

A-Power Era Has 'Ample Resources'

By MAX HARRELSON
GENEVA — A leading United States authority told the 72-nation Atomic Energy Conference Wednesday "the nuclear power era will have abundant fuel resources."

Law to Probe Dual Marriage Of Flier's Wife

NEVADA CITY, Calif. (UP)—Law officers took official notice today of Mrs. Schmidt-Fine's two marriages.

Sheriff Wayne Brown of Nevada County said he will investigate to determine whether Mrs. Schmidt committed bigamy when she married Alford Fine, 21, in the belief her airman husband, Daniel Schmidt, 22, was killed in Korea.

"If a prosecution is in order, we certainly will do our duty," Brown said.

Brown decided to take action after receiving "a few crank letters from throughout the county" from persons wondering what he planned to do in the case.

Meanwhile, the 20-year-old Una and her 2-year-old son by Schmidt were living in a house trailer near here. She still refused to discuss her marital problems with anyone.

WASHINGTON — The Air Force said Wednesday Airman Daniel Schmidt must decide whether his wife, now married to another man, will continue to receive his pay allotment.

She has been getting the allotment regularly while her husband was a prisoner of the Communists in the Far East.

She received her last allotment on July 31. Before another payment date comes around, her husband will have time to decide what he wants to do about it.

Newberg Man Shows Champion Chickens

GRESHAM — Aldon J. Wilkie, former major league baseball pitcher who now raises chickens at Newberg, showed the grand champion bird in the Multnomah County Fair poultry show here Wednesday.

It was a Rhode Island Red cockerel. He also had the grand champion hen, another Rhode Island Red.

Thursday will be children's day at the fair, which ends Saturday.

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SAN FRANCISCO—The Chinese junk "Free China" sails toward the Golden Gate Bridge, shrouded in fog in background, as it nears the end of a transpacific crossing from Taipei, which took 53 days. Sails were lowered and it was taken in tow by a tug as it entered San Francisco Bay. Aboard was a six-man crew—Calvin E. Melbert of Fresno, Calif., and five Chinese friends from Taipei, where Melbert is the American vice-consul. The junk was flying the American flag forward and Nationalist China's flag aft. (AP Wirephoto.)

Power of Atomic Bombs 'Weak' Compared to Hurricane Force

By ARTHUR EDSON
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WASHINGTON — When it comes to producing incredible power and awesome fury, the hurricane is in a class by itself.

Someone has figured a first class hurricane's energy comes to a staggering 500 trillion horsepower. That's equal to a heap of atomic bombs exploding each second.

If that sounds unbelievable, re-

member that a hurricane can cover an area as large as one of our bigger states. Its winds can surpass 150 miles an hour. And some water drenched spirit at the National Geographic Society has decided that within one howling, windswept day, a hurricane can sweep up two billion tons of vapor from the sea—and then dump it all back as rain.

The word "hurricane" was one of the earliest imports from the new world. Many hurricanes originate in the West Indies, and the early Portuguese who visited there ran into both the wind and the word.

God "Hurakan" of the natives had a god called Hurakan, in charge of the lightning and thunder department. But the word generally meant not only the big wind, but also the evil spirit.

The Portuguese took the word home with them, to describe what had happened.

Some of mankind's worst disasters have come from hurricanes. But we now have one advantage over the Caribbean natives, at least we know it is coming, and can be prepared.

During World War II, the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau joined forces to spy on hurricanes and a sort of "hurricane" was created. Flights still are being made into the heart of the storm, and its progress is further checked from the shore by radar.

The Weather Bureau has learned that a little warning often can save property. Ships can detour, buildings can be boarded up, equipment and goods in low areas can be moved away.

More important, it also can save lives. (Resort owners often complain, though, that guests leave perfectly safe beaches to fight their way home over dangerous highways.)

Value of Warning
One example of the value of a warning: In 1928, an unexpected storm pushed a 12-foot wall of water over the edge of Lake Okechobee, in Southern Florida, leaving 1,536 dead. In 1949, a similar storm swept in, but its coming was so well advertised that nearly everyone was able to leave the danger spots, and only two persons were killed.

Still, there's a lot to be learned about hurricanes. One of the last acts of Congress, before its recent adjournment, was an appropriation for a half million dollars to be used in hurricane research.

One of the most talked about hurricanes was the 1938 storm that hit New England, killing 600. But that doesn't compare with that horrible day in 1900 when the wind roared steadily for 18 hours, rolling huge waves over Galveston, Tex., and leaving behind a destroyed city and 5,000 dead.

Nor was this the worst of all. Back in 1876, a ferocious storm hit India. The death toll: an estimated 100,000.

TRUCK CRUSHES MAN
BROOKINGS — A truck slipped off blocks Wednesday and fatally crushed Leo H. Thompson, 46, Harbor, Ore., at South Coast Mills, where he was a mechanic.

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U.S. Signs for 'Small Sub' Atom Reactor

WASHINGTON — The government took the first step Wednesday to put atomic power into small submarines.

Acting Chairman John von Neumann of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) said a contract has been awarded to Combustion Engineering, Inc., for the design and development of a reactor suitable for a "small" submarine.

The AEC's announcement said the project "is based on a Department of Defense requirement for the development of a nuclear powered small submarine."

How small wasn't indicated, but earlier this year the Navy revealed interest in building atomic-powered subs of somewhat lesser size than the Nautilus and Seawolf.

The Nautilus, displacing 2,900 tons, has been operating with the fleet for several months and the Seawolf, a 3,200-tonner, was launched three weeks ago.

The average fleet-type submarines displace around 1,700 tons.

A third nuclear powered submarine has been started at Groton, Conn., and the Navy has money in hand to start a fourth at Portsmouth, N.H.

Hillcrest Girls Captured at Eugene Home

Three teen-age girls who escaped from Hillcrest School for Girls during Monday night's riot were caught in Eugene Wednesday.

State police picked up the girls from the home of a Eugene woman who had offered them shelter. The girls were asleep when police arrived. One girl broke away while they were being taken to a police car, but was recaptured quickly, police said.

The three, Carla Ashley, 15, Dorothy Warner, 16, and Bedelia Osgood, 14, will be returned to Salem Friday, according to Miss Marjorie McBride, school superintendent.

Eight other Hillcrest inmates involved in a Monday night disturbance and an escape, are still in Marion County jail where they were taken since the school's maximum security unit is out of commission from an earlier riot.

Miss McBride said the girls probably would remain in jail until more adequate security features are provided. Eleven other Hillcrest girls involved in a riot about a month ago are housed in the Oregon State Hospital.

Board of control members said Wednesday they hoped to award a contract for building more adequate facilities at the school within 10 days.

Shots Wound Two Women in Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA — An unexplained eight-shot outburst, blamed by authorities on an elderly Oregon woman who was visiting her daughter here, left both seriously wounded Wednesday. Physicians said they had an even chance at recovery.

The two were Mrs. E. H. Stafirin, Myrtle Point, Ore., and Mrs. Charles Bristol, Walla Walla. The daughter, Mrs. Bristol was shot in the chest three times.

Stafirin, Mrs. Bristol's stepfather, received a flesh wound in the shoulder but Mrs. Bristol, although wounded, was able to get her two children out of the house to safety. Her husband had left for work earlier.

Members of the family said institutional care had been discussed for Mrs. Stafirin, Capt. Alex Dietz, chief of detectives, reported.

As Captain Dietz and the prosecutor's office reconstructed the tragedy:

Mrs. Stafirin obtained her husband's .38 revolver from either their car or the house. She shot at her husband in the front yard, wounding him in the shoulder, and then fired and hit Mrs. Bristol high in the chest.

Although wounded, Mrs. Bristol ran into the house and got her two children to run to safety. She grasped and tried to wrest the weapon from her mother when the mother appeared and was shot twice more in the chest.

The elderly woman then turned the gun on herself. She had emptied the gun once, and reloaded it.

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Jet Crash Kills Ex-Corvallis Man

TUCSON, Ariz. — An Air Force pilot and a cadet on his first jet flight were killed Wednesday when their T-33 training plane crashed and exploded in the desert 15 miles northwest of Tucson.

The two were identified by a Davis-Monthan Air Force Base official as Maj. Conrad A. Anderson, 37, a Tucson resident who formerly lived at Corvallis, Ore., and Cadet Richard D. Hazlett, 20, of Alva, Okla.

New Mexico Car, Truck Crash Kills 6

CLINES CORNERS, N.M. — Six persons, including two children, died at a "scene of carnage" Wednesday night when a huge truck and a car collided. The truck rolled over the car crushing it and the victims.

The vicious smashup left parts of bodies and wreckage strewn over the highway in a 40-foot area about four miles east of Clines Corners on U.S. 66.

Ralph J. Riley, 33, Kansas City, driver of the truck carrying 19,000 pounds of frozen egg yolks and frozen canned lemonade said he saw the car coming at him on the wrong side of the road. When he saw the car was not going to change course, Riley said, he swerved to the left lane.

State police said the car swerved to the left at the same time and was struck on the right front corner. The right front of the truck was caved in.

All but two of the victims were tentatively identified by police. The apparent driver of the car was Robert Emmanuel Singleton, 41, Ruston, La. The other victims were Mary Carolyn Singleton, 21, Ruston; Mrs. Harriet Smith, between 30 and 40, Ruston; Mrs. E. C. Crawford, Ruston, a small girl, between eight and 10, and a little boy, apparently about 10, were unidentified.

Missing Boy Found Safe
VALLEY JUNCTION—A search party of some 20 men combed wooded areas Wednesday night in a quest for a seven-year-old Valley Junction area boy missing some six hours. State police said the boy finally was found—hiding.

Young Paul Higginbotham was found—under his home where he apparently had been all the while, officers reported. The boy's father, Everett Higginbotham, discovered his son by accident about 10:30 p.m.

Officers said no reason was given why the boy chose a hiding place.

Ready to take part in the hunt at the time of the discovery were Norman Wilson's father and blood-brothers, called from Dallas. Searchers included neighbors and several state police officers.

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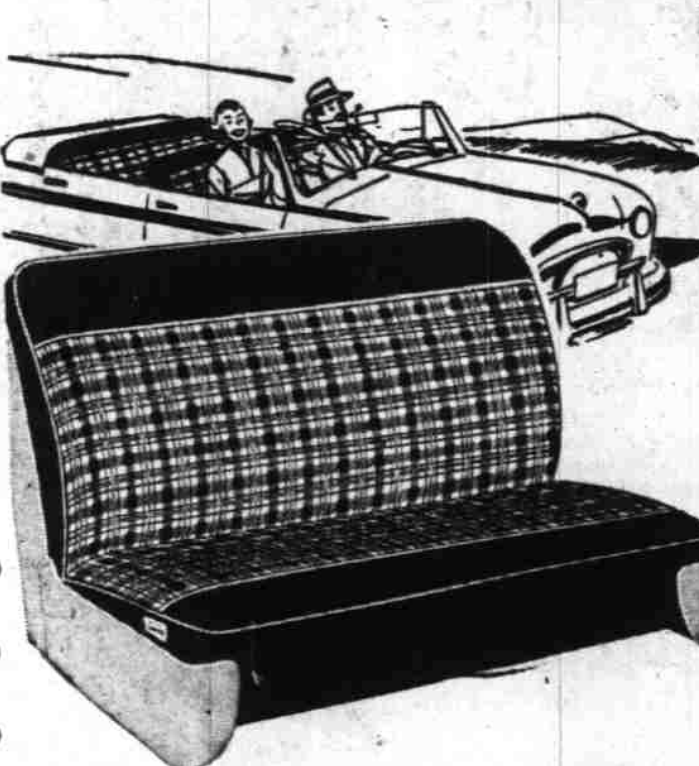
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