

Plan to Kill Tornadoes With Guided Missiles Introduced

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Skepticism and disagreement erupted among weather scientists here Thursday over a theory that powerful missiles guided into tornadoes might destroy the savage twisters.

Two scientists presented the idea at the 125th annual national meeting of the American Meteorological Society at the University of Texas.

They were Dr. Fritz O. Rossman, German physicist and meteorologist brought to this country six months ago by the Air Force, and Col. Rollins H. Mayer, elec-

tronics scientist. Both are with the Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Rossman told the scientists he believes a tornado's force comes from a crushing downdraft jet inside its funnel—not through an updraft as has long been believed. He said he believes a guided missile exploded into the air mass overhanging the funnel is capable of pinching off and destroying the funnel by disrupting its source of power.

May Save Money
Mayer said the theory indicates a national tornado-damage prevention net that might save millions of dollars and thousands of lives might be practical.

A number of scientists rose to voice skepticism over whether the downdraft theory was either new or acceptable and whether a man-made mechanism could destroy a powerful force of nature capable of lasting for many hours and covering a hundred miles or more.

Others took sides in their applause of speakers.

Doubts Practicality
Dr. H. B. Byers, chairman of the University of Chicago Department of Meteorology, compared the guided missile destruction plan to "trying to start an automobile with a firecracker."

He said any destruction mechanism would have to mesh with the cycling mechanism of the tornado to be effective.

"But I think we should approach it optimistically," he said. "We should go home and think about it and try to determine if something might possibly be worked out."

Dr. Rossman said he could not understand the doubt.

The national net proposed by Col. Mayer would consist of mobile anti-tornado stations near large city airports. Feeding into the net would be tornado forecasts, radar detection, warning and tracking data.

Jet planes with tornado destruction missiles would be standing by.

'Damn', 'Hell' Cause Ban On War Film

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—A movie made in Korean front lines with a cast of real soldiers was denied the Motion Picture Association of America seal of approval Thursday because of use of the words "hell" and "damn."

Paramount Pictures announced that the movie "Cease Fire" had been turned down for the motion picture production code seal until the words were removed.

Producer Hal Wallis and Director Owen Crump made the movie, which has no professional actors in it. Filmed near the front lines during the actual battle for outposts Harry, the movie tells the story of an infantry patrol on the last day of the Korean War.

A spokesman said that Wallis was undecided whether to remove the words but added that "we are amazed at the MPAA reaction." The movie was hailed as one of the most realistic war pictures after its recent press preview.

Hoover Names Sawyer to Study Board

WASHINGTON (AP)—Herbert Hoover, chairman of the commission on Government Reorganization, announced Thursday the membership of a 26-man "task force" to study federal activities in the fields of water resources and power development and transmission.

The panel is headed by Adm. Ben Moreell, chairman of the board of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., whose appointment was announced previously.

Charles D. Curran, who last year served as staff director of a House Public Works subcommittee, will serve as administrator.

The members appointed Thursday include: Robert William Sawyer, Bend, Ore., publisher and chairman of the Oregon Capitol Planning Commission.

Price Support End Sought By Dairymen

HOUSTON, Texas (AP)—The National Milk Producers Federation, representing 450,000 dairy farmers, wants to break loose from a federal price support program and see dairymen pay their own way while disposing of surplus products.

Directors of the federation concluded their 37th annual convention Thursday by voting unanimously to ask Congress early next year to authorize an industry-wide "self-help" program without cost to the government.

A board of 15 dairymen would be authorized to borrow from the government up to 500 million dollars, which would be repaid, with interest from assessments levied on the dairy farmers.

The dairymen hope to have the new program in operation by April 1, 1955. Until then they want to remain under any federal price support program covering basic crops—at present 90 per cent of parity.

Russell S. Waltz, Seattle, Wash., the federation's new president, said the "self help" program would stabilize a minimum paying price to the farmer, for which the farmer would be assessing himself.

Under the proposed plan, the level of price supporting purchases would be determined by representatives of dairy producers.

Beck Feted as Humanitarian

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For his better health and welfare standards, Dave Beck, president of the AFL International Teamsters Union, was presented with the City of Hope Hospital's torch award at a dinner here Thursday night.

The Teamsters Union, 1,200 members of which were present, gave the City of Hope a \$100,000 check and announced the opening of a nationwide campaign to raise \$750,000 for support of the non-profit hospital, situated in nearby Duarte.

GE Plant Red Infested, Says Sen. McCarthy

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said testimony before his Senate investigations subcommittee Thursday leads him to believe there is a "concentration of Communists" in the General Electric Company's huge Schenectady plant.

The senator said a witness, whom he declined to name, had told him "There are no secrets from the Communists at GE." That included, McCarthy said, the super-secret Kroll atomic power laboratory operated by the company for the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

The company produces various secret materials under government contract.

McCarthy told newsmen that 11 witnesses testified during the first day's session of a closed hearing into what he has called "alleged Communist infiltration and alleged espionage" in GE's Schenectady works.

Of these 11—eight men, three women—he said 4 refused to say whether they were members of the Communist Party. He said one also refused to say whether he had been engaged in espionage.

McCarthy said all four are members of Local 301 of the Independent Union of Electrical Workers, (UE) two of them union stewards and one a member of the union's grievance board.

The UE was ousted from the CIO more than a year ago on the ground that it was Communist-dominated.

French Debate May Cripple Bermuda Talk

PARIS (AP)—French politics in advance of a presidential election threatened to interfere with the Bermuda conference Thursday.

The government has asked for a full dress debate on foreign affairs before Premier Joseph Laniel and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault go to Bermuda Dec. 4, to give them strength in negotiations. But deputies balked at setting a date for the debate. Some asked for a lengthy postponement.

Laniel and Bidault are expected to be candidates for the presidency to replace Vincent Auriol whose seven-year term is up Jan. 16. Some deputies believe Bidault and Laniel will gain undue prestige, as presidential candidates, at Bermuda.

As one deputy put it: "Why should Laniel and Bidault be permitted to make their presidential campaign on the shoulders of the Allies?"

Raymond Triboulet, a follower of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, asked that foreign affairs debate be put off.

Although his proposal did not specifically say so, it was generally understood that such a delay would imply a postponement of the Bermuda conference, since the French representatives would not be able to go with the backing of parliamentary guidance.

The government has opposed any postponement for the foreign affairs debate. Presidents of parties and Assembly committees will meet again Friday to try to reach agreement.

Blaze Gets Lost, Finds Fire Station

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Firemen at Lansing's No. 8 station thought for a while Wednesday they'd have to get out their rig and chase the fire.

They reported that an unidentified junk dealer discovered his load of trash was blazing furiously as he drove toward the city dump. He headed for the fire station but became confused.

He circled the block twice, each time passing directly in front of the station, until passers-by reported.

"There's a fire going around the block," Firemen hooked a hose to a corner hydrant, flagged the bewildered driver down as he started his third trip around and put out the blaze.

"I knew there was a fire station here some place," the driver said.

Talks Tonight



U. S. Sen. Wayne Morse speaks at Salem High School auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock.

Morse, Young Republicans Here Today

Politics will take the spotlight in Salem this weekend, with the State Young Republican convention and an address by Sen. Wayne Morse.

"It certainly does not bother me any to have the Young Republicans hold their conference in Salem on the same day," said Morse in a letter to the sponsoring Military Order of the Purple Heart.

"In fact," he said, "I would be very glad to have any who would like to, come to the speech."

Morse speaks at 8 o'clock tonight at Salem High School Auditorium on "The Defense of Freedom."

He is scheduled to arrive at 4 p.m. today in time for a radio interview on a local station. After the interview, Morse will hold a press conference and greet friends in his suite at the Marion Hotel.

The two-day Young Republican convention opens today at 1 p.m. in the Senator Hotel. Gov. Paul Patterson will speak at a Saturday night banquet.

Portland Bank Chief Backs Woman's Plea

PORTLAND (AP)—The president of a Portland bank who was a prisoner of the Japanese during their occupation of the Philippines testified here Thursday that Mrs. Claire Phillips Clavier, Portland, furnished supplies and money to American prisoners.

The banker, Dwight E. Gard, appeared in behalf of Mrs. Clavier's claim for \$146,850 reimbursement from Congress. The woman, who once was sentenced to death by the Japanese, contends the sum is due her for aid she furnished prisoners and Philippine guerrillas.

George H. Foster, federal commissioner from Washington, D. C., is conducting a fact-finding hearing here on her claim for the U. S. Court of Claims.

Gard's testimony supported Mrs. Clavier's story that she furnished the aid while operating a Manila night club. Gard was an army major while a prisoner of the Japanese at the Bilbid and Cabantuan camps from May, 1942, to October, 1944.

Mrs. Clavier, author of the book "Manila Espionage," was arrested in 1944. Her original death sentence later was commuted to 20 years at hard labor and she was freed when U. S. forces returned to the islands.

Secret Talks On Staff Level In Korea End

By SAM SUMMERLIN

PANMUNJOM (AP)—Allied and Communist diplomatic staff advisers Friday ended secret sessions on the agenda for preliminary Korean peace talks without saying whether they set one up or not.

They reported to their respective chiefs, the top negotiators who fell into deadlock on what to discuss first at peace conference planning talks.

The top negotiators will meet at 10:30 a. m. Saturday (5:30 p. m. Friday PST). They have been in recess a week while the staff officers conferred.

The chief negotiators were unable to agree on whether to discuss first the time and place for the conference or its composition.

The Allies want to talk time and place first. The Reds want to open with a discussion of who shall attend.

The Reds want to invite neutrals to the peace conference, particularly Asian neutrals.

Kenneth Young, chief Allied adviser in the staff sessions, said the secret meetings "have been helpful." Asked if the meetings had produced agreement on an agenda, he said only "No comment."

Hazards Seen As Continuing In Agriculture

PORTLAND (AP)—Charles A. Sprague, a former governor and the publisher of the Oregon Statesman, discussed farm problems at the Oregon Agricultural Cooperative Council of Oregon meeting here Thursday.

He said agriculture, although it is the backbone of the nation, cannot be made immune from hazards.

"Agriculture seems to be politically important now," Sprague said, "but I have no answers for the problems facing it."

At the closing session H. R. Robe, Portland, manager of the Oregon Egg Producers, was elected president of the council.

Other officers: A. F. Lamb, Heppner, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers Association, vice president; Paul Carpenter, Oregon State College agricultural economist, secretary; and Mary Holthouse, Oregon State College, treasurer.

Problems of Aged Aired at Health Meet

CORVALLIS (AP)—Problems of the aged were discussed Thursday at the opening of the annual Oregon Rural Health Conference on the Oregon State College campus.

Dr. Clinton McGill of the State Public Welfare Commission suggested that industry should stop automatic retirement of employees at the age of 65.

He said it was harmful to many of the persons and in many cases was a waste of talent. He suggested that industry work out plans to let persons cut down on their work, rather than to quit entirely.

There also was a panel discussion on homes for the aged, in which Dr. McGill said that while the aged usually resist entering such homes, they are happier living among others of the same age and same interests.

Coward's 'Hay Fever' Said Best WU Play Seen in Years

By MAXINE BUREN
Statesman Staff Writer

Willamette University Players Thursday night opened a three-night run of Noel Coward's comedy, "Hay Fever," at Waller Hall, declared by many who saw it to be the best play produced in several years on the campus.

Leading lady was Lollie Coffey, in the part of the retired actress and mother, Judith Bliss, who was, according to herself, in a constant state of "beauty and sadness."

Beth Church and Bob Kaufman as her children, Sorel and Simon, were very convincing as a bickering brother and sister, who forget their differences when playing up to their mother's dramas. Bruce Fountain was David Bliss, the novelist husband and father, who went along with his family in their displays of temperment. Judith Grant was Clara the good natured slavey.

Guests who couldn't cope with the blissful state of the Bliss household made up the rest of the cast. Bob Alfred was Sandy Tyrell who came as Sue Sallie, Judith's guest, and went away with Jackie Coryton, who came as David's guest. Jim Tooz was Richard Greatham who came as Sorel's guest and went away with Dolores Gottfried, as Myra Arundel, who was Simon's guest.

The entire cast is experienced, having appeared before either in campus plays or on local radio stations. Director Robert M. Putnam is new to the Willamette faculty and made his debut as director in this performance.

The Waller Hall stage has been greatly improved by being raised several feet. Viewing the action was much more satisfactory than previously.

The combination of an excellent student cast, a well written comedy by one of the best of modern playwrights proved to be a happy one. It was a night of delightful entertainment.

AFROWS HELP TRAFFIC
HARRISBURG (AP)—The Pennsylvania Highways Department says the average Keystone State motorist understands a directional arrow better than R and L symbols. The department is substituting arrows for the Rs and Ls at all turns.

Aurora P-TA to Sponsor Benefit

Statesman News Service

AURORA — The P-TA here will sponsor a benefit supper and basketball game on Friday, Nov. 20. The group also plans to sponsor a talent show later in the year.

Mrs. Percy Will was elected vice-president at the recent P-TA meeting. Robert Will and Wendell McLin told of their trip to the Boy Scout Jamboree in California.

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