with fly casting rods reportedly was not quite as good as the president's.

After lunch, Eisenhower, Slater and George E. Allen, played 18 holes of golf at the Monterey Country Club at nearby Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. Allen, a one time intimate of former President Truman, owns the farm adjoining Eisenhower's farm at Gettysburg, Pa.

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## Norris-Walker Example of Expanding Salem Industry

The Salem firm whose check for \$500 put the Salem Industrial Development Council fund drive over the \$100,000 mark started as a struggling business here six years ago "without any help from any local source except the banks."

Robert W. Norris Jr., partner with Douglas G. Walker and Stephen P. Rosenbaum in the Norris-Walker Paint Company, said Friday he and his associates were glad to help the Development Council achieve its preliminary goal for getting a five-year industrial promotion program started.

And the Council, through E. Burr Miller, its publicity chief, in turn said that Norris-Walker is a "firm we can be right well proud of." From now on the Council will try to assist local industries like Norris-Walker to get started and to expand, as well as attract to Salem new industries which show good prospect of developing an equally good payroll, Miller said.

This program for promoting industry in the Salem area was highly approved by Norris—knowing, as he does, how it feels to start a new venture with little aid or encouragement.

**Gloomy Predictions**  
"You'll never fill a pail of paint," was the gloomy prediction made when Norris-Walker began their operations. Six years later, Norris-Walker is producing 1,500 gallons of paint each day.

And employing 18 persons in the recently expanded retail store and manufacturing plant on North Front Street, with an annual payroll of about \$80,000.

And selling paint as far east as Wyoming and as far south as Los Angeles. In fact, the white stripe down the middle of Los Angeles streets is Norris-Walker paint; last year 10 railway carsloads (40,000 gallons) of Salem-made traffic paint went to Los Angeles.

**High Standards**  
Norris-Walker has also received several Oregon State Highway Commission contracts for yellow traffic paint, highway equipment paint and bridge finishes. The owners are especially proud of these contracts for the highway commission has high standards for its paints, and Norris-Walker paint stood up except-

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## General Says ROKs Unable To Carry War

SEOUL (AP)—Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor made it clear Sunday he does not believe the Republic of Korea (ROK) Army could continue the war alone against the Communists.

In an interview at his U.S. Eighth Army headquarters here, Taylor likened his multi-nation army to an automobile and observed that its parts do not run by themselves.

He did not amplify his statement but it was obvious that he believes the ROK Army would need United Nations troops, artillery, mortars and planes.

The Eighth Army commander highly praised the fighting ability of the ROKs and said they had made an "exceptionally good" showing against hordes of Chinese and North Korean Reds thrown against ROK divisions in June's bitter fighting.

He would not comment on the statement Saturday by General Sun Yip Paik, ROK Army chief of staff, that the ROK Army would follow President Syngman Rhee if he ordered South Korea to fight on alone after an armistice between United Nations and the Communists.

Taylor was asked if he thought the Paik statement meant the ROK general would pull his forces out of the Eighth Army and away from the command of the United Nations.

Taylor answered: "I'm sorry, but you will have to ask General Paik what he meant."

He praised Paik as a general and as a military man of honor—"who will follow orders."

But Taylor would not be drawn into a discussion of what might happen if Paik got two sets of orders—one from Rhee to continue fighting and one from the Allied command to observe a truce.

## Posthumous Medal Given

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Navy hospitalman who died to save the life of a wounded marine he was aiding while artillery shells crashed around him will receive the medal of honor.

Posthumous award of the highest military decoration to Hospitalman John Edward Kilmer of San Antonio, Tex., who was 22 years old when killed in a Korean battle last August 13, will be made in a Pentagon ceremony on Wednesday.

Kilmer is the third Navy man to receive the medal of honor in the Korean War.

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## Hawaii Reds Prefer Jail

HONOLULU (AP)—Five men and one woman convicted in Hawaii's Communist conspiracy case went to jail this Fourth of July rather than post \$15,000 bail pending an appeal from prison sentences and fines ranging up to five years and \$5,000.

A seventh defendant, labor leader Jack W. Hall, posted \$15,000 cash bail shortly after Federal Judge Jon Wiig sentenced the group Friday.

Hall is regional director in Hawaii of Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

## Top Aviation Award Given Woman Flyer

NEW YORK (AP)—Jacqueline Auriol, daughter-in-law of the president of France; Col. Bernat Balchen, and dirigible test-pilot Walter Massie Saturday were named winners of the Harmon international aviation awards.

Mme. Auriol won the same award last year.

The "perpetual American awards for bettering her own world jet speed record for women last Dec. 21."

She flew a French Mistral jet fighter 531.843 miles an hour around a closed 100-kilometer course near Marseilles.

Balchen, a U. S. air force pilot, was honored for Arctic exploration, rescue work and other operations, including many polar flights in 1952.

Massie, of Akron, Ohio, was cited for outstanding piloting and test flying of airships, including conduct of all flight test on the non-rigid airship N-1, largest of its type in the world, until its delivery to the Navy at Lakehurst, N. J., in mid-June of 1952.

## Political Foes Of Juan Peron Win Victory

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—Three small opposition parties made an uneasy peace with President Juan D. Peron's government this week. As a result, it was revealed Saturday, they won liberty for more than 90 followers who have been held as political prisoners.

Release of prisoners was the

first fruit of a government campaign to convince opponents they can get their fellow members freed by silencing their opposition to the Peron regime.

But the Radical Party, representing the biggest organized opposition group, continues to balk at any deal with the powerful Peron machine and has demanded release of

its jailed members solely on constitutional and humanitarian grounds. The radicals listed 81 members it said were held as political prisoners and declared there were many more.

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