

Russia Claims Atom Power Production at 'Competitive Prices'

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GENEVA (AP) — A Russian scientist said Sunday the commercial power atomic reactor announced by his country sometime ago could actually produce power at costs competitive with those of certain "small" power plants utilizing conventional fuels.

This would make Russia the first nation actually to demonstrate commercially economic power even on a limited basis.
The feat ascribed to Russia constituted one of the major highlights on the eve of the international Atomic Energy Conference in which more than 70 nations are combining to show the Dr. Jekyll side of the "dual personality" evil-atom.

A-Bomb Anniversary
The meeting takes place just 10 years after the first atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

The Russian scientist did not make his statement with any apparent spirit of boastfulness; in fact, he made it only in response to questions by reporters.

Physicist Boris Baturov, who described himself as "a worker in the system of the Academy of Sciences" which conducts Russia's entire atomic program, said the 5,000-kilowatt power plant, located somewhere near Moscow, could produce power at costs that would be competitive with small conventional fuel power plants located in areas considerably removed from the sources of such fuels.

An American Atomic Energy Commission official, informed of the Russian scientist's statement, said Russia "scooped us and that's all there is to it" in being the first to make a claim of having built a wholly commercial power reactor producing as much as 5,000 kilowatts of electricity.

That's enough to fill the needs of a community of at least 10,000 people.

Incentive Questioned
But the AEC official declared the United States could actually build one if it wished and "if it had the incentive" from the standpoint of there being difficulty in transporting conventional fuels.

He said conventional power costs in Russia are now higher than those in the United States because of greater distances involved in transporting fuels to some areas and also because some of the rivers used in transporting some of Russia's fuel flow in directions opposite to the route of the cargo ships.

The Russian scientist also told reporters his country is now building a power reactor designed to produce 100,000 kilowatts of electricity.

He offered no statement as to whether this larger type was expected to be economically competitive with conventionally fueled power plants of comparable electrical capacity.

The United States is building a 60,000-kilowatt power plant near Shippingport, Pa., American atomic officials say it is not expected to produce competitive power, but that it and other reactors in the American development program "are expected to point the way" to such competitive power.

Mrs. Minnich, 58, Dies of Long Illness

Mrs. Gale Minnich, 58, 470 S. 14th St., died Sunday at a Salem nursing home. She had been ill a year.

Born May 2, 1897, in Fairfield, Iowa, she came to Salem when she was about 10 years old. She first married Leroy Ferguson who died in 1929, and in 1938 married John T. Minnich who survives. Minnich is a retired Southern Pacific shop man.

She had worked for Willamette University until shortly before her illness.

Besides the widower she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Eloise Boyle and Mrs. Coranell Przybilla, Salem; four sisters, Mrs. Marie Greer, Mrs. Harriet Blankenship and Mrs. Pauline Nichols, all of Salem, and Mrs. Verie Peterson, Chicago.

The body is at the Virgil T. Golden funeral home.

Sportsmen Wade Ashore as Boat Grounds on Coast

TILLAMOOK (AP) — Eighteen passengers and two crewmen abandoned ship and waded through the ocean surf to safety Saturday when a chartered sports fishing craft grounded in Netarts Bay, six miles west of here.

The Morning Star III, a 50-foot cruiser, was pounded by large swells and damaged beyond salvage. The skipper, Harold G. Lantz of Netarts, said the boat ran aground shortly after setting out from the bay in thick fog early Saturday morning.

Valued at \$8,500, the craft was a total loss.

MAN BURNS TO DEATH
HOOD RIVER (AP) — An unidentified man, believed to be an itinerant laborer, burned to death early Sunday in a hotel room at Cascade Locks, 20 miles west of here.

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Doctor Facing Murder Count Tries Suicide

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — After scribbling a note that "it's just too much for me," a prominent McAlester physician charged with the murder of his wife and three children slashed his wrist Sunday in an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself on the eve of his trial.

Dr. Ben T. Galbraith, 34, was found unconscious at 6:30 a. m. by a jailer in his Pittsburg County jail cell.

He was rushed to a hospital in critical condition from loss of blood but doctors said if no complications set in, Galbraith would recover quickly.

It was the fourth attempt at suicide by Galbraith since he was arrested for the March 17 slayings of his wife and three children.

Doctors at Oklahoma's mental hospital at Vinita had adjudged Galbraith "pitifully insane" but a District Court jury here last June held he was legally sane to stand trial for the slayings.

The trial is scheduled to open Monday on the first charge of murder in the death of his socially prominent wife, Kitty, 35. Separate trials in the deaths of his three children are to follow.

Chief Defense Atty., Fred Whetzel said he would ask Dist. Judge W. A. Lackey for a continuance Monday when the trial opens.

However, doctors attending Galbraith when he revived at the hospital said he mumbled to them:

"I want to get it over. I'm going to plead guilty despite my attorney."

Galbraith was last checked in his cell at midnight and he was found in a pool of his own blood at 6:30 by Jailer Rudolph Meyers, who said "he looked like he was dead."

The prominent heart specialist had taken a small piece of a broken iced tea tumbler and nicked his right wrist and then deeply slashed his left wrist.

Price Drop Accepted by Tuna Fishers

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — A meeting of 400 small boat abalone fishermen Sunday voted to accept a \$40 a ton reduction for their catches of the top grade of tuna.

The vote ended a 10-day tieup of many boats here and efforts of a committee of the West Coast Fishermen's Federation to bring all of an estimated 2,500 boats following the seasonal abalone run off Southern California and Lower California, Mexico, into the protest strike. The boats come from as far north as Alaska.

Canners here and in the Los Angeles area cut the price to \$310 a ton two weeks ago, saying they did so because of an abundance of Japanese imported abalone for canning.

The American Tunaboard Assn., whose members own big clippers that fish the year around on far-ranging cruises for the more common yellowfin and skipjack grades of tuna, last week accepted a \$40 a ton cut to compete with the Japanese imports.

Headon Crash Injures Five

AUMSVILLE (AP) — Five persons, one a 9-month-old baby, were injured Sunday when two cars met in a near-headon collision on a curve about 2 1/2 miles east of here, state police reported. Three of the injured remained hospitalized.

Most seriously injured was Mrs. Lola Schuler, 435 Division St., Salem, who was brought to Salem General Hospital from Santiam Memorial Hospital with a broken left arm. Her condition was otherwise "good."

Remaining in Santiam Memorial Hospital are her 9-month-old daughter Pamela, who has a cut forehead, and Mabel Sayer, 11, with lacerations and a possible broken arm.

Treated and released were the two drivers, Dale Schuler and John Sayer. Their injuries reportedly were bruises.

The accident happened about noon on Highway 22.

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At The Theaters Today

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"THE SEVEN LITTLE FOYS" with Bob Hope.
"THE YELLOW TOMAHAWK" with Rory Calhoun and Peggy Castle.

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"KISS ME DEADLY" with Mickey Spillane.

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SP Whistles To Sound Centennial

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Southern Pacific locomotives, wherever they may be from Portland, Ore., to New Orleans, are scheduled to sound centennial whistles Tuesday.

The blasts will be at 10:30 a. m. Pacific Daylight time, in honor of the celebration here of the hundredth anniversary of the driving of a railroad spike. It was for a 22-mile line to Folsom, east of here in the gold rush country. The SP says it was the first railroad west of the Rocky Mountains.

It subsequently became part of the SP system, which now operates in Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana.

Crash Injuries Kill Youngster

PORTLAND (AP) — Injuries suffered in a Saturday highway collision proved fatal Sunday to Janet Hershey, 17-month-old daughter of a Vernonia couple.

The Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Devere Hershey, and the child were riding in a car driven by Max O. Black. State Policeman Claude Shaw said the auto struck a log truck parked on a highway shoulder, eight miles west of Vernonia.

The child died of head injuries early Sunday at a Portland hospital, after being transferred from a hospital in Hillsboro.

Luxurious Hotel in California 'Launched' by Hedda Hopper

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Conrad Hilton put up the 16 million dollars but it took columnist Hedda Hopper, with some of the choicest ad libbing ever heard on television, to really launch the new Beverly Hilton Hotel Sunday.

Hilton let the nation take a TV look at the most luxurious of his—or probably anyone else's—hotels—on The Variety Hour on NBC-TV. Miss Hopper was his official hostess on the show.

Hedda's job was mostly to table-hop with movie stars—mostly without script.

But before the show was five minutes old Hedda almost walked in front of the camera when she wasn't supposed to. Realizing her predicament, she fell quickly to the floor and started crawling on her knees out of camera range.

It was a showmanly effort until she started pulling her hand microphone with her. This feat pulled all the glasses off one table and almost knocked Edgar Bergen and one of his dummies off the air. Ventriloquist Bergen, speaking through dummy Effie Clinker, said, "Get up Hedda, we know you're there."

Hedda got up gracefully and walked to her next camera spot, a seat between Shelley Winters and Terry Moore—both bosomy and wearing low-cut gowns.

"I see you're both abreast of the times," the columnist quipped.

Miss Winters did a double take and commented later, "I covered up."

Hedda next moved to a table where sat buxom Mamie van Doren. The platinum blonde actress was wearing a dress that showed more than the FCC likes displayed.

Fortunately, a minute before camera time a stage director had made the young actress pin an orchid on her dress front. It didn't make much difference as Miss Hopper ad libbed:

"I see you're dressed for television. I was so afraid you'd be indiscreet."

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Solon Attacks 'Give-Away' to Big Business

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) sharply attacked Sunday what he termed the government's "giveaway" program to big business.

He cited as an example the approval by the Federal Power Commission of private development of Hells Canyon area of the Snake River on the Idaho-Oregon border.

Such "giveaways," he said on the NBC-TV "The American Forum" program, will be a major issue in next year's presidential campaign.

On the same program, the Hells Canyon development program was defended by Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.). He said the government does not want to step into areas where private enterprise can do an adequate job.

Private enterprise, Duff said, is responsible for America's present well-being and cannot be denied its due part in power development.

Neuberger's fellow Oregon Democrat, Sen. Morse, said on another TV program, CBS "Face the Nation," that the Hells Canyon contract would be reversed.

Morse said an appeal will be made to the Federal Power Commission, "but I know they will rule against us." Then, he said, it will be taken to the courts for what Morse predicted would be a long battle.

He said he expected the courts would knock out the contract. Asked on what grounds, Morse said it could "be beaten on the clear mis-statement of facts in the public power decision as to the merits of the project."

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Blaze Destroys 1,000 Tons of Hay Near Hermiston

HERMISTON (AP) — One-thousand tons of hay burned on a farm 20 miles south of this Northeast Oregon town Sunday.

Volunteer firemen, hampered by a brisk wind and hot weather, battled the fire nine hours and saved another 200 tons of hay. A ditch was bulldozed through one end of the huge haystack to stop the flames.

The owner, William P. Killenny, said the 90-degree temperature probably generated extreme heat inside the stack, and it ignited from spontaneous combustion. Killenny said the hay, representing two harvests, was valued at \$30,000.

Rehiring of Civil Worker Rejected

CORVALLIS (AP) — George M. Crooks, 57-year-old cattle barn worker who appealed his firing to the State Civil Service Commission last week, will not be rehired by Oregon State College.

The commission recommended that the college try to place Crooks in a job of less responsibility after his firing for "inability to do required duties." College officials replied this could not be done without "treating a job."

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