

Soviet Able to Produce H-Bomb, Malenkov States

American Experts Doubt Russians Have Built Hydrogen Bomb

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia may have mastered the secret of the hydrogen bomb, as Premier Malenkov claimed Saturday, but American experts doubt that the Soviet Union actually has produced one of those terrible weapons.

These U. S. officials who probably are as well informed on Soviet atomic progress as anyone outside Russia, expressed their doubts after studying Malenkov's speech to his Red parliament.

Diplomatic authorities who make it a practice to keep track of the twists and turns of Kremlin foreign policy also came up with this conclusion:

That Malenkov's talk, including his H-bomb boast, was deliberately tough, contrasting sharply with the peaceful gestures with which Russia has been trying to impress the world since the death of Stalin five months ago.

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Soviet Body Hears Claim by Russ Dictator

MOSCOW (AP)—Premier Georgi Malenkov said Saturday "the United States no longer has the monopoly of the hydrogen bomb" and the Soviet Union has mastered production of that super weapon.

The Weather

Salem	74	41	108
Portland	68	53	100
San Francisco	82	52	100
Chicago	75	60	102
New York	82	64	102

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U.S. Serves Notice Reds Must Return All War Prisoners

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States served notice Saturday that it expects Red China and North Korea to give up every prisoner of war now in their hands.

Gen. Mark Clark, supreme Allied commander in the Far East, has said he thinks the Reds have 2,000 or 3,000 more Americans than they agreed to return under the truce terms, and "thousands upon thousands" more South Koreans.

There have also been reports from Korea that some American POW's have been sentenced to jail terms by the Reds in recent weeks for "instigating against the peace."

Expressing grave concern about the situation, the State Department issued a statement saying "progress of the prisoner exchange is being watched very closely and appropriate action will be taken just as soon as definite facts are established."

Another instance of very loose writing appeared in a recent issue of the usually well edited Wall Street Journal which concluded an editorial with:

"Twice in this century we have lost a war at the conference table; let us not do it a third time."

The Journal does not specify the wars or the conferences. We have had three: World War I, World War II and the Korean War. There have been many conferences: Versailles, Casablanca, Quebec, Cairo, Tehran, Yalta, Potsdam, Paris, Moscow. One may sort these out and take his pick of the ones the Journal was aiming at.

It must not have been the Versailles conference and the first World War. Surely we aren't going back to "lose" that war. To do so will require considerable rewriting of history.

2-State Hunt On for Eugene Holdup Man

EUGENE (AP)—A two-state hunt for a gunman who obtained \$1,500 in a market holdup here was under way Saturday night, and a 19-year-old Gilroy, Calif., model was held in jail charged with being an accessory.

Oregon and California authorities sought a man identified by Eugene police as Richard Edward Williams, 24, also of Gilroy, a parolee from the Washington State Penitentiary.

Police said the holdup occurred this way: The gunman herded two clerks and a customer into a locker in the Irish & Swartz Market Friday night and fled with the store's receipts.

Patrolman Bob Sommerville accosted the man, who pulled a gun. A moment later, a car driven by the woman drove up, and the man moved toward it, but it sped off.

The gunman meanwhile vanished in some brush. Bloodhounds traced him to a railroad junction. Police believe he boarded a south-bound freight train.

Police said they were holding Leta Marie Gonzales, 19, of Gilroy, as an accessory.

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Picnic Area Started In New North Salem Park



Beginning work on a North Salem public park located at the old camp grounds corner of the fairgrounds, members of the Hollywood Lions Club assemble one of the many picnic tables to be erected on the three acre plot. Shown above (left to right) are Daryl Donaldson, Dr. J. Harry Moran, Ursule Wolfer, Carl Lindstrom, James Tindall and Curt Ferguson. Work on the project will officially get under way Aug. 12 when a no-host picnic for persons interested in the park will be held on the grounds. (Statesman Photo.)

Photographer Frank Noel Freed by Reds

PANMUNJOM (AP)—Associated Press photographer Frank Noel was returned to freedom by the Communists Sunday.

Noel, who was captured 32 months ago in the marine withdrawal from the Changjin reservoir, was returned to Panmunjom in the 11 a. m. group of United Nations prisoners.

Mrs. Noel, who flew to Tokyo this week to meet her husband, was notified at once at the Imperial Hotel.

Noel, a Pulitzer prize-winning photographer who covered the Malayan campaign in World War II, had refused reassignment for rest in Tokyo in the bitter winter of 1950 to stay on in Korea with U. S. fighting forces.

"Ol' Pappy is going to stay up here," Noel said. "I feel better with the kids up at the front."

During nearly three years in captivity, Noel scored one of the most unusual photo news beats in history—pictures of American and other United Nations captives in their prison camps deep in North Korea.

Noel was dressed in the usual blue Chinese uniform. His pants were rolled up to his knees. AP photographer Clarence Hamm ran up to the rear of the truck and Noel snatched from Hamm's head a marine fatigue cap.

"The last thing they took from me was my marine cap," Noel explained.

Noel grinned broadly and waved to all the newsmen. Many had worked with him shortly before his capture.

Piccioni Ready To Attempt to Form Regime

ROME (AP)—Premier Designate Atilio Piccioni said Saturday night he will tell President Luigi Einaudi he has gathered enough support to form a new government.

Piccioni announced his decision to newsmen after day-long conferences with leaders of the small center parties: Republicans, Liberals and Democratic Socialists. He will inform Einaudi Sunday, he said.

Withdrawal of support caused Alcide de Gasperi's eighth postwar Cabinet to fall in a Chamber of Deputies vote July 28.

Even with their aid, however, Piccioni's Christian Democrat Party would face peril in any major issue, so narrow is the center bloc's majority over the Socialist-Communist left and Monarchist-Fascist right.

Some political observers said Piccioni—a rightist within his own party ranks—may feel he has some assurance that the Monarchists, although not supporting the government, may abstain from voting against it.

WELINGTON, Kas. (AP)—A fire extinguisher salesman picked the right spot to make a quick sale Friday.

Becket, Los Angeles, Payne Of Salem Are Architects for New Meier & Frank Store

Welton Becket and Associates of Los Angeles will be the architects for the new Meier & Frank Store, in Salem, with James L. Payne of Salem as associate architect, it was announced Saturday.

Planning was declared to call for "a large, major, complete, modern department store with adequate free parking facilities."

The Becket architectural firm has designed many major stores throughout the nation, including Bullock's Pasadena, Bullock's Westwood and Stonestown, a suburban shopping center in San Francisco.

The Becket firm is currently in the process of designing shopping centers for the Emporium at Palo Alto, Capwell's at Oakland, Gimbel Brothers in Milwaukee and Six Bar & Fuller in St. Louis.

Payne has been the architect for many major structures in the northwest, including such churches as St. Paul's Episcopal in Salem and St. Johns Lutheran; Baker and Liberty Schools; Salem General and Salem Memorial Hospitals and the million-dollar Willamette University development.

Man's Not King Anyplace Now

U.S. Rejects U.N. Control Of Okinawa

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Saturday closed the door on any United Nations trusteeship over the American base of Okinawa or other islands in the strategic Ryukyu and Bonin chains south of Japan.

The action, marking a shift in United States policy, was taken by Secretary of State Dulles in a statement at Tokyo announcing the return to Japan of one group of islands in the Ryukyu system.

The Ryukyus and Bonins were taken from Japan as far as administrative control goes by Article 3 of the Japanese Peace Treaty.

The treaty committed Japan to "concur in any proposal of the United States to the United Nations to place the island group under its trusteeship system with the United States as the sole administering authority."

Little Change in Weather Forecast

Little change is seen in weather conditions for the mid-valley today and Monday.

Hawker Finds World's Best Selling Point

WELLINGTON, Kas. (AP)—A fire extinguisher salesman picked the right spot to make a quick sale Friday.

J. P. Haworth was standing in the front yard of the Theodore S. Lungren farm home making his sales talk to Mrs. Lungren when a gas explosion occurred in the house.

The salesman grabbed one of his samples, dashed into the house and put out fires which had started in the basement and kitchen.

The Lungrens bought two extinguishers.

Returning Prisoners Add to Stories Of Communist Brutality, Slaughter

and other non-Korean prisoners at Pyoktong on the Yalu River frontier of Manchuria.

Portland Boy Stocks Up on Picture Shows

PORTLAND (AP)—Most small boys like the movies, but an eight-year-old Portland youngster had more than his share Friday night.

Young Dewey Hudson was accidentally locked in neighborhood theater and didn't get out until Saturday morning.

Dewey claims he wasn't a bit scared, but his parents were worried. He went to the show with his mother and younger sister. Once inside, he sat with some friends, and when the show was over his mother thought Dewey had walked home with the pair.

What actually happened was that Dewey wandered into the baby sitting room upstairs and fell asleep. This morning he managed to call a neighbor on the telephone and she called police, who went to the rescue.

Urgent Wire Sent to Marine As Polio Strikes Salem Child

A Salem Marine, on his way overseas, is the object of a desperate telegram sent by relatives of a little girl lying in a Salem Hospital stricken with polio.

104th Infantry Men Back From Camp

Some 50 Salem area members of the 104th Infantry Division—Northwest Army Reserve unit—rolled into Salem Saturday night by bus and car after their annual two weeks summer camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The reservists are with the 629th Field Artillery Battalion and Company E, 41st Infantry Regiment.

Major Russell Haynes, commander of the 629th, called this year's training "highly successful."

Two of the training highlights were a demonstration firing of live ammunition over tanks and evacuation of "wounded" men by helicopter.

One of the Salem area recruits who made expert with the rifle was Pvt. Robert Shangle of Mc Minnville, a Willamette University graduate of January 1953.

Richard Montgomery, Salem corporal, held down the key position of horizontal control operator in the fire direction center during most of the range firing with the 105 mm guns.

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BASEBALL

Western International
At Salem 4-4, Wenatchee 3-1
At Victoria 2-1, Vancouver 4-0
At Tri-City 3-0, Yakima 6-0
At Edinburg 5-1, Lewiston 2-0
At Calgary-Spokane, tied

Cost League
At Portland 1-0, Los Angeles 3
At San Francisco 4, Seattle 2
At Hollywood 5, San Diego 2
At Sacramento 4, Oakland 3

American League
At New York 1-3, Chicago 0-0
At Philadelphia 2, Detroit 5
At Boston 3, Cleveland 4
At Washington-St. Louis, rain

National League
At Chicago 4, Philadelphia 1
At Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 4
At Cincinnati 4, Brooklyn 7
At St. Louis 3, New York 3