

# 'Deadly Experiment' To Pit Old Warships Against Atom Bombs

## Pennsylvania, Saratoga Are Among Ships Slated for Test

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The Chicago Sun said tonight a test of atomic bombs versus seapower will start May 1 in the Pacific and that it is "expected to vaporize or sink the strongest ships ever constructed by the United States, Japan or Germany."

The Sun in a Washington dispatch said the test calls for "an American naval mobilization nearly as great as that for the invasion of Okinawa in a deadly experiment" expected to destroy the strongest ships afloat.

Some details of the test will be disclosed tomorrow, the Sun said, by Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, deputy chief of naval operations, in charge of specific weapons.

Meanwhile from Washington Associated Press reported a house naval committee said tonight four veteran U. S. battleships were to be used for atom bomb experiments—the Arkansas, Nevada, New York and Pennsylvania. Other ships to be used include the carrier Saratoga, he added.

Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, deputy chief of naval operations for special weapons, is expected to be top commander in the experiments.

Full details, the Sun predicted, "will be kept secret for some time — especially since the outcome of the attack will determine in some respects the future of the capital ship as the backbone of the modern navy."

The story continued: "It may be revealed, however, that the 'guinea pigs' in the experiment are to be vessels from the navies of the United States, Japan and Germany."

"Principal targets for the atomic bombs are to be:

**Will Use Prinz Eugen**

"The German heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen, which was put out of commission but not sunk by bombs dropped by allied aviators. The Prinz Eugen arrived in Boston today with an American-German crew aboard."

"The principal surviving Japanese battleship, the Nagato, which was found in Tokyo bay to be defenseless, but still intact despite the de-elevation of its guns and the fact that it was sitting close to the bottom."

**Pennsylvania Was Flagship**

"The former flagship of the U. S. Pacific fleet, the Pennsylvania, which was forced to go out of action for months as a result of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, but which was repaired and came back to become one of the most active units of the fleet."

"The U. S. Nevada, also one of the battlewagons caught at Pearl Harbor, and which also returned to the fleet battle line to lob its shells into enemy concentrations."

**Richards Named Trustee**

Professional Engineers

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Ben E. Torpen of the army engineers here was named president of the professional engineers of Oregon last night at the 17th annual meeting.

Carl P. Richards, Salem, was named trustee at large.

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## Call Rail Strike Off In Chicago

### Freight Service Continues During Board Sessions

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A strike against two shuttle railroads in the Chicago area has been called off, T. L. Green, general manager of the roads, announced 25 minutes before the deadline set for the walkout, set for 8:30 p. m. (PST) tonight.

The strike had been called against the Indiana Harbor Belt and the Chicago Junction railroads which perform vital freight service in the Chicago area.

Several hours before strike time Green announced the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen had agreed not to strike on the Indiana Harbor line. Later he said the scheduled walkout had been averted also on the Chicago Junction road, which serves the Chicago stockyards.

A strike on the lines would have disrupted east and west through freight service.

Earlier in the day, President Truman, acting under the railway mediation law, had created an emergency board to investigate the dispute over alleged contract violations by management.

## Oregon Motor Stages Retract Rate Protest

A truce, which officials of the involved companies indicated would probably be extended into another long-time period of peace between Pacific Greyhound lines and Oregon Motor stages, came out of Wednesday's public utilities meeting.

Oregon Motor stages representatives appeared at the hearing to withdraw their company's protest to the new rates previously filed by Pacific Greyhound, accepted by the PUC and in effect since Jan. 1, 1946.

Probability that a new, compromise rate on commutation tickets for the Portland area would come out of negotiations said to be underway between the two companies was foreseen here Wednesday night by Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg.

The short-haul tickets apparently were the bone of contention, Flagg said.

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## Fire Captain Dies in Wreck of Truck



OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 23.—Firemen and volunteers try to extricate the body of Capt. Joseph Fimmel, 55, killed when this fire truck skidded answering an early morning alarm, hit a tree and pinned the captain against it. Three other firemen were hurt. (AP Wirephoto)

## UNO Stymied In Appointing Major Official

LONDON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Members of the United Nations security council met informally tonight but again failed to agree on a candidate for the key post of UNO secretary-general.

The stumbling block was said to be Russian insistence that since the headquarters of the new peace organization are to be in the United States, the secretary should be from some nation in eastern Europe.

Informed quarters said no further discussions would take place for several days. There was speculation that Soviet representatives would ask for further instructions from Moscow.

But while this deadlock continued, the UNO speedily and unanimously set up its economic and social council, potentially one of the most important organs of the new peace agency.

British officials, meanwhile, raised the question whether the security council should at this time investigate Soviet charges of British "interference" in Java.

They indicated, however that Britain would welcome an immediate inquiry into similar charges regarding British forces in Greece.

By acclamation, the 18 members of the economic and social council elected Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar of India as president.

## GOP to Formulate Election Moves

Pre-primary election plans will be discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon republican clubs called here for Saturday, Feb. 2, Joseph Felton, president, announced Wednesday.

Particular stress will center on registration of voters, state organization activities, cooperation between republican campaign units, and establishment of clubs in counties not now organized.

## Butter Supply Dwindling in Salem Area

By Marguerite Gleeson  
Statesman Valley News Editor

One third less butter is available in Salem now than this time last year and the prospects are that less will be available in the immediate future.

This is indicated in a survey made Wednesday of creamery manufacturers supply Salem. Three creameries which were furnishing about 11,000 pounds of butter weekly last year are now able to furnish only slightly over 7000 pounds.

This is in spite of the fact that Mt. Angel Cooperative creamery, one of the two largest manufacturers contributing to the Salem supply, has not cut the local allotment of 4000 pounds a week. Frank Hettwer, manager, reports a drop of 25 per cent in butter manufactured as compared with last year, but said shipments to

other parts of the state had been cut in preference to the Salem or Marion county trade.

The Dairy Co-op, second large manufacturer, has been forced to cut its allotment from 700 pounds a day to less than 200 pounds.

Andresen's creamery, which is manufacturing 15 per cent less than this time last year, has made no recent reduction in its 2500 pounds furnished local distributors.

## Pawnshops Bulge With War Trophies

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Pawnshops here are bulging with Japanese and German war trophies, proprietors grumbled today.

One declared he would take no swords, guns, hari-kari knives. "No Japanese nothing. I don't buy 'em, because I can't sell 'em," he complained.

Managers said what many soldiers and sailors consider a fine weapon is, to them, only a "drug on the market."

## Atom Council Post Sought by Cabinet Men

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The secretaries of navy and the interior urged senators today to delay the cabinet in on any commission set up to control atomic energy.

Testifying before the special senate atomic energy committee, both disapproved Chairman Brien McMahon's (D-Conn) proposal for an independent, full-time, five-member civilian board.

Secretary Ickes of the interior recommended a single administrator, appointed by the president and responsible to a committee of cabinet officers. As second choice, he favored a nine-member board "including five or six heads of departments and four or three independent members."

Secretary Forrestal of the navy came out for an eight-member commission headed by the vice president of the United States and including as ex-officio members the secretaries of state, war and navy. The other four would be appointed by the president for six-year terms, subject to senate confirmation.

**PRIORITY FORMS ARRIVE**  
Approximately 100 forms on which application may be made for priorities under the new veterans' housing program were received Wednesday at Salem Chamber of Commerce offices and may be secured there by would-be builders, Clay Cochran, chamber manager, announced.

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## Socialist Gouin To Succeed Gen. De Gaulle

PARIS, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Felix Gouin, 61, socialist chief of the constituent assembly, tonight succeeded Gen. de Gaulle as president of the provincial government of France.

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## Story of Battleship Sinking Revealed

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The 42,100-ton British battleship Hood was sunk midway between Greenland and Iceland in 1941 not by the German pocket battleship Bismarck, as generally supposed, but by the cruiser Prinz Eugen, the navy said today upon the Eugen's arrival here.

"The Prinz Eugen placed a direct shot on the Hood, blowing up her magazines and thus sinking her in one of the major losses of the British sea forces," a history of the 19,553-ton cruiser said.

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## Plan Aims To Break Deadlock

### U. S. Seizure of Packing Firms Due Saturday

By the Associated Press  
A conference of executives of strike-bound companies with President Truman was proposed last night by Benjamin F. Fairless as the steel and General Motors strikes remained in a deadlock and the White House made plans to seize the nation's meat packing plants Saturday.

The president of U. S. Steel corporation called upon the president to call the all-management conference of experienced executives to get their advice "on what kind of a wage increase the economy of this country can endure without incurring the danger of an inflationary spiral."

Fairless, in a prepared speech for broadcast over ABC, declared the strike problem should be solved "not on the basis of political considerations" but "in the best interests of the American people as a whole."

He asserted such a national conference might pave the way for settlement of the steel walk-out and "other strikes that now plague the country."

Also added to the country's labor strife yesterday was threat of a nationwide railroad tieup, possibly within four weeks.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen announced preparations for a country-wide strike vote of its 215,000 members and the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers, with 78,000, indicated it might follow suit.

The formal order for taking over and operating the meat packing industry was issued yesterday.

Government seizure was ordered in the meat strike without assurances that 193,000 striking CIO meat workers would agree to work for a federal boss.

However, officials of the 70,000 striking AFL meat workers union said in a statement that as "loyal Americans" they had ordered their men to return to work Saturday. Officers of the 193,000 striking CIO meat workers declined to comment, but in New York members of the CIO meat union voted to remain off the job unless ordered to return by their national committee.

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## Soviet Rebuked For Criticism

TOKYO, Jan. 23.—(AP)—General MacArthur's headquarters spokesmen rebuked the Russian Tass news agency today for lending itself to what he termed "a definite program to discredit" the supreme commander and "force further changes in the present occupation policies and command."

He referred specifically to a Tass dispatch from Heijo, Korea, which said:

"The behavior of the American command in southern Korea astonishes one. It has assumed a position of inspiring reactionary demonstrations against the decisions of the Moscow conference of foreign ministers in which, as is known, the government of the United States participated."

## Portland May Give Houses to Cities

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The mayor's advisory committee on housing proposed today that the national housing agency transfer 1000 vacant war housing units here for veterans in other Oregon communities.

Such action also would clear the ground for industries anxious to build new plants here, Chairman Herbert Dahlke said.

The remaining 4000 vacant units would be rented with preference to veterans under management of the Portland housing authority, he stated.

**SALEM MAN BUYS NEWSPAPER**  
MOLALLA, Jan. 23.—(AP)—C. L. Ireland, publisher of the Molalla Pioneer for 15 years, has sold the weekly newspaper to Monroe Sweetland, Salem.

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles A. Sprague

Through the surrender of the new mayor of New York a strike was averted this week on the city's transit system. This system is the major means of transport for the people who live and work in New York City. Suspension of its operations would be one of the worst things that could happen to the normal functioning of the city. Prevention of the strike was imperative; but the price seems to have been prohibitive.

The issue was not one of wages and working conditions for workers on the transit system. It was on the question of a proposed sale of certain city-owned power plants. The transport workers' union (CIO) opposed the sale and its head, Michael J. Quill, threatened to call a strike of transit workers unless the question of the sale was submitted by referendum to the voters of the city.

What we have here is an assumption of political power outside of constitutional processes. New York City has a charter which establishes the machinery of government for the city. The orderly process is for citizens to make their appeals or protests to the proper authorities. For a labor union to paralyze the transportation of the whole city or to threaten so to do to influence the decision of the governing authorities in an invasion of authority that threatens the foundation of our democracy. If the union gets away with this demand it can come back next week or next year and apply similar threats to force through other demands on the city council. Whether the proposed sale is good or bad for the city we do not know; but surely the agencies of opinion are adequate to inform the whole public and to sway the council against a deal, that would injure the city's interest. The method used effectively transfers power from the city hall to Michael Quill's office. Mayor O'Dwyer's capitulation is a humiliating surrender. In its implication for the country as a whole it is gravely alarming.

## Dennis Given Week Reprieve By Gov. Snell

A reprieve staying for one week the execution of Andrew Dennis, once scheduled for this Friday, was issued Wednesday by Gov. Earl Snell, who declared "There are some phases of this case on which I desire additional information."

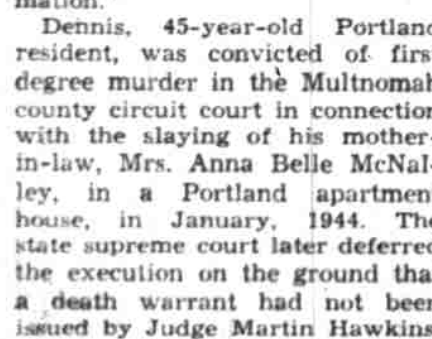
Dennis, 45-year-old Portland resident, was convicted of first degree murder in the Multnomah county circuit court in connection with the slaying of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Belle McNalley, in a Portland apartment house, in January, 1944. The state supreme court later deferred the execution on the ground that a death warrant had not been issued by Judge Martin Hawkins, who presided at the trial. Dennis subsequently was resented to death.

The action of the supreme court gave Dennis' attorneys additional time in which to file application for a commutation of the death sentence.

Governor Snell said a number of persons had called at the executive department in Dennis' behalf.

Invitations for the execution already had been printed at the penitentiary but not mailed.

## Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



WILLAMETTE TO FALL  
PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Despite light rains today and early tomorrow, the Willamette river should start falling at all stations above Oregon City by Friday night, the weather bureau said today. The Santiam was reported falling at Jefferson.

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**Weather**

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	54	38	22
Eugene	54	41	20
Portland	54	37	25
Seattle	49	36	117
San Francisco	65	42	20

Willamette river 8.2 ft.  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with intermittent light rains accompanied by light to moderate winds, slightly warmer, highest temperature, today 55 degrees.